

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Winter Board Meeting
 Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Titusville, FL
 Tuesday, January 23, 2007
 Final

Attendees: Arnold Brunell, Dale Gawlik, Steve Rockwood, Steve Stiegler, Jay Exum, Brian Scheick, Kristee Booth, Becky Bolt

Absent: Garry Balogh, Eric Tillman

	Topic	Discussion	Action
I.	Call to Order	President Steve Rockwood called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.	
II.	Review Summer Board Meeting Minutes	<p>Arnold motioned to approve the minutes with minor changes, Steve S. seconded, and the motion passed.</p> <p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corbette to Corbett (pg 2 at the bottom), • Montalbano / Manley (pg 3), • Southeast Section of... (pg 3). <p>Kristee requested copies of letters written by Steve R, Jay, and Becky so that they could be filed in the official TWS archive box.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about the official file box documents needing to be scanned to a CD or hard drive for archiving, to which Steve R and Kristee agreed to work on.</p>	<p>Kristee will change Summer Minutes and submit to website.</p> <p>Steve R. , Jay and Becky to provide Kristee with copies of all letters & responses.</p> <p>Steve R's secretary to help scan/org. the box & archiving.</p>
III.	Report of Treasurer	<p>Steve S. reported that as of 12/31/07 there was \$20,570 in the bank account, and approximately \$2,000 to be deposited today. Expenditures include a \$1000 student scholarship and a couple of other items. He also noted that TWS could possibly make \$25 per person on the fire workshop. There are 43 registrants, and ~ a dozen stand-bys from FWC, at last count. He has stopped online registration via the website.</p> <p>He also promised Arnold that he would have the conference breakdowns to him soon. Arnold wants to see breakdown of registration fees, sponsorships, donations, etc. separately to compare. Steve S. has used Access to help analyze the budget. The 2005 data has been entered.</p>	Steve S. to provide a breakdown of Spring Conf income for Arnold at this Spring Conf.
IV.	Report of Committees	Steve R. reported that he asked the committees for an update on issues to raise with the Board. A few committees did have something to report.	
	<i>Audit</i>	No report. The Audit Committee needs a new chair, as Alan will be resigning	Need new Audit Committee Chair
	<i>Membership</i>	<p>Brian S. reported that we have 334 members. He received data from the National list. We have added ~100 members, and the Spring Conference would have added new members also. He has also reported that he sent a reminder letter of membership dues for this year.</p> <p>Brian will work with Jennifer Rousso and National get a list of national members that are not FL Chapter members but are living in Florida, and a list of Florida Chapter members that are also National members so that he can inform/invite them to the Spring Conference some time in February.</p>	<p>Brian to get list of national/ Florida members.</p> <p>Brian to develop a postcard and business card version.</p> <p>Steve R to send the brochure to Brian</p>

