

MB Chapter TWS Conservation Affairs Cte Meeting

March 11, 2015
19:00
200 Saulteaux, Wpg

Called by: MB Chapter President
Facilitator:
Timekeeper:

Type of meeting: committee
Note taker: CAC chair

Attendees: CAC Chair, MB Chapter president, 6 CAC Members

Regrets:

Please bring:

Minutes

Agenda items: Terms of reference, basic organization
Presenter: MB Chapter president and CAC chair

Discussion:

Chapter executive would like us to develop a terms of reference for the committee, which would need to be added to an amended set of bylaws for the Chapter to formalize the committee. Need to clarify autonomy of Committee vis a vis the parent Society.

Conclusions:

Terms of reference to be drafted

Action items

	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Do initial draft	CAC chair	Mid-April
✓ Circulate to committee for improvement	All members	End of April
✓ Circulate to Chapter executive	CAC chair	Mid-May

Agenda item: Proactive committee work
Presenter: CAC Chair, all

Discussion:

We need to review the policy priorities <http://wildlife.org/hot-issues/policy-priorities/> and position statements <http://wildlife.org/position-statements/> of The Wildlife Society (TWS) to see which are relevant to Canada and Manitoba in particular.

Conclusions:

We need to develop MB policy priorities [hypothetical list: Aboriginal Hunting, Trapping in Parks, Alien Species and Ecosystem Protection, etc.] and select relevant position statements from those of TWS [e.g. Conserving Biological Diversity, Recognition of Wildlife Needs in Watershed Planning, Traps, Trapping and Furbearer Management, Urban Wildlife, Wildlife Damage Management, Feral and Free-Ranging Domestic Cats].

Action items

	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Chair to draft initial list of Manitoba policy priorities and circulate	CAC chair	End of April

- ✓ All members to review TWS position statements and choose one each to review/amend for application in MB All members End of April

Agenda item: Reactive committee work **Presenter:** CAC chair, all

Discussion:

Governments, both federal and provincial are asking for public input on projects/developments [e.g. Peat lands development], policies, etc. from the public and groups like the MB Chapter of TWS. Using current relevant position statements of TWS and those modified/developed for MB, the Conservation Affairs Committee should draft responses when appropriate, for executive approval and submission.

Conclusions:

This will be a challenge, particularly until MB position statements are developed. A clear drafting, approval and submission process will have to be developed to ensure timely responses.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Chair will draft a process	CAC chair	End of April
✓ See above Agenda item for coming up with position statements		
✓		

Other Information

Observers:

MB Chapter President, Chapter

Chair

Resources:

Web sites of TWS and the Manitoba Chapter; Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

Special notes:

Next meeting at the call of the Chair, likely to be near end of April, as material is developed to discussed. Location to be announced - Chair will canvas members ahead of time as to date, time and location.