



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Radisson Woodlands Inn, Flagstaff, Arizona
2 February 2006

- I. Call to Order at 1800 h**
- II. Old Business**
 - A. Officer Reports
 - 1. Approval of Minutes from 2005 Annual Meeting
 - 2. Treasurer's Report (Sheridan Stone-No report submitted)
 - 3. Outgoing President's Report
 - B. Committee Reports
 - 1. Awards
 - 2. Continuing Education
 - 3. Conservation Affairs
 - 4. Membership (Frank Baucom)
 - 5. Newsletter
 - 6. Nominations
 - 7. Memorial Garden
 - C. Student Chapter Reports
 - 1. Arizona State University
 - 2. Northern Arizona University
 - 3. University of Arizona
- III. New Business**
 - A. Southwest Section Report (Louis Harveson)
 - B. National Report (Robert Brown)
 - C. Future Workshops
 - D. TWS Annual Meeting 2006, Anchorage, Alaska. 23-27 September
 - E. TWS Annual Meeting 2007, Tucson, Arizona. 22-26 September
- IV. Special Recognition**
- V. Installation of New Officers**
- VI. Incoming President's Report (Carol Chambers)**
- VII. Adjournment**

Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Arizona Chapter, The Wildlife Society
February 3, 2005 – Gallup, New Mexico
Approved

Call to Order: Chapter President **Bill Werner** called the meeting to order at approx. 7 pm.

Chapter Newsletter Report: The Board acted to move the website to the TWS site from the NAU server. The Board recommended to transition to posting of newsletter on website.

Continuing Education Fund Report: Bill Werner mentioned that proceeds from any workshops go to this fund. There was record participation in the program and the committee voted to raise the annual limit to \$2000 from \$1000. Four grants were issued this year: Mikele Painter -\$810.00 - Anabat Workshop; Joanne Roberts - \$120.00 - IBA Conference; Carol Chambers - \$895.00 - TWS National Conference; Lisa Haynes - \$174.00 - Carnivore Conference, (to submit for the remaining \$216.00 in 2005 cycle.). Applications for Continuing Education funds should be sent to the Chapter Treasurer.

Membership Committee Report: Frank Baucom, the Committee Chair, provided information to Bill Werner. The membership is 38% federal agency employees (60), 28% state, tribal, and local agencies (52), and 18.6% university affiliation (34), 5.5% environmental organization/consultant (9), and 14.4% no affiliation (27) for a total of 183. Bill Werner noted that we all know people in our organizations who are likely candidates for membership.

Treasurers Report: No report was provided by the Treasurer

Resolutions Committee Report: No report was provided.

Student Chapter Reports: Verbal reports were provided by Northern Arizona University and University of Arizona Student Chapters.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Garden: This tribute to wildlife professionals who died while on duty is complete after a 10-year effort (there is a brochure at the registration desk). President Bill Werner stated that engraved brick sales for the Memorial Garden continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Incoming President's Report: John Koprowski provided an incoming presidents report.

2005 National Meeting: Bill Werner reminded the group that the 12th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society would be held in Madison, WI September 25 - 29, 2005 and that the deadline for abstracts was February 15, 2005.

2007 National Meeting: Bill Werner reminded the group that the 2007 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society would be held in Tucson and that members should plan on participating.

Meeting Adjournment: John Koprowski made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sheridan Stone seconded this motion and the membership voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8 pm.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank M. Baucom, Chair

There were 155 members in the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society by the end of 2005, 28 less than the previous year. The Chapter usually loses members when the Annual Meeting is in NM, (there have been three other years since 1992 with larger losses), but the overall membership trend has been downward. Please take time to invite your colleagues and other associates to join our Chapter. And if you are not already a member of The Wildlife Society, please join and support your professional society. Also, please remember to send any change of address or Email address to me (fmbaucom@aol.com or AzTWS@aol.com).