	<p>He also reported that 23 members did not have email, so he sent a list to Hugh so that he can send newsletters thru USPS.</p> <p>Brian sent a letter to those of the 23 people who owed dues and didn't have email. Some replied that they renewed via National, and some had new emails. One reply was from one man he spoke with who thought he was a lifetime member since he joined as a National lifetime member in the 1960s. We do not have a FL chapter lifetime membership available for purchase; they have to pay \$10 annually, so the man has not been a FL member.</p> <p>Brian requested information from anyone with contacts to other Membership Committee chairs, with whom he could discuss issues. Questions included membership dues payment data received from National.</p> <p>Brian & Stephanie Rousso drew up a post-card sized draft w/ basic information for a Chapter info card that could be handed out for recruiting new members, similar but smaller than the TWS recruitment pamphlet.</p> <p>From this, discussion proceeded: Becky said that the Gopher Tortoise Council has a business card-like handout with basic info. Arnold thought of giving prizes or cash awards to the person who brings in the most members. For the design, there would be a generic blurb with the logo, website, and chapter information. There are benefits to both the business card and the post card design. Steve R. requested Brian to develop a postcard and business card version. Bill G. has a pdf version of the brochure that Steve R. has seen. Steve R will send the brochure to Brian so he can review and maybe use in the developing the post card or business card.</p> <p>Brian reported that the FSECC Rep Beth Meredith mailed an application to someone but doesn't know who. Brian will send an email to Steve S. who will follow up with the FSECC. February is the time to turn in our application to be in the booklet for the fall campaign. Then, in the fall we will send a message out to make members aware we are on the list.</p>	<p>so he can review and maybe use in the developing the post card or business card.</p> <p>Brian will email Steve S. who will follow up with the FSECC.</p>
<i>Conservation</i>	<p>Becky reported that she completed the non-native species statement that was adopted at the fall meeting. She is the TWS representative to the Gopher Tortoise stakeholder meeting that will be meeting soon to discuss the revised management plan and "take" permit changes. She has commented on the changes for us.</p> <p>Becky would like to review and comment on the Gopher Tortoise Management Plan (GTMP) for TWS that comes out in February. She will write a letter in favor of passing the GTMP in April. Steve S. suggested that Paul Moler help Becky review the M.P. for the TWS, and asked if TWS is doing anything about the Manatee Master .Plan. The answer was no, but Becky will look into this.</p> <p>Merritt Island NWR CCP has come out—comments welcomed until February. Steve R & Becky will get together to discuss. They will comment for TWS.</p>	<p>Paul Moler to help Becky review the GTMP for the TWS.</p> <p>Becky will write a letter in favor of passing the GTMP in April.</p> <p>Becky will check out the Manatee MP and let us know.</p> <p>Steve R. & Becky to collaborate and comment on Merritt Island NWR CCP for TWS.</p>
<i>Certification</i>	No report.	
<i>Funding</i>	Discussion under Vb	
<i>Information</i>	The Information Committee (Rog Vanderhoof, Steve Stiegler, Hugh Boyter, Larame Ferry and Harry Dutton) continue to post announcements, newsletters	Need chair re- placement

		<p>and other informational items on the Chapter website. Additionally E-commerce aspects of the website are available and appear to be working well in their application to the commercial aspects related to Chapter meetings.</p> <p>The new software Rog recently acquired to run the FLTWS.ORG site appears to be working well. This software added a documents library to house commonly-viewed or needed documents as well as copies of Chapter positions and letters. Sometime in the future we may add a module for displaying photographs.</p> <p>Florida-specific wildlife and natural resource news items continue to be posted daily by the Information Chair on the Chapter website, and both FWC and US Forest Service news items are now automatically posted (via RSS feeds) on a daily basis as well.</p> <p>The Chapter website, e-mail notices and postal mailings have all been utilized to keep the Chapter informed of events of importance to the Chapter. Paper ballots and copies of the Chapter newsletter, the <u>Florida Wildlifer</u>, were mailed by Laramie Ferry in December, 2006. Rog, Brian Scheick, and Hugh have been working to organize and consolidate the various website (member) and external e-mail lists for notification of outside organizations. These lists are used for distribution of the <u>Florida Wildlifer</u>, as well as for notifications of meetings and other Chapter information. Also there is an NGO list (currently contains 105 contacts), with points of contact for distribution of information. This list should serve the Chapter into the future as the basis for expansion of coordination among conservation organizations in Florida, and as a methodology for FLTWS to recruit new members and/ or spread its conservation message.</p> <p>Emphasis for the Information Committee between now and the Spring 2007 meeting will include recruitment of a replacement for Hugh Boyter as the Information Chair. Hugh will be completing his DROP program in June 2007.</p> <p>Other emphases will continue to include coordination with the website management group to improve the look and functionality of the website, to improve information delivery, and to encourage Chapter members to more actively utilize the website for their information needs.</p> <p>Additionally, the Information & Education Committee(s) will continue to strive for a continuous flow of newsworthy items to Laramie Ferry in order to make the <u>Florida Wildlifer</u> a vital Chapter newsletter.</p>	<p>Steve R. & Board to approve the NGO list and notify Hugh.</p>
	<i>Awards</i>	Steve R. will give under New Business VIa	
	<i>Scholarship</i>	See VIb	
	<i>Nominations</i>	The committee, now chaired by John White, has nominations to be approved by the Board- See VIe	
	<i>Student Chapter Report</i>	No Report	
	<i>Program</i>	No Report	
V.	OLD BUSINESS		
V. a	<i>TWS 2008 National Conference Planning</i>	The SharePoint site is up and running. The Merchandise Committee, with Arnold as the chair, will be developing a logo for the conference. To date, they have received six (6) logo concepts. Kevin Kemp will work closely on this, as the logo must go to National by June 1.	<p>Kevin Kemp to work on developing logo.</p> <p>Subcommittee</p>

