

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Spring Business Meeting
Safety Harbor, Florida
March 22, 2011

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	President A. Brunell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.	
Reading of the Fall Minutes	E. Myers motioned to approve. T. Hall seconded.	Approved
Report of Treasurer	E. Myers reviewed the attached report, Addendum 1. Report approved. Also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of her recent FLTWS outreach activities including participation at SWF Exotics Workshop, Ding Darling Days, Earth Day Celebration, and Panther Day in 2010 and Everglades Day and Pelican Island Wildlife Festival Planning in 2011. She stated the outreach materials (e.g., FLTWS banner) are available if anyone would like to take them to events.	Approved
Report of Committees		
<i>Audit</i>	Audit completed in December/January and everything is OK.	
<i>Awards</i>	A. Brunell discussed the new Citizen Conservation Award. Award recipients of the Citizen Conservation Award and the Herb W. Kale, II Award were recently decided and will be given at this meeting.	
<i>Certification</i>	No report.	
<i>Conservation</i>	<p>B. Bolt said that we had several review the bear management plan and pulled in people from multiple sources. This process worked well and she would like to use as a template.</p> <p>Topic - proposed legislation that would suspend licenses for fishing. H. Boyter advised to hold off and that we will have some serious issues coming in the future and that we need to pick our battles.</p> <p>Topic - proposed refuge. B. Bolt said that we are on the list to receive notifications when they start the NEPA process. She will be asking others to review their draft documents in order to comment.</p> <p>Many are interested but it can be difficult to work into schedules because it is time consuming; however we have variety of expertise and background and that is the strength of what we can draw upon. What we are lacking is good way of tapping into others. It would be good to develop an approach where we can more reliably find people with interest/knowledge. B. Bolt sent around a notepad for people to list their name, e-mail, and subject matter they are knowledgeable about and might be about able to comment on in the future. The past survey/ subject matter database she said is not very user friendly. D. Gawlik said we should associate the list with the membership database. TWS has this information for people who pay chapter dues through them. We should request from them. Should we hire a graduate student on occasional basis? Could help develop a conservation webpage? Someone to spend time on this on a weekly or biweekly basis. B. Bolt receives many requests for us to write letters for certain issues but feels we need to be selective. It would be good to direct people to our conservation page, which lets people comment as individuals, rather than as a chapter. Environmental policy is not what many of us gravitate towards but it is important.</p> <p>B. Scheick is worried we would never have enough time to advocate for all the issues we would like to, and thinks linking to the Florida Wildlife Federation's website from our website to highlight these issues would be a good option.</p> <p>B. Bolt – we should update daily news on our website. Find someone who could</p>	<p>*Discuss news feed for website further.</p> <p>*Request subject matter expert list from TWS.</p> <p>*Work towards Conservation webpage for commenting, potentially linking to the FWF website.</p>

	take the role of what H. Boyter used to do. Possibly a graduate student? Would this be worth it? Let's discuss some more.	
<i>Fundraising</i>	<p>FLTWS received \$4,200 in cash sponsorship also in-kind services and merchandise. L. Perrin feels good about how things went. J. Exum with AECOM put together the conference program. We want to thank our sponsors. Turrell Hall and Associates sponsored. VHB and NWTF are continuing sponsors. A. Alshouse, T. Hall, K. Booth – members of fundraising committee. L. Perrin and M. Ausley co-chairs.</p> <p>L. Perrin discussed how we value/handle in-kind services (e.g., merchandise). For any in-kind service or merchandise received it would be up to the fundraising committee to review and determine sponsorship level/what the value is. M. Ausley stated any tangible item should be sent in with dollar amount proposal for sponsorship. As a committee, we should decide if this is an essential part of conference. If it's something extra and doesn't help us raise money, we may want to downplay sponsorship importance.</p> <p>S. Hetrick stated there should be some established process already and that she is involved in other societies and could look into how they handle.</p>	* S. Hetrick to check with other societies to determine how they handle in-kind services and merchandise for sponsorship levels.
<i>Information</i>	L. Ferry stated we continue to post news and information to our website and facebook page – currently have 150 who “like” us. Also recently did a press release regarding our award recipients.	
<i>Membership</i>	<p>Currently we have 192 members. Had 222 last year. Not sure how to determine from database how many are new. Would like to put the member database on the sharepoint site. FWC is willing to create this sharepoint site for us. This will allow us to store documents and easily access – we do not have those capabilities right now. We can download documents from webpage but in sharepoint we can download the document by checking it out. Also can utilize Google's document sharing site.</p> <p>13 new members resulted from our membership drive. Five people recruited. Do we think it was worth it and should we do it again? B. Scheick stated maybe every 3-5 years.</p>	* B. Scheick will post membership database to sharepoint site.
<i>Nominating and Elections</i>	<p>S. Rockwood announced results of election.</p> <p>E. Myers- President-Elect</p> <p>L. Ferry – Treasurer</p> <p>M. Ward – Secretary</p> <p>A. Wilcox and K. Booth –member at large</p> <p>A. Alshouse - SE Representative</p>	
<i>Program</i>	<p>S. Nagid thanked a number of people for conference assistance including E. Myers for her help with the workshop and field trips, E. Tillman for the poster session, B. Bolt for student paper judging, P. Delaney for website updates, L. Ferry for facebook updates, L. Perrin and M. Ausley for sponsorships, A. Brunell and T. Hall for conference morning responsibilities, P. Moler for help with abstracts, and T. O'Meara for awards review. Details of the next conference will be determined around April.</p> <p>Proposed that President-elect contact potential speakers and S. Nagid could handle venue details.</p>	*President-elect to contact potential spring conference speakers.
<i>Resolutions and Public Statements</i>	No report.	
<i>Scholarship</i>	Received 15 applicants from five different universities. Applicants were highly qualified which made for a difficult decision. Angela Logan Junior at UF received the award.	
<i>Student Chapter Report</i>	No report.	

