

MB Chapter TWS Conservation Affairs Committee Meeting

September 9, 2015

19:00

MB Hydro, Taylor Ave., Wpg

Meeting called by: CAC Co-chair

Type of meeting: regular

Facilitator:

Note taker: CAC co-chair

Timekeeper:

CAC Co-chairs and 5 CAC members

Attendees:

Please read:

Please bring:

Minutes

Agenda item: Review of record of last meeting

Presenter: CAC co-chair

Discussion:

Approve last meeting minutes; additions/changes to agenda; approve agenda for this evening's meeting

Conclusions:

Action items from last item will be reviewed as separate agenda items at this meeting

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

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Agenda item: Current draft of Terms of Reference for this Committee

Presenter: CAC co-chair

Discussion:

Chapter Executive is reviewing most recent draft and should be forwarding to appropriate folks at TWS for approval

Conclusions:

TOR should be finalized soon.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Executive to forward TOR to TWS

CAC member

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✓ TOR to be posted to MB Chapter website

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✓

Agenda item: New Committee member application

Presenter: CAC co-chair

Discussion:

Alana Wilcox, graduate student working on bats at University of Winnipeg

Conclusions:

Approved

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Add to committee list, notify Executive	CAC co-chairs	
✓ Find Alana's contact information, add to mailing list	CAC co-chair	
✓		

Agenda item: Review of current priority policies/strategies/projects in MB **Presenter:** all

Discussion:

CAC members raised the upcoming open house(s) to be held very soon by the East Side Road Authority (ESRA) on their environmental assessment work for the road up the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Concern was raised about why the MB Chapter had not received notice/invitation to attend.

Conclusions:

Members to pursue

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ CAC member to circulate copy of invitation to the Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters Association by ESRA for information	CAC member	Within a week
✓ CAC co-chair to confirm whether there has been any correspondence between ESRA and the MB		
✓ All members to review list of TWS conservation policy priorities that will come out of the October TWS Annual Conference		

Agenda item: Draft correspondence with Government of Manitoba **Presenter:** all

Discussion:

Considerable discussion of the draft letter prepared by some members on our behalf to the Government of Manitoba on the status of moose in the province and the need for urgent action.

Conclusions:

Current draft is probably too detailed. The timing may not be right to include a request a meeting with the Minister of Conservation on the issues and potential solutions raised in the letter. A major thrust should be to emphasize that more winter aerial surveys in critical regions are necessary for science-based management. All members agreed that this is likely the most crucial wildlife issue in the province – a “lightening rod issue”.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ A shorter, more pro-active draft will be prepared.	CAC members, CAC	
✓ We will strive for a one-pager plus ‘backgrounder’	co-chair	
✓ Backgrounder could be posted to Chapter website		
✓ Once Committee is happy with draft, forward to Executive	CAC co-chair	
✓ Once Executive approves, send to Minister of Conservation et al	CAC member	

Other Information

Observers:

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Resources:

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Special notes:

There was some discussion as to how to get more student participation on the Conservation Affairs Committee, with one suggestion being to invite them directly on the Chapter website, circulating with the invitation the new prioritized list that will come out of the annual meeting.