

# TWS Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group

## Executive Board Conference Call

### April 10, 2008 (1:00pm EST)

Welcome/Introductions (Attendees): Stefanie Nagid, Ron Duke, Derek Hall, and Bud Cates

Topics of Discussion:

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

- a. New bank account: Our new account is located at Charter Bank (charterbank.net). We have online access and can update Treasurers as necessary without moving money around. If our balance falls below \$2,000 then we will have a \$12.50 monthly fee. This may happen on occasion, but we should be able to maintain a minimum balance.
- b. Balance: Our balance as of 3/30/08 is \$2,416.90.
- c. 2008 Annual Conference Expenditures: We have agreed to the below expenditures for the Conference expenses. These expenditures will cause our balance to go below \$2,000, however this should only be temporary until we receive dues money from National. **If any of the other Board members has an issue with these expenses please contact Stefanie Nagid immediately!**
  - i. Rental vehicle = \$562.50 (50% of vehicle rental for 9 hours)
  - ii. Workshop lunches and water = approximately \$7 per person (\$56-\$112 depending) – there is the possibility of this being a donation and not an expense
  - iii. 1 complimentary registration fee to ENP staff = approximately \$320 (based on last years fee)

#### 2. 2008 Conference in Miami, Florida (Nov 8-12)

- a. Workshop details: Please see the previously sent attachment for details. All attending the conference call said it looked great. **When you communicate with any of the membership, please end your communication with some kind of statement to promote the Conference (i.e. Hope to see you in November at Miami!).**

#### 3. Membership Survey

- a. Discuss current format: Please see the previously sent attachment. There has been no response/comment from the Human Dimensions Working Group about our survey. **Stefanie Nagid requests that each Executive Board member review**

**the survey and provide any comments, changes, or additional questions to her via email no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>!**

- b. Online application and summary: Once all Board comments, changes, or additions are in, **Stefanie Nagid will coordinate online survey application through SurveyMonkey.com and send it out to the entire membership no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The survey will be due after one month (no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>) and the results will be discussed at the next Board Conference Call.

#### 4. Website

##### a. Updates:

- i. National is using a new system for their working group website development (Joomla). For the time being, Stefanie Nagid is listed as the website administrator.
- ii. **Stefanie Nagid requests that each Board Rep solicit a member volunteer that would like to take on the role as Communication Chairperson (webmaster) and provide her with a short biosketch of their abilities no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>!** She will review the recommendations and appoint a Communications Chairperson, who will attend the next Board Conference Call.
- iii. There was discussion about the summary information that was provided by Debbie Burtaine. It was agreed that we should not try to be an end-all-be-all repository for all things restoration. We discussed focusing our Lessons Learned section on wildlife population restoration issues and to direct people to the Society for Ecological Restoration's Global Restoration Network website for greater restoration details. The GRN is a clearinghouse for all things restoration and we want our site to be complimentary and not duplicative.
- iv. Stefanie Nagid said she would continue to work on a "skeleton" for the website, but that once the survey comes in and a Communications Chairperson is appointed, then further detailed development will continue. However, after some further consideration, **Stefanie has asked Ron Duke to review the Joomla tutorial document and begin this skeleton.**
- v. It was mentioned that if the survey showed the membership preferred a newsletter over a website, then we could shift focus and create a more static website and have the Communications Chairperson focus more effort on a newsletter. This decision will be made after survey results are in.

- b. Need for webmaster: Please see item 4.a.ii above for request from Chair and deadline.

**THE NEXT WORKING GROUP EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL WILL BE AT 1:00pm EST ON JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>!** This call will focus on the results of the survey and the roles and expectations of the new Communications Chairperson.