Website	<p>P. Delaney described the new “Tech Corner” website created by M. Milleson. E. Tillman is now on the website committee. Committee now includes P. Delaney, S. Stiegler, M. Milleson, and E. Tillman. Plans to purchase new Adobe Contribute license so all can update information on the website. We now have a store; however it’s closed. We were using a company called Volusion that gave us a free store (~\$100 value). P. Delaney received a call from Delusion and they do not like to run membership dues for a year, so we are looking into different merchant services companies. Motion approved for P. Delaney to purchase Adobe license.</p> <p>Protocol for submitting information for the website – submit to P. Delaney and S. Stiegler. Few items from strategic plan discussions that he has not had an opportunity to do but he is excited to have two new members. Things not completed include the following: search feature on the FLTWS website, tapping into student chapter web-based annotated bibliography, and developing listserve with wildlife related news.</p> <p>We are assisting with registration for the 2011 National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting in August. High profile meeting within area. P. Delaney working with Chuck McKelvy to develop registration page. Treasurer to attend – set up booth and onsite registration.</p>	<p>*Submit web content or changes to P. Delaney and S. Stiegler.</p> <p>*P. Delaney to purchase Adobe Contribute license.</p> <p>*Website committee to work on search feature, student chapter web-based annotated bibliography, and developing a listserve.</p>
NEW BUSINESS		
Membership Services	GIS workshop- basic and intermediate in afternoon. Great instructor from FWC and should be positive. Will conduct again in the future, maybe next year. Can talk about survey results soon.	* Develop another GIS workshop in the next year or so.
TWS Conference	S. Rockwood said TWS conference will be in Hawaii November 5-10. Deadline for abstracts is April 15 th . Always looking for comments on policy issues, looking for expert opinions. Please do not be shy and share your thoughts.	
Southeastern TWS	<p>S. Rockwood is the President of SE section and says many changes are happening. SE section growing and getting bigger, they have hired more staff with TWS and are doing more to get information out and get better coordination between TWS and the SE section. SE Section has been working hard to get TWS to reaffirm their commitment to hunting, and they featured the North American Model for Wildlife Management on the latest Wildlife Professional issue. They’re the only section that has an accreditation process for graduate schools. Section wants TWS to get accreditation process for undergraduate schools. What constitutes and accreditation class and what doesn’t?</p> <p>TWS is now accepting applications to The Leadership Institute, which includes a series of intensive mentoring relationships. M. Ward said within the program there are many leadership activities, you learn about TWS and how they function, and you get to go to TWS conference that year. M. Ward would recommend and wonders why we do not have more people apply. Good opportunity. Make effort and encourage others to apply.</p>	* Encourage others to apply for the Leadership Institute.
Meeting adjourned	A. Brunell turned the meeting over to D. Gawlik as the new President. D. Gawlik thanked A. Brunell for all of his service and stated that he left big shoes to fill. D. Gawlik said that he is really looking forward to working with everyone. He then adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.	

SECTION III. DETAILED SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (1/1/10-3/15/2011)

Category Description	1/1/2010- 3/15/2011
INCOME	
Donation	458.00
Fall Meeting Registration	359.56
Fire Course Income	3,693.58
FSEC Campaign	185.67
Membership Dues	6,724.59
Merchandise Sales	2,291.39
Prescribed Fire Course	1,609.80
Prescribed Grazing Wkshp	1,528.16
Scholarship Spponshorship	250.00
Spring Conf 10 Income	14,807.00
Spring Conf 11 Income	6,056.55
TOTAL INCOME	37,964.30
EXPENSES	
'08 Nat'l Conf Expense	405.00
Advertising	90.00
Contributions	650.00
Corporate status	151.25
Credit Card Fees	88.98
Debit Fee	892.30
Fall Meeting Expenses	859.64
Fire Course Expense	3,037.00
Merchandise Exp	
Other Merchandise Exp	1,634.46
TOTAL Merchandise Exp	1,634.46
Outreach	25.00
Overhead	
Postage	102.67
Other Overhead	113.77
TOTAL Overhead	216.44
Prescribed Grazing Wkshp Expense	765.61
Spring Conf	8,224.32
Student Scholarship	2,000.00
Web Services	252.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,292.39
OVERALL TOTAL	18,671.91

ENDOWMENT FUND PERFORMANCE

Spring 2008 \$23,000 (original investment)

Fall 2008 \$16,651.02

2009 \$14,601.83

2010 \$ 22,312.06

2011 \$24,618.92