		<p>Arnold discussed funding details with a National representative. He inquired about the constraints on the fundraising for the National conference. The money raised by selling items with the conference logo goes to National. We can, however, sell our own items without the conference logo, along with their items. Questions followed about how money would be raised to cover specific costs (for example, SFWMD wants to cover costs of van transportation). They (agencies/organizations) can't write a check addressed to the van company, but they would give it to FLTWS to cover the costs.</p> <p>Bill Giuliono & George Tanner have been nominated to run the program. National has to approve.</p> <p>Subcommittee chairs list need to be sent to National soon.</p> <p>Dale reported on the Field Trip Committee: The committee suggested 3 or 4 major trips, all following "Riches to Rags to Riches" theme, all guided, and all with transportation. (1) Everglades airboat in conservation area 3, (2) Everglades National Park bus trip, (3) Coral reef in the Keys. Other field trips suggested were in-town: (1) Parrot Jungle, and (2) Exotic species trip; both to be guided and have transportation available, perhaps with smaller groups. Other trips are just suggested areas to see on your own.</p>	chairs list need to be sent to National soon- Carrie or Steve R.
V. b	<i>Funding Task Force Endowment</i>	Steve R. had a final draft of the Endowment rules sent by Larry, he read the high points. The Endowment idea is to go before the members during the Spring Conference.	
V. c	<i>Spring Conference</i>	<p>Arnold said the Spring Conference is to be held 4/11-13/07 at St. Petersburg Sunspree Holiday Inn, online registration almost ready. Early registration ends on 3/16/07. Jay discussed the theme, potential topics and speakers. <i>Theme: Statewide Conservation Planning: Obstacles & Opportunities</i></p> <p>Plenary Session: There are potential speakers to speak on these topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Conservation Planning: Obstacles & Opportunities • Once and Final Map of Conservation Areas • Update on Florida Forever • Florida 2060: Expected Patterns of Growth • Is there a Compatible Method for Planning Roads? • What national trends are affecting conservation in Florida? • How will FWC... • Are Florida charismatic megafauna the best... <p>Symposium: (smaller topics related to plenary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics include: Funding and Exotics • These are functional and applied aspects of land management 	<p>Arnold to check on the on-line conference registration.</p> <p>Jay to finalize topics and speakers.</p>
V. d	<i>Prescribed Fire for Wildlife Workshop</i>	Steve R. reported that the workshop is a go. Steve S. reported that on-line registration went well and was cut off recently. The class will be full. So far everything has gone well.	
VI.	NEW BUSINESS		
VI. a	<i>Nominations for the Herb Kale II Award and Paul Moler Award</i>	The only Paul Moler Award nominee was the PARC publication editors- four men who authored the document together. The only nominee for the Herb Kale Award this year was Manley Fuller. Discussion ensued that the Board wanted to review the documentation of the nominations before voting.	Board to review the nominations info to be sent by Steve R. and then vote by email.
VI. b	<i>2007 Student Scholarship Award</i>	Steve R. reported that Vanessa Oquendo is the scholarship winner. \$500 of the \$1000 scholarship was funded by the National Wild Turkey Federation. Steve R. will mail the check to Vanessa, there will be an announcement posted on the website, and there will be an announcement made at the spring con-	Steve R. to mail Vanessa the \$1000 scholarship check. Steve R. will tell

