

**Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Spring Business Meeting**

**Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
Safety Harbor, Florida
April 28, 2014**

Final Minutes

Attendees: Erin Myers, Stefanie Nagid, Becky Bolt, Tim Hall, Lauren Diaz, Eric Tillman, Derek Alkire, Laramie Ferry, Mike Milleson, Patrick Delaney, Arnold Brunell, Tim O’Meara, Larry Perrin, Kristee Booth, Holly Ober, Sam B., Dan Greene, Erica Christiansen, Andrea Long, Mike Youston, Derek Barber and Kyle Mader

Absent: Dale Gawlik, Alan Alshouse, Bill Guiliano, Phillip Brouse, Maria Zondervan, Jodie Gless, Steve Rockwood, Mark Ausley,

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	President E. Myers called meeting to order at 3:41pm.	
Announcements	E. Myers made some announcements to the membership.	
Reading of the Minutes	K. Booth moved to approve the fall 2013 minutes. A. Brunell seconded. Motion approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2013 minutes approved.
Report of Treasurer	<p>K. Booth provided the winter 2014 Treasurer’s Report (Addendum 1).</p> <p>Discussion: --S. Nagid asked about the Finance Committee. K. Booth stated they needed to schedule a meeting and needs E. Myers assistance to do a conference call. --Finance Committee consists of K. Booth, H. Boyter, L. Perrin, S. Rockwood, J. Exum, and L. Ferry. The committee will review and update the strategic plan and discuss if we still need an executive director, are there other options for our funds and what we should be doing with our funds given what we do for our members in any given year. --E. Myers stated that the Strategic Plan needs updated and asked the membership how they would like us to do that. Discussion also ensued about hiring someone to do conference planning, hiring an accountant and doing a request for qualifications for an executive director.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee to schedule a meeting and review base bank account and provide recommendation to the Board at Winter 2015 board meeting.
Report of Committees		

Audit	E. Myers reported that A. Alshouse has stepped down and M. Zondervan has accepted to take over as chair.	
Awards	T. O'Meara reported citizen conservation award will be presented on Wednesday night at banquet (4/30/14).	
Certification	L. Diaz is new student chapter liaison and introduced herself to members.	
Conservation	B. Bolt reported we sent one letter since last business meeting to Senator Dean for support of FL Springs Aquifer Protection Act. -- E. Myers reminded folks about the FL Land and Water Legacy amendment on the fall election ballot.	
Education & Information	J. Gless reported she is going to wait until after this meeting to put the newsletter out.	
Fundraising	L. Perrin reported he doesn't have the exact numbers right now, but all the usual sponsors have come through and we are similar to where we usually have been. -- E. Myers stated that FPL donated \$1,000 today.	
Membership	P. Brouse reported that he needs to update the spreadsheet and get back to us with the final update on the membership numbers. There is still a lag-time issue with getting information from National that he is working on.	
Nominations and Elections	S. Rockwood had nothing to report at this time.	
Scholarship	H. Ober reported on the undergraduate (17 applicants) and graduate scholarships (13 applicants). Recipients will be awarded at banquet on Wednesday night (4/30/14). -- E. Myers reported that H. Ober is stepping down and S. Nagid is taking over as chair. -- H. Ober asked the students attending the business meeting to introduce themselves.	
Student Chapter	E. Christiansen reported that new officers were recently elected and conclave went really well – 18 students went, everyone competed, they won 6-7 awards and placed 6 th overall.	
Program Committee	S. Nagid reported everything is going well. -- E. Myers reported the possibility of going to Myakka State Park for the Fall 2014 meeting and needs to finalize a date. Conduct initial strategic plan meeting at that time. Asked members to get back to her on ideas about field trips and workshops	
Website	M. Milleson reported everything seems to be working well from his point of view and discussed need for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Milleson to send

	<p>counter, the membership page and the conservation hub section.</p> <p>--E. Myers requested student assistance for M. Milleson. H. Ober and E. Christiansen reported that there was a student interested and made recommendations to link our site with theirs. D. Greene made recommendation on his role coordinating graduate outreach efforts.</p>	<p>membership list email about members only section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Bolt and M. Milleson to discuss the conservation hub section.
Finance	See the information provided in the Treasurer's section.	
Old Business	<p><u>Upcoming FLTWS Meetings</u></p> <p>--Fall 2014 = Myakka --Spring 2015 = Tallahassee --Spring 2016 = Jacksonville (tentative?) – maybe joint with GATWS or FLEPPC --Other groups to do joint conferences with Florida Ornithological Society, American Fisheries Society, Gopher Tortoise Council, Audubon Society, Master Naturalists Program (w/M. Main) --E. Myers wants ideas on workshops and CEUs from the membership.</p> <p><u>Archiving Documents</u></p> <p>--E. Myers to get stuff together for summer meeting and discuss it then.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Outdoor Events</u></p> <p>--Pelican Island Fest (3/15) – Myers and Rockwood --Florida Panter Fes (Nov) – Myers --Black Bear Fest (Oct) – Booth and Mader --Ding Darling Days – Myers --Titusville Birding Fest – Myers and Bolt</p> <p><u>National Conference 2017</u></p> <p>--E. Myers reported that we've been asked to assist TWS and AFS host a joint conference in Tampa in November 2017 to promote the restoration of the Gulf Coast. Theme: Integrating science and management to restore fish and wildlife in the Gulf Coast. More information will be coming soon.</p> <p><u>New Awards Discussion</u></p> <p>--E. Myers reported at the last board meeting the idea of new award recommendations include outstanding educator, rookie of the year (best new professional), best NGO and/or women in wildlife was brought up. T. O'Meara said it wouldn't be that much work for the committee but we need to figure out how to make it</p>	

	<p>more worthwhile to nominate. The hardest part is to get people to take the time to sit down and nominate someone. P. Delaney recommended that we think about having folks to nominate themselves and not just wait on someone else to nominate them. Group recommended more reminders for the awards.</p> <p><u>FL Wildlife Corridor Expedition Meeting</u> --L. Perrin and L. Ferry attended the meeting about the next wildlife corridor expedition. They have \$339,000 currently available to fund the expedition. Discussion ensued about how FLTWS could plug in with them. They thought we could provide a scientific blurb about corridors that they could put on their website and also coordination on the Saturday outreach events.</p>	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.	

