

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Spring Business Meeting  
Tallahassee, Florida  
April 21, 2010

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Call to Order	President <b>A. Brunell</b> called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.	
Reading of the Fall Minutes	<b>M. Zondervan</b> motioned to approve the fall business meeting minutes. <b>S. Nagid</b> seconded.	Approved
Report of Treasurer	<b>E. Myers</b> reviewed the attached report, Addendum 1. Net increase \$24,573.08. There was an increase in credit card fees due to security issues. Endowment fund performance improving. Took in \$~13,000 from the 2010 spring conference, associated costs ~10,000. Addition of ~\$3,000 to FLTWS funds. Motion to approve by <b>S. Nagid</b> . <b>H. Boyter</b> seconded. Report approved.	Approved
Report of Committees		
<i>Audit</i>	Current; no new news.	
<i>Awards</i>	<b>T. O'Meara</b> described the Herb Kale and Paul Moler Herpetological Awards and their purpose; said the request for nominations goes out in fall. Did not receive any nominations this year.	
<i>Budget</i>	<b>E. Myers</b> – to apply to be included in the Florida State Employee's Charitable Campaign we would need an independent audit, which would cost ~\$5,000 and we must meet certain standards. Could we utilize the Florida Wildlife Federation's (FWF) auditor? We're not the only small organization dealing with this. We are not sure if we are going to reapply. TWS encourages us to do an outside independent audit, but this can be difficult for such a small organization.	
<i>Certification</i>	<b>B. Giuliano</b> – there is talk of changing certification rules. Must have national membership to keep certification. Should we push for graduate program level? There is now a new "technician" level of certification.	
<i>Conservation</i>	<b>B. Bolt</b> –our relationship with FWF is building. <b>B. Bolt</b> is on the FWF newsletter e-mail list and receives action alerts from them. For commenting, she has been using our last membership survey with areas of expertise to find contacts for particular issues. The more we can spread this work out, the better we will be, and the more stances we can take on issues.	
<i>Fundraising</i>	<b>M. Ausley</b> is the Co-chair. Committee raised ~\$4,700 (\$250 discrepancy) this year, in the past usually over \$3,000. We need to make sure to thank sponsors! We changed sponsorship benefits – allowed sponsors time on our webpage. We continue to learn what sponsors are interested in/what will work best; if you know good approaches and have experience, and/or are interested in helping out, please let <b>L. Perrin</b> or <b>M. Ausley</b> know.  <b>A. Alshouse</b> – to benefit our sponsors, we could ask attendees at our meeting registration if exhibitors and vendors can contact them. People tend to sign-up, and vendors want to capture people and send products, so could be beneficial.	* Thank sponsors!  *Interested in volunteering on Fundraising Committee? Let <b>L. Perrin</b> or <b>M. Ausley</b> know.
<i>Information</i>	<b>L. Ferry</b> said the request for the spring newsletter items will go out soon; Facebook page is growing (62 fans).	
<i>Membership</i>	<b>A. Brunell</b> reviewed the Membership Committee summary. Membership is back	*Amend