2005 Paid Membership	155
2004 Paid Membership	183

A summary of the 2005 membership follows:

FEDERAL AGENCIES		32.9 %
Forest Service	22	
Fish and Wildlife Service	11 + (1)	
Bureau of Land Management	7	
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service	3	
Natural Resources Conservation Service	2	
US Army	2	
Geological Survey	1	
Bureau of Reclamation	1	
Total = 51		
UNIVERSITIES		24.5 %
University of Arizona	22	
Northern Arizona University	13	
Arizona State University	1	
Emily Riddle Aero University	1	
U Tex A&M Casear Kleberg	1	
Total = 38		
STATE & COUNTY AGENCIES		22.6 %
Arizona Game and Fish Department	26 + (4)	
Pima County	2	
Arizona State Land Department	1	
Arizona State Parks	1	
Arizona Department Water Resources	1	
Total = 35		
CONSULTANT/ENVIRONMENTAL		3.2 %
Consultants/Business	4	
Environmental	1	
Total = 5		
NO AFFILIATION	26	16.8 %
TOTALS =	155	100.0 %

(Numbers in parenthesis are retired members). If you wish to contact the Membership Director, his address is: HC 65 Box 7504, Amado, AZ 85645; telep.520-398-8181; & located at 33250 Moyza Ranch Road.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments for 2005-2006 The Wildlife Society, NAU Student Chapter

I. Introduction :

- A. Approx. 25 active members and an additional 20 members who have not paid their dues. (about 45 members total)
- B. Unfortunately we had a change in presidency due to personal issues. Our Vice President did fill the position in the middle of fall semester.

II. Past Events:

In the past our events have been very successful

- A. Bird watching and Kayaking at Watson Lake in Prescott!
- B. We assisted USDA & APHIS in the first ever field trial for oral rabies vaccines for skunks in S.E. Flagstaff. Organized by the County Health Department. (last spring)
- C. (Our favorite annual) Raymond Ranch!!! (Which is 40 miles East of Flagstaff), under Dave Belitsky, Wildlife Manager. Last spring we managed to plant over 200 trees in a blizzard!!! We Planted along areas to help reestablish Native Fish habitat, also in conjunction with fencing to decrease herbivory. The main project here consisted of building a Water Diversion Dam for one of the Pronghorn watering holes. This project was a cost share with Game and Fish and the NRCS. 900.00 was given to our chapter for our work.

III. Future Events:

- A. In the future we hope to have another opportunity to help out at Raymond Ranch!
- B. We have been planning on having a trip to Granite Wilderness Spring for a morning bird watch and an evening eye shine.
- C. In April we will be assisting USDA and APHIS once again in the oral rabies vaccine distribution for skunks.

IV. Recognition:

Our club would like to recognize some accomplishments from a few of our members who have helped work on some projects including...

- Yellow billed Cuckoo projects
- HWY 260- Elk Crossing
- Alpine Fence
- And others

V. Treasury Report:

- Bowling Tournament and Pizza... (\$\$ spent)
- With the money from Raymond Ranch we threw a great end of the semester BBQ for all our members (\$\$ spent)
- We started the year with approx. 700.00
- Investment in T-Shirts and Hats Leaving us at 265.00
(Please support us by buying a shirt/hat)

VI. Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the Arizona Chapter and the opportunities and support every agency has given our student chapter...

Most importantly our chapter would like to thank Carol Chambers for substituting Tad Theimer (Our wonderful faculty member who is in sabbatical)..... Carol is doing a great job!!! Thanks to Stu Tuttle for his care and support, and also Dave Belitsky for the great opportunities and memories.