Addendum 1. Treasurer's Report

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
FLORIDA CHAPTER
FEBRUARY 13, 2014
TREASURER'S REPORT (DRAFT)**

SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY

Balance	2/13/14	2/13/13	2/13/12
Bank Account	\$30,956	\$34,260.50	\$26,726.21
Cash Account	\$ 119	\$ 147.23	\$ 118.00
Investments Account	<u>\$29,126</u>	<u>\$23,589.75</u>	<u>\$22,915.13</u>
Overall Total	\$60,201.00	\$57,997.48	\$49,759.34

SECTION II. SPRING CONFERENCE
April 28- May 1, 2014

Income: NA

Sponsorships:

Funtime Charters-	fishing trip	(worth \$420)
Mitigation Marketing-	check	\$250
Inwood-	check	\$250
Dupont-	Am EX online	\$750

Expenses:

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa Contract Deposit	\$500
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SECTION III. FLTWS FALL MEETING
OCTOBER 24-25, 2013

Income:

Fall Meeting registrations:	\$1,440
Field Trip:	\$120
Meeting:	\$585
Workshop:	\$735

Memberships:	\$80 (1- new prof member, 2 prof renewal, 2 student renewal)
<u>Merchandise Sales:</u>	<u>\$58</u>

Total: \$1,578

Expenses:

Workshop trainer fee:	\$800.00
Communication workshop books:	\$825.45
Field trip lunch:	\$39.75
Groceries/supplies:	\$296.86
Ice:	\$6.87
Firewood:	\$9.99
<u>DEP Park Service fee-field trip:</u>	<u>\$24.00 (cash)</u>
Total	\$2002.92

NET LOSS \$446.92

SECTION IV. FLTWS SPRING CONFERENCE
APRIL 10 – 12, 2013

Income:

Registrations	\$7,412.00 (84 attendees)
Sponsors	\$3,021.00
Field Trip	\$ 140.00
Additional Dinners	\$ 75.00
Silent Auction	\$ 490.00
Raffle	\$ 365.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$11,498.00</u>

Expenses:

Hotel	\$4,842.10
Office Depot supplies	\$ 69.99
Field Trip lunches	\$ 100.00
Credit card fees	\$ 379.45
Entertainment	\$ 600.00
<u>Programs</u>	<u>\$ 476.60</u>
Total	\$6,468.14

NET GAIN \$5,029.86
Merchandise Sales \$ 646.50

SECTION V. PRESCRIBED FIRE TECHNIQUES FOR WILDLIFE
MARCH 18 – 21, 2013

Income:

Registrations	\$ 9,950.00 (42 registered: 29 non-commuters, 13 commuters)
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<i>Expenses:</i>	
Manual, student materials, misc.	\$ 2,300.00
Party Caterers	\$ 3,500.00
Stipends for non-agency instructors	\$ 1,100.00
Lodging	\$ 1,300.00
Total	\$ 8,200.00

NET GAIN **\$ 1,750.00**

SECTION VI. PRESCRIBED FIRE TECHNIQUES FOR WILDLIFE
MAY 5 – 8, 2014

<i>Income:</i>	
Registrations	\$ 900.00 (6 registered @\$150: X non-commuters, X commuters)

<i>Expenses:</i>	
Manual, student materials, misc.	
Party Caterers	
Stipends for non-agency instructors	
Credit Card Fees	

Total

NET GAIN

SECTION VI. OTHER GENERAL BANKING SUMMARY – INCOME & EXPENSES (2/13/13 – 2/13/14)

Income:	
Membership Dues	\$ 3,230.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 2,566.50
Scholarship Sponsorship	\$ 250.00
Gift Received	\$ 300.00

Expenses:	
Advertising	\$ 382.00
Affiliate Dues	\$ 100.00
Awards Given	\$ 109.90
Charity	\$ 246.00
<i>(Travel grant, student memberships, TWS conference sponsorship)</i>	
Bank Charge	\$ 19.90
Merchandise Purchased	\$ 1,833.43
Shipping/Postage	\$ 55.10

Outreach	\$ 780.21
Merchant Services Fees	\$ 1,618.98
Web Services	\$ 300.00
Student Presenter Award	\$ 200.00
Student Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00

EVENT MERCHANDISE SALES:

Bear Festival (10/13, Erin Myers, Kristee Booth) =	\$412.00
Panther Festival (11/13, Erin Myers) =	\$780.00
Pelican Island Wildlife Festival (3/13, Steve Rockwood) =	\$730.00
Society for Range Management	\$512.00

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER \$4,920.20 donated

USPS	\$6.85
Printing handouts and kid's activity books	\$311.64
Gas Reimbursement to Erin	\$30
Other reimbursement to Erin	\$30
Fl Water& land legacy donation	\$100
Logo table covers	\$382
Bear fest table fee	\$25
Florida Wildlife Federation Membership renewal	\$100
Florida Panther Festival Booth Fee (2013)	\$75
Society for Range Management Registration (Erin +1)	\$700