	<p>up to 207. We're recovering from our low associated with hosting TWS conference and our own conference.</p> <p>Have to maintain membership with TWS to maintain CWB certification. <b>B. Scheick</b> wants to switch membership from calendar year to one year following renewal date. Managing our database has been confusing. <b>H. Dutton</b> asked if we would have to change bylaws. <b>A. Brunell</b> said yes. <b>B. Bolt</b> motioned: Amend bylaws so that membership would be for one year following date of renewal (versus calendar year). Seconded. Motion approved.</p> <p>Must draft revised bylaw, membership must vote and approve, and then must submit to TWS for their approval.</p> <p>TWS sends membership renewal reminders. We could find an easy, manageable way to send reminders (e.g., monthly reminder to group).</p> <p><b>B. Bolt</b> –we should take advantage of people renewing at conferences. If attendees' company will pay for it, could benefit our membership.</p> <p>Should we add a retired membership category? What are specifications to be retired? For TWS, you must be a member for 25 years. Any restrictions on employment? <b>H. Boyter</b> does not think this category is necessary. <b>P. Moler</b> seconded.</p> <p>We could offer a multi-year membership (e.g., five years for \$80). Could determine a structure that will work for us and check with TWS to see if there are any issues. <b>D. Gawlik</b> asked if we are attempting to 1) take hardship off members or 2) increase membership. Is either doing this? He doesn't think so.</p> <p>Next year we have unified dues. Everybody will have to be member of TWS to be a Florida Chapter member.</p>	<p>bylaws so membership is one year following date of renewal; membership votes on, submit to TWS for approval.</p> <p><b>*B. Scheick</b> will find manageable way to send membership renewal reminders.</p>
<i>Nominating and Elections</i>	<p><b>D. Gawlik</b> is President-Elect until next spring. Next nominations will be for all positions next fall. If you are interested in running, please let <b>S. Rockwood</b> know.</p>	<p>* Let <b>S. Rockwood</b> know if you are interested in running for Board positions.</p>
<i>Program</i>	<p><b>S. Nagid</b> and <b>J. Humphrey</b> are Program Committee Co-chairs overseen by the President-Elect. President-Elect is the main liaison for the Board.</p>	
<i>Resolutions and Public Statements</i>	<p><b>J. Exum</b> - none pending.</p>	
<i>Scholarship</i>	<p>Scholarship winner will be announced at the banquet. Looking for new Chair person for Scholarship Committee. <b>M. Zondervan</b> has all the templates, database, and instructions. Chair does not vote unless there is a tie. Must disseminate information to as many students as possible and will occasionally have to find sponsors. Notify students if did or did not receive it. Not a huge commitment. <b>H. Ober</b> volunteered.</p> <p>We increased scholarship to \$2,000. Each sponsor [FWF, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)] increased their contribution from \$250 to \$500 and ours increased from \$500 to \$1,000. NWTF did not participate but did sponsor this year. Also received \$250 from FWF and \$250 for meeting. Know of any other sponsors? Please speak to new chair.</p>	<p><b>*H. Ober</b> is Scholarship Committee Chair.</p> <p>*Notify <b>H. Ober</b> of any potential scholarship sponsors.</p>
<i>Student Chapter Report</i>	<p>Past year has been very active. Increased environmental education (e.g., volunteering at schools, earth day events). Looking to expand even further. <b>Dr. Fletcher</b> is also helping now. Beast Feast had 350 participants. Did not receive as much support from the University. They are seeking new funding sources and</p>	

