

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Fall Business Meeting
Hyatt, Miami
13 November 2008
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Minutes taken, deciphered, and transcribed by Becky Bolt (29 Jan. 09).

Attendees:

1. John Humphrey
2. Carrie Sekerak
3. Susan Fitzgerald
4. Laura Lowery
5. Tim O'Meara
6. Stephanie Weiss
7. Becky Bolt
8. Brian Scheick
9. Larry Perrin
10. Andrea Bolick
11. Patrick Delaney
12. Arnold Brunell
13. Ashley Williams
14. John Andrews
15. Stephen Stiegler
16. Blair Hayman
17. Maria Zondervan
18. Dale Gawlik
19. Jay Exum
20. Steve Rockwood

Call to Order: 845

Spring Meeting Minutes (Coconut Grove, 25 March 2008)

- Read and approved with editorial comments (hard copy to be mailed)
- Blair motioned, Maria 2nd

Treasurer's Report (Maria)

- attached
- comments: Jay wants to keep money in investment account; we received \$2500. advance for national meeting expenses
- Arnold motioned, Carrie 2nd; passed

Student Chapter

- Good turnout of students for National
- Active year
- Had 30 students attend field techniques weekend
- Started local school education program

National Meeting Summary (Carrie)

- Best-run conference that National has ever had
- Need sponsor thank-yous by Thanksgiving (Larry)
- Give Volunteer t-shirts to students (Carrie motioned, Steve S. 2nd, passed)
- Put together packages for 12 sponsors located in Florida (Larry and Maria)
- Not sure what to do with leftover t-shirts
- Will be flexible with disposition of leftover loot.

Proposed By-laws Changes (Dale)

Dues

- Will be increased to \$20 per last board meeting
- Goes into effect 2010
- Becky motioned, Arnold 2nd
- Steve S. asked if the specific amount of the dues is stated in the by-laws. No.
- Motion passed.

Changes in election process

- Elections can be conducted electronically
- The VP would automatically become president after 2 years. Lots of discussion pro and con; any change would need to be approved by the membership; Jay suggested tabling the discussion and revisiting it at the winter board meeting; recommendations can be sent to the board for discussion at their meeting

Other by-law changes

- Treasurer is the chair of the Budget Committee
- Allow investment in an “investment institution” as well as other options already mentioned in by-laws
- Make the Secretary the only officer authorized to write checks; will be discussed further at the winter board meeting
- Audit committee will review records of treasurer and secretary.
- By-laws can be amended by a vote that is conducted electronically.

Spring Conference (Dale)

- In Orlando, 25-27 March
- Received 10-12 bids from hotels; will compare and narrow down to 3

Website (Patrick and Blair)

- Everyone agreed that it is much improved
- The website committee will continue to run the website
- The webmaster that we hired can do major work
- Potential tax issues if we sell merchandise (Steve S.); Patrick will get advice from National
- Will post National pictures and information; Patrick will check with National to see if we can post photo contest winner pictures
- Content and edits must go through Patrick
- Steve S. will be second person on license
- Needs a donation button
- E-calendar
- Officially define website committee and add it to the by-laws (Arnold)

Listserve (Patrick)

- Working with National to get set up for members
- Can use Rog's domain; fltws.org is under Rog's name; needs to be assigned to a current member, not a web host; maybe transfer to the Society or website committee chair
- Get rid of Sharepoint site

National Photo Contest (Andrea)

- Many photos not picked up after contest; Maria will pull out winning photos and attempt to contact winners
- All other pictures will go to the students for the Beast Feast raffle

Motion to adjourn at 1009 by Blair; Steve S. 2nd

Addendum

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
FLORIDA CHAPTER
FALL MEETING 2008
Nov. 13, 2008
TREASURER'S REPORT**

SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY (1/1/08 – 11/6/08)

Balance as of 11/6/08	\$ 20,091.41
<u>Balance as of 12/31/07</u>	<u>\$ 29,464.64</u>
Net Change	-\$ 9,373.23

Allocation of Assets

Checking Accounts	\$ 3,370.89
Morgan Stanley Endowment Fund as of 11/6/08	\$16,651.02
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 69.50</u>
TOTAL	\$20,091.41

SECTION II. 2008 SPRING MEETING SUMMARY

Expenses:

Meeting Facilities at Kampong	\$ 425.00
Hotel rooms not used	\$ 400.00
Catering	\$ 568.00
Awards (Plaques)	\$ 173.99
<u>Credit Card Processing Fees</u>	<u>\$ 7.25</u>
Total	\$ 1,574.24

Income:

<u>Registration (minus credit card fees)</u>	<u>\$ 633.00</u>
Total	\$ 633.00

NET LOSS **-\$ 941.24**

SECTION III. DETAILED SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (1/1/08-11/6/08)

