

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2016

Attendees

Melissa Johnson, Ian Jessup, Andy Gillock, James Hall, Hunter Johnson, Andrew DuBois, Danny Martin, Brent Shultze,

Absent: Karen Green, Tim Warfel, Joy Master

Officer Reports

Sr. Chair -Karen

- Email to membership requesting website suggestions - photos, updates; send after January meeting and we can see if other solicitations necessary
- **Letter of recommendation** for Jen Williams - approved and signed by Melissa; Karen to sign and send electronic copy to Jen

Jr. Chair/Secretary - Melissa

- Resignations - Emily G. Jake M.
- We can solicit new members in Jan/Feb from general membership

Treasurer - Ian

- PARC treasury issues - Ian is following and will report after first of year
- Paypal payments through PARC - pending, PARC selling Amazon

Old Business

Updates from Ian - PARC, SWPARC

Wildlife & Habitat Round Table (was Joint Non-consumptive Use)

- like hunter's round table with Audubon, Sierra Club, Animal Rescue but want non-litigative groups
- Joe E. and Ian haven't been to meeting in 3-4 months
- Wed once a month @ Parks and Wildlife building
- Director of Parks and Wildlife heads this so it would be good for us to be represented
- Andrew volunteered to be our rep; Danny offered to cover on days Andrew can't make it

PARC

- Ian will submit our chapter report to PARC for annual report by end of the week
- New Jr Co-chair needed before March meeting in Spokane; qualifications in letter
- Working Lands for wildlife - Illinois, Indiana, Ohio - turtles
- New position from PARC on how to share info for those seeking funding via CrowdFund or GoFundMe for projects; PARC receiving requests and wondering how to give grants without endorsing crowd source; disclaimer for PARC that they are not soliciting for the request, just sharing it and they have to get an approval from regional co-chairs. Not required of regional or state PARC, but we may want to do this if we ever get request for sharing grant fundraising site.
- **Working Lands for Wildlife** is a land use management program/project aimed at working with users of lands that are used for agricultural and energy development purposes to promote practices that protect the species diversity of these lands while they are being used. PARC partnered with this joint venture between NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) and USFW by sponsoring an addition to the projects already under way by promoting Blanding's Turtle conservation in the Midwest. They got IL right away, but were looking for other states to partner with the program to expand the total contiguous lands of target habitat. Blanding's Turtle is at risk due to overuse of agricultural lands, and energy development interests. It's taken a few months to get OH and IN to join. NEPARC is emulating this project at a regional level to protect Spotted and Wood turtles. It's creating a mutually reinforcing justification for these kinds of projects. You might be familiar with Prairie Sage Grouse. I believe they were included under this umbrella.

This is their website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/initiatives/?cid=stelprdb1046975>

SWPARC

- New education and outreach working group - Karen, Brent, Andrew - working to broaden the role of PARC for education; would be good for our E&O committee members to be part of this
- Mexico outreach working group resurrected; Sean Graham and Joe Ehrenberg
- Annual Meeting in Alpine - discussed a Herpetological Atlas for SW region; M.L. Robinson
- COPARC/SWPARC Joint Meeting 2017 - need vote from SWPARC on site choice - Denver or OKC; May need to do our own meeting in spring if OKC is selected; Ian hopes there will be a decision by first part of December

New Business

Steering committee restructuring proposal -

Project heads needed:

- Tshirt sales - Brent
- Website - Danny
- Trips and surveys - Tim
- Socials - Andrew
- Community events and outreach - Karen, Andrew (part of SWPARC working group)
- Annual Meetings - TBD
- Wildlife and Habitat Round Table Group rep - Andrew

Socials (Andrew)

- Winter
 - Jan/Feb movie viewing in Boulder - Showing of *Venom Interviews* @ Boulder Theater
 - Need permission from Ray Morgan to show- Brent will check with him tomorrow
 - Need location for food venue after movie in downtown Boulder
- March/April - Colorado Plus - Wheatridge

Shirt sales (Brent)

- Update/plan to present at January SC meeting
- Will work with Danny and Ian in meantime
 - Inventory
 - New orders
 - Sales on website, piggy-back on PARC Amazon
 - Same logo - change shirt design each year - logo on one side

Field Trips (Tim)

- Dates and locations TBD
- Waivers
 - Will be available early spring - Melissa can send to membership in spring + will post with each trip advertisement and will bring to each trip
 - Waivers
 - Waiver covers COPARC trips for 1 year - Ian has already developed and will post to Google docs
 - ensures "Best Practices" are followed (Field Herping etiquette, biosecurity protocols)
 - Need to be signed by parents for those under 18 y.o.
 - No waiver - no participation!
- Lead needed for each trip
 - can vary each trip
 - need to help with planning, agenda, communication (website and FB pages), direction/maps, dates on Google calendar, verify waivers signed for participants

- Events - Need specific guidelines, release forms, and sponsors/partners (if applicable) for each trip

Website (Danny)

- Volunteer assigned at PARC and SWPARC level for round-the-clock updates for website and social networking (Emily is doing this)
- Danny will make updates to website noted at last meeting; add link to SWPARC Twitter link

Discussion

- James talk to Kevin to get cost estimates for meetings; getting zoo involved

Action Items

Adjourn - 8:02

Next Meeting January - stick with Monday at 7 pm - date TBD

Future agenda items

Community outreach to sportsmen for disease prevention (fishing, hunting, etc.) - waiting on materials from National Disease Task Force

Request from Membership

- New SC members
- Volunteers to help with annual meeting planning
- Website contributions - photos, suggestions, literature page, college suggestions
- Trip protocols and waivers