		<p>ference.</p> <p>Provided by Maria Zondervan: Vanessa Oquendo is the recipient of the Florida Chapter's 9th annual scholarship for undergraduate students. A senior at the University of Florida, Vanessa is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology. Vanessa is also getting a Minor in General Education and hopes to combine her degrees to promote responsible ecotourism that benefits the environment and the local people of tourist areas. In addition to her course work, Vanessa is the President of The University of Florida's Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS), President of the "Rumblin' Tumblin' Reptiles" for the University of Florida Gymnastics, and Sentinel of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta. Through her volunteer work with the National Park Service, Florida Wildlife Care, TWS, and a graduate student, Vanessa has mist-netted bats, fostered wildlife, monitored nest boxes, conducted wildlife inventories, trapped small mammals, and constructed herpetology arrays.</p> <p>The FLTWS Student Scholarship was established in 1998 to recognize and financially assist Junior and Senior undergraduates pursuing a career in wildlife biology at a 4-year school in Florida. Applicants are judged on their financial need, extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, and personal goals. The Florida Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Florida Wildlife Federation cosponsors the scholarship. As this year's recipient, Vanessa, will receive a check for \$1,000.</p>	<p>Hugh to post announcement on the website.</p> <p>Steve R. to announce the winner at the Spring Conference.</p>
VI. c	<i>Chapter Rep. to serve on FWF exotics committee</i>	<p>Steve R. attended the FWF Board meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2007 as TWS representative. There were forty (40) attendees. The new Florida Power and Light (FP&L) coal-fired power plant in east West Palm Beach and the St. Lucie power plant that was using old technology as a coal-burning plant were discussed.</p> <p>Exotics were also discussed. The FWF wants a committee formed and the FLTWS to have a member serve on this committee. Steve R. suggested Bernice Constantine as our representative. Steve R. will ask him.</p>	<p>Steve R. to ask Bernice Constantine to serve as representative on FWF Exotics Committee.</p>
VI. d	<i>Revised Membership Survey</i>	<p>Brian has been working on a revised membership survey. Jay will send notes from the business meeting and compile other input. Brian will then revamp the old membership survey.</p>	<p>Jay will send notes from the business meeting and compile other input.</p> <p>Brian will revamp the old membership survey.</p>
VI. e	<i>Spring Elections</i>	<p>Nominations were as follows:</p> <p>Vice President: Dale Gawlik and Kristee Booth</p> <p>Treasurer: Maria Zondervan and Brian Scheick</p> <p>Southeastern Section Rep: George Tanner and Alan Alshouse</p> <p>Members at-large: Kevin Kemp, Blaire Hayman, Stephanie Rousso, Stephanie Nagid</p> <p>Secretary: Erin Myers and still looking for another candidate</p> <p>(Need new Audit Committee chair) The Board accepted the nominations but still wants another Secretary nominee, if possible.</p>	<p>Board and nominations committee to continue looking for another Secretary nominee.</p>
VI. f	<i>Requests for Donations</i>	<p>National has asked for donations from FWC for their non-technical magazine, The Wildlife Professional (\$1,500). FWC has asked us to underwrite on their behalf. The Board decided not to donate, and Steve R. will communicate</p>	<p>Steve R. will communicate with FWC the decline of</p>

		<p>this with the FWC.</p> <p>National requested money to improve TWS's IT and web operations. Steve S. motioned that we send \$100 to National, Kristee seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Steve S. agreed to handle this.</p> <p>UCF requested donations and/or money. Steve S. suggested that we donate some merchandise for their silent auction. Jay motioned that Steve S. prepare a package of TWS merchandise (max retail value of \$200) to donate to the SEEC, hosted by UCF. Steve S. seconded the motion and it passed.</p>	<p>their donation request.</p> <p>Steve S. will handle the \$100 donation to National.</p> <p>Steve S. to prepare merchandise package for SEEC/UCF.</p>
VI. g	<i>North American Model of Wildlife Conservation</i>	Was not discussed at this meeting but will be discussed at a later date.	
VI. h	<i>Items from Board Members?</i>	<p>Website needs updating to reflect committee chair changes, and to correct file access problems. Purchasing merchandise from the website could be a problem.</p> <p>Merchandise ideas: Steve R. asked about having a nicer FLTWS shirt made to wear to meetings as a FLTWS representative. Steve S. will look into possible options for the shirts. Following this discussion, it was mentioned that a new FLTWS logo may be developed for the conference that would also be useful for the shirts.</p>	Steve S. will look into possible options for the shirts.
VII	Adjournment	Steve S. motioned to adjourn, Kristee seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.	