Expenses:

Endowment Fund Change in Value	\$ 4,584.32
2008 Spring Meeting	\$ 1,574.24
Student Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
Student Sponsorship for Nat'l Conf.	\$ 1,500.00
Merchandise	\$ 2,436.00
Overhead	\$ 107.23
Organizational Membership Dues	\$ 100.00
Credit Card Fees	\$ 13.35
Nat'l Conf. Expenses (to be reimbursed)	\$ 600.00
New Website & Web Services	\$ 2,904.96
<u>Fire Course Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 2,723.62</u>
Total	\$ 17,543.72

Income:

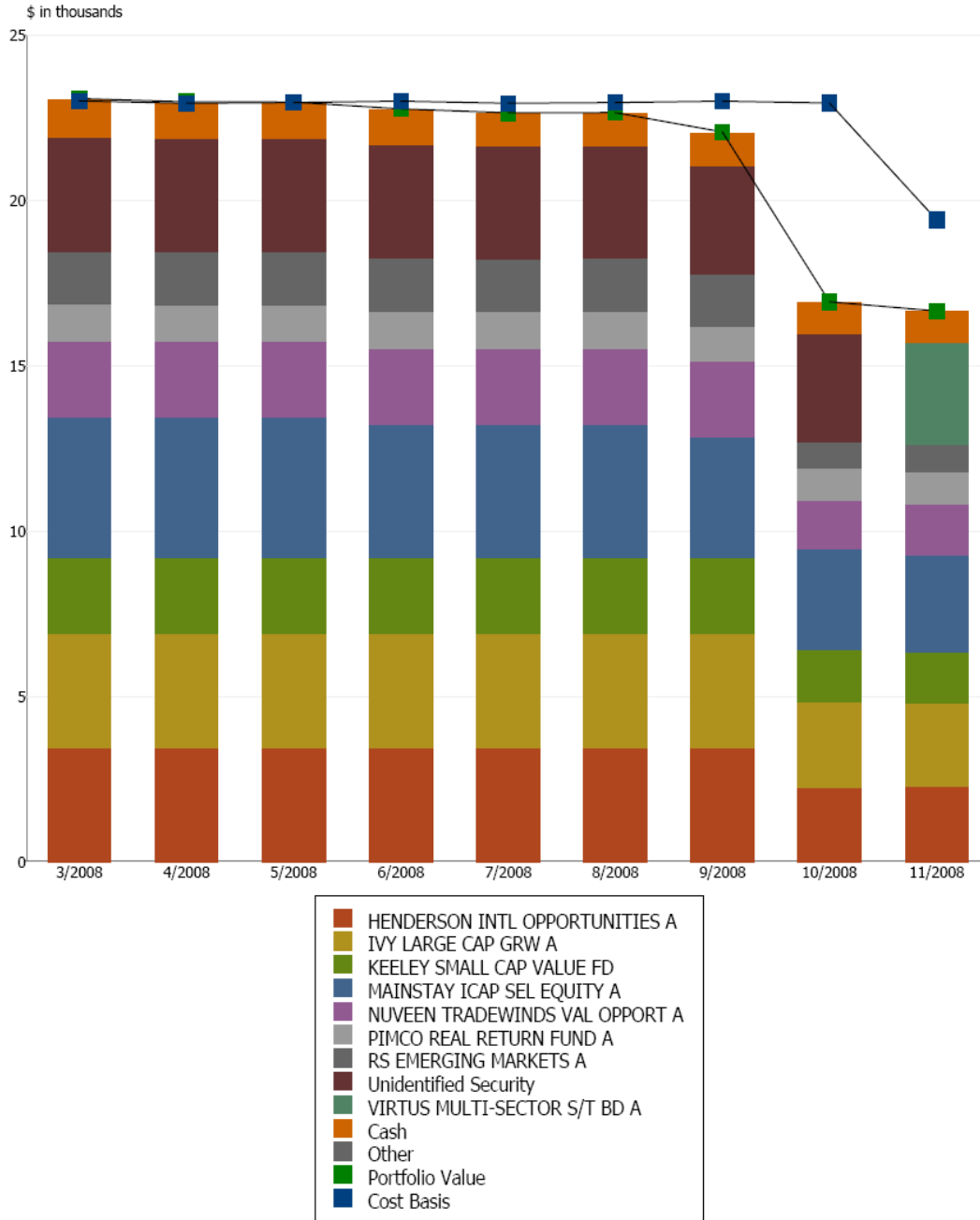
2008 Spring Meeting	\$ 633.00
Membership	\$ 2,170.00
Merchandise	\$ 417.49
Scholarship Sponsorship	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Fire Course</u>	<u>\$ 3,950.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,170.49