	<p>might put sponsor's logos on their shirts. Possibility of developing other student chapters. Students interested in other schools could join UF chapter but this seems too difficult. Collection of schools with no advisors will most likely not be acceptable to TWS. There was an election last week; new officers elected.</p>	
Website	<p><b>H. Dutton, S. Stiegler, and P. Delaney</b> are working on security compliance for our online store. We would be liable for any fraudulent charges. There are now more items in the store.</p> <p>Submit new web content or changes to <b>P. Delaney</b> or <b>S. Stiegler</b>.</p> <p>It would require a lot of work to have a RSS wildlife news feed. We could potentially utilize the FWF and/or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) and put into one feed.</p> <p><b>J. Humphrey</b> would like to see a search link on our website.</p>	<p>*Submit web content or changes to <b>P. Delaney</b> and/or <b>S. Stiegler</b>.</p> <p>*<b>Website committee</b> to look into search link for website and potential wildlife news feed.</p>
NEW BUSINESS		
TWS Conference	<p>TWS asked us to sponsor TWS annual conference in Snowbird, Utah. <b>E. Myers</b> motioned that we offer \$250 sponsorship. <b>H. Boyter</b> seconded.</p>	<p>*Approved - donate \$250 to TWS Utah Conference.</p>
Membership Services	<p><b>E. Myers</b> – coordinating a “Prescribed Grazing for Wildlife Workshop.” This is a combined meeting with the Society for Range Management and is a one day workshop with an inexpensive registration fee. Will be May 20<sup>th</sup> in Kissimmee at the Disney Wilderness Preserve. Goal is to instruct on how to make cattle grazing beneficial for wildlife. Speakers include staff from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and FWC.</p> <p>If this workshop goes well, would like to have one next year at the same facility. Future workshop could focus on GIS. Have survey to send out regarding potential workshops, locations, etc. for the next year or two.</p> <p><b>A. Alshouse</b> taught part of prescribed fire course, which helped a lot and was much appreciated.</p>	<p>* Send out workshop survey.</p>
Joint Conference	<p>Last year <b>A. Brunell</b> and <b>L. Perrin</b> had discussions with the Georgia Chapter about the pros and cons of having a joint conference. Georgia President explained that their numbers have dropped significantly in the last couple years and they are trying to build their membership again. Joint meetings might be way to increase interest. Last year they had a joint meeting with South Carolina and both were pleased with the meeting and turnout. Maybe within the next couple of years they could have a joint meeting with us. Budget environment has not helped. Venue is one issue of most importance. <b>J. Humphrey</b> suggested Fernandina Beach. Tall Timbers is close too but hotels are few. Out of state travel is not optimistic for FWC employees. If economy increases in next couple of years, maybe travel could change. Wouldn't want to come back to this area (Tallahassee) too soon. Could go towards Jacksonville area. Could go to Thomasville or Dothan and do three states (Florida, Georgia, and Alabama).</p> <p>Bulk of Georgia members are between Atlanta and Athens. They are trying to branch out to members in other areas of the state. Attendees for their last meeting were 30% students. They average about 25 students per meeting. U.S. Forest Service and FWS have not had a lot of participation. Trying to diversify meeting themes. This year's theme is on law enforcement so they're trying to reach others.</p>	<p>*Meet with Georgia Chapter regarding joint conference.</p>

	Concerns about economy, location, etc. Within the next six months or so, establish a foundation and have a meeting to discuss.	
Mentoring	<p>How do we reach students and what are they looking for (e.g., techniques, job skills, week internship)? Might get three to four students a year requesting mentors.</p> <p>The UF Student Chapter brings in professionals to their biweekly meetings. The Georgia Chapter said they have a two year applied science program – for various classes they request teachers excuse their absence, and they create a sign-up sheet for professional meetings. Students do sign up and show up.</p> <p><b>D. Gawlik</b> – for internships with environmental sciences programs – there is no mechanism for job shadowing. What if housing was provided and two credits were offered for one week? Other incentives? Could we do something like that? That could work. Could create dedicated page on website and link to universities website. <b>S. Nagid</b> would take advantage of posting and utilizing this help.</p> <p>We could post information to website and Facebook site. <b>S. Nagid, E. Myers, J. Humphrey,</b> and <b>L. Ferry</b> will determine how to promote internships better.</p>	* Determine how to promote internships better.
Southeastern TWS	<p><b>B. Giuliano</b> - Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies meeting in October. <b>Darren Miller</b> won Southeastern Section Representative position. <b>D. Miller</b> understands importance/foundation of who we are - our hunting heritage - and how that ties into North American wildlife conservation. We and TWS need to get the word out on important wildlife topics (e.g., prescribed burning).</p> <p><b>S. Rockwood</b> stays as the Southeastern Section President. <b>Dave Cobb</b> is President-Elect. Secretary/Treasurer is <b>John Bowers</b>.</p> <p>TWS is unifying TWS/Chapter membership in order to keep an open line of communication, not for monetary purposes. More information exchanges – information available to everyone. Wishes to remain revenue neutral for the Southeastern section.</p> <p>Within the next year or two, working with Universities to become accredited. Have established a TWS Wetlands National Working Group. If anyone is interested, let <b>S. Rockwood</b> know.</p>	* Interested in being involved with the Wetlands Nat'l Working group? Let <b>S. Rockwood</b> know.
Documentary	<b>K. Booth</b> – Documentary “Division Street” won at the Orlando Film Festival. <b>K. Booth</b> has been coordinating and fundraising for the showing in May at the Athens Theater in Deland. The Department of Transportation, TNC, FWC, and others are on a panel discussion, following the hour showing. Largest impact on wildlife is roads. Documentary discusses the processes that are being developed in response. Will send details to <b>P. Delaney</b> and <b>L. Ferry</b> for posting.	
Strategic Plan Review	<b>J. Exum</b> – a few years ago, we took the strategic plan and tried to define common denominators and highlight things most important in the plan. Five topics arose (i.e., fundraising, membership, conservation, website, member services). Leaders of these groups need to recruit new people, document progress, look at the plan, and define next steps and what’s not there. Until our next meeting, we can manage via e-mails and discussions.	
Meeting adjourned	Motion to adjourn by <b>B. Giuliano</b> . <b>J. Humphrey</b> seconded. Meeting was adjourned approximately 6:02 p.m.	