UA Student Chapter of TWS Update 2005-2006

General Information

- Chapter Membership – Last semester 15; This semester 23; fee is \$5 per semester
- Our Chapter holds weekly meetings with an attendance rate of 10-15 students/meeting

Past Events

- Volunteer and other Activities with Government and non-profit agencies like Arizona Game and Fish Department, Sky Island Alliance, Arizona Hunters Who Care, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, and others.
- Summer of 2005 – Volunteer re-building of Coati enclosure for AZ Desert Museum
- Labor Day Weekend 2005 – Grand Canyon Trip – Met with AZGFD and non-profit biologists concerning the California Condor
- October 2005 – Pizza with the Professors – This was a way for members to meet their professors outside the classroom
- October 2005 – Reddington Pass Wildcat Shooting Range Cleanup – Gave students a chance to meet and work with a government agency
- November 2005 – Camping in Tumacacori Highlands: spotlight, fish, hike, stargaze
- January 2006 – First Annual Wild Game BBQ (~70 attendees) A fundraiser and chance for students to meet the public, professionals & professors in an informal, relaxed setting.
- February 2006 – Joint TWS/AFS Meeting in Flagstaff – Thank you to the Arizona Chapter of TWS for providing financial support
- Monthly Guest Speakers with free pizza.

Future Events

- April 2006 – Kings Anvil Ranch Waterhole/Fencing Project
- March 2006 – Spotlight Count for Black-Footed Ferrets in Seligman
- March 2006 – Spring Break trip to CA – meet with biologists dealing with coastal development, deep sea fishing, hiking, spotlighting for Grunion, camping
- Local secondary school outreach in correlation with MESA
- Sept. 2006 National conference in Anchorage??

Fund Raising Activities

- Monthly Bake Sales (~\$100ea)
- Endangered Species Chocolate Bar fundraiser (~\$400)
- 2005 Yard Sale (~\$400)
- Wild Game BBQ this event was a good opportunity for students to interact with faculty, professionals and interested public. We received a lot of support/ donations from the community (Gross \$520, Profit ~\$200)
- To date, ~\$1,300 increase in funds since beginning of academic year (and this after funding all our events! (Fall 2005 - \$400, Today - \$1,720)

Future Goals

- Increase Freshman and Sophomore participation in the Student Chapter
- Create a mentoring environment between upper and lower classmen and their professors
- Maintain and diversify activities to attract and retain membership
- Maintain continuity for future members
- Facilitate students professional development

News from the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society:

SWTWS has some new faces, a new website, and some new ideas

Louis Harveson, President

The SWTWS recently elected new officers, including Louis Harveson as President, Scott Lerich as President-Elect, and Jim Heffelfinger as Secretary-Treasurer. Each of the newly elected officers is dedicated to revamping the SWTWS. Some of our short term goals include increasing communication among Section members, implementing a long-term SWTWS conference schedule (2-5 year rotation), and exploring other opportunities for professional development among members. To contact members of the Executive Committee go to <http://www.swtws.org/officers.htm>.

The SWTWS recently held the 2005 conference in Alpine, Texas (sponsored in part by Az Chapter TWS). The theme for the conference was "Managing Wildlife in the Southwest: New Challenges for the 21st Century". The conference was held on 9-11 August 2005 and attended by 100-125 wildlife biologists from Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico. Highlights from the conference included 35 professional papers, 9 posters, 2 socials, local cuisine and entertainment, a field trip to the Davis Mountain Preserve, and clear blue skies. We are currently in the process of reviewing manuscripts for the published Proceedings from that meeting. We hope to have those available in Spring 2006.

To increase communication between members of SWTWS, we have launched a new website (www.swtws.org) that contains up-to-date information about happenings in SWTWS and its local chapters. If you would like to post announcements please forward information to Patricia Harveson (harveson@tamu.edu).

The Executive Committee of SWTWS is also exploring the possibility of assisting (financially) with the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of TWS (South Padre, Tx) and the joint Meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters of TWS (Flagstaff, Az).

The SWTWS will also be very active as we begin planning for the 2007 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society which is being held in Tucson, Arizona (September 22-26, 2007).

Submitted by

Louis A. Harveson, President

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