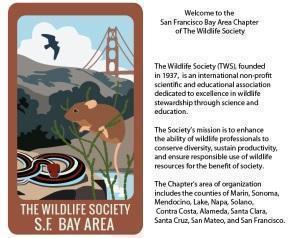
TWS Board Meeting Minutes

*San Francisco Bay Area Chapter*

*6:30 – 8:30 PM on December 15, 2020*

# Attendees:

## Call-In

Board Members: Natalie R., Kathleen G., Mary Y., Rachel R., Meghan B., Patricia V., Hailey P., Ricka S., Leslie K., Laura D., Molly P.

Incoming Board Members: Molly D.

## Absent:

Halia E., Joe D., Carli B., Natalie G.

# Agenda:

## Old Business

* Vote to approve prior meeting minutes (September, October, November)
  + Minutes approved and will be updated to the website
* Review of action items from November meeting (still in progress)
  + **Halia-** Send scholarship winners to Joe for newsletter - **to be done**

## New Busines

### President Updates

* 2020 Goal - Get Admin in Order
  + Complete By-laws - **Nat R, Natalie G, Ricka ---DONE!**
  + Complete position SOPs - **action item for everyone before 2021**
  + Figure out how to track members - **Carli (with help)---DONE!!**
* Items to address in monthly email to membership
  + Send items to include ASAP
  + NEW MERCH
  + SPOW (threatened), and monarch warranted but precluded endangered
  + MBTA EIS finalized and awaiting final rule
* Western Section Conference
  + How can we get members to *want* to attend our Chapter meeting?
    - Virtual Escape Room - Laura to look into it, with PRIZES
    - Wildlife trivia
    - Recipe share
    - Baby picture guessing
    - 2 truths and a lie
    - $500 budget for chapter meeting? - Ricka to confirm

### Secretary Updates

* Automatic membership emails are ready to go and will start in January
  + New, 30 day expiration warning, and expiration emails

### President-Elect Updates

* Buffs are up for sale!

### Past-President Updates

* Absent

### Treasurer Updates

* Rachel should get reimbursed for postage for mailing buffs

### Western Section Updates

* Western Section conference updates
  + Virtual Exhibit Booth available for Chapters - no cost.
  + virtual field trip for the meeting that highlights your Chapter region
  + Chapter Meetings will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm.
  + Chapter Leaders meeting
  + Silent auction as part of the Annual Meeting- anything to donate?
* Waiting on responses to questions
  + When video due, when pictures of auction items due, and how to send them out?

### Workshop Updates

* Meeting tomorrow with Ricka and Allison re: butterfly workshop
  + Host next year? All virtual? Mix?
* Responding to Career Workshop registrants
  + Some late registrants want to access video
  + Resent survey link and job opportunities (9 responded to evaluation survey)
* Many Western Section workshops in the pipeline
* Large video files for virtual workshops cause storage issues
  + Start a YouTube channel?
  + Western Section may be looking at cloud storage solutions
* Possible Wildlife Trafficking workshop?

### Conservation Affairs Updates

* SPOW and monarch warranted but precluded endangered listing decisions
* Submitted policy priorities to HQ from Western Section
  + Adequate funding to agencies
  + Wildlife trade and trafficking
* CDFW commission does not have the ability to list terrestrial invertebrate species (e.g. yellow-faced bumblebee)
  + Should we advocate to change CDFW code to our state representatives?
* MBTA EIS finalized and will produce a final rule - lawsuits expected
  + TWS does not participate in lawsuits, but should it?
    - Arguments provided for both sides
      * lawsuits can be an important component of making wildlife protection legislation work
      * TWS tries to take a more scientific/advisory role
      * Can still confer with other groups
      * Different levels of support for lawsuits possible
      * Possible legal reasons to avoid advocacy

### Student Affairs Updates

* Animex Scholarship deadline is tonight; 4 total applicants so far
  + What can be done with extra money?
    - Prizes/swag for winners
    - start a separate scholarship fund (diversity)
    - Start a fund to subsidize student attendance at conferences.

### Diversity Chair Updates

* Diversity Committee filled workshop during the conference
* Starting YouTube channel with diversity videos

### Website Updates

* Wix website basic membership is still adequate

### Public Affairs Updates

* No updates

### Historian Update

* No updates

### Newsletter Updates

* Absent

President called meeting at 8:00 PM