Addendum

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
FLORIDA CHAPTER  
SPRING MEETING 2010  
April 21, 2010  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

**SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY (1/1/09 – 4/19/10)**

Balance as of 4/19/10	\$ 44,908.98
<u>Balance as of 1/1/09</u>	<u>\$ 20,335.90</u>
Net Change	\$ 24,573.08

**Allocation of Assets**

Checking Accounts	\$ 22,467.92
Morgan Stanley Endowment Fund as of 2/28/09	\$ 22,312.06
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 129.00</u>
TOTAL	\$44,908.98

**SECTION II. 2009 FALL CONFERENCE**

*Expenses:*

<u>Archbold rooms, catering, awards</u>	<u>\$ 678.72</u>
Total	\$ 678.72

*Income:*

Registration (28) and dinner tickets (6)	\$ 972.00
Raffle sales for scholarship fund	\$ 240.00
<u>Merchandise sales for scholarship fund</u>	<u>\$ 189.00</u>
Total	\$1,401.00

**NET GAIN** **\$ 722.28**

### **SECTION III. DETAILED SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (1/1/09-4/19/2010)**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Donation	2.00
Fall Meeting Dinner	50.00
Fall Meeting Registration	922.00
Fire Course Income	3,693.58
FSEC Campaign	1,020.81
Grazing Workshop	70.00
Membership Dues	4,735.00
Merchandise Sales	2,455.40
Miami Conf. Income '08	4,588.00
Refund	-10.00
Reimbursement	-398.12
Scholarship Sponsorship	740.00
SFCC	3.96
Spring Conf 09 Registration	1,458.90
Spring Conf 10 Income	13,156.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>32,487.53</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	64.80
Bank Charge	39.45
Contributions	450.00
Corporate status	141.25
Credit Card Fees	56.31
Debit Fee	549.60
Fall 09 Expenses	678.72
Fire Course Expense	3,037.00
Groceries	111.44
Merchandise Exp	
M. Postage	3.28
Other Merchandise Exp	1,174.00
<b>TOTAL Merchandise Exp</b>	<b>1,177.28</b>
Misc	35.99
Overhead	
Postage	146.04
Other Overhead	109.46
<b>TOTAL Overhead</b>	<b>255.50</b>
Spring Conf	635.15
Spring Conf '09	2,133.88
Student Scholarship	2,000.00
Web Services	29.99
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,396.36</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>21,091.17</b>

## ENDOWMENT FUND PERFORMANCE

Spring 2008 \$23,000 (original investment)

Fall 2008 \$16,651.02

2009 \$14,601.83

2010 \$ 22,312.06