NET LOSS **-\$9,373.23**

ENDOWMENT FUND PERFORMANCE

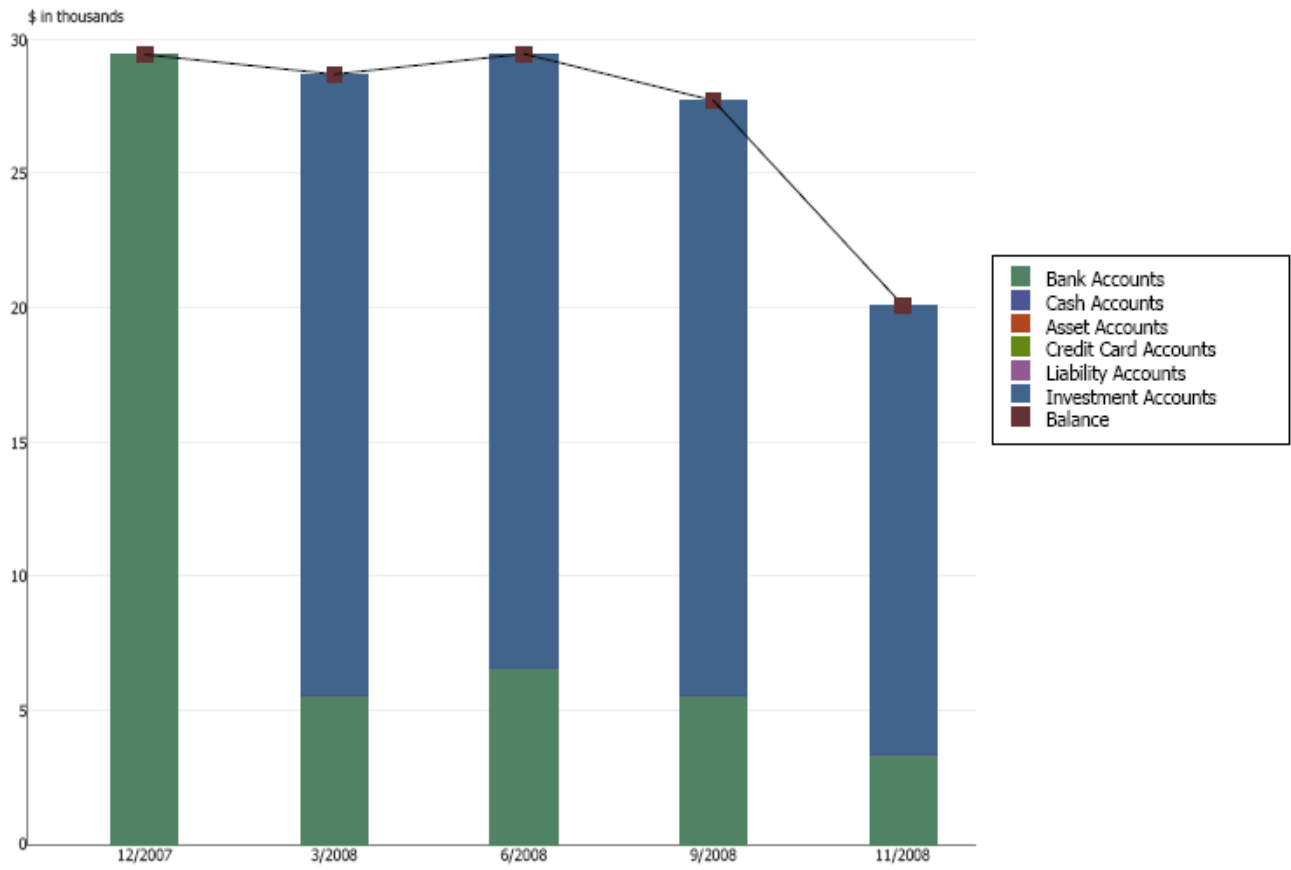
Account Value vs. Cost Basis - As of 11/6/2008:3

As of 11/6/2008



Account Balances - As of 11/6/2008:2

(Includes unrealized gains)
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As of 11/6/2008

11/6/2008

Account	12/30/2007 Balance	12/31/2007 Balance	3/31/2008 Balance	6/30/2008 Balance	9/30/2008 Balance
Bank Accounts					
FL TWS - Riverside	26,924.64	29,429.64	1,737.41	1,730.16	
FL TWS - Wachovia	0.00	0.00	3,811.00	4,889.18	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	26,924.64	29,429.64	5,548.41	6,619.34	
Cash Accounts					
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	69.50	69.50	
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00	0.00	69.50	69.50	
Investment Accounts					
Morgan Stanley AA Fund	0.00	0.00	23,078.83	22,767.24	2
TOTAL Investment Accounts	0.00	0.00	23,078.83	22,767.24	2
OVERALL TOTAL	26,924.64	29,429.64	28,696.74	29,456.08	2