

**Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Meeting of the
New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

Assunpink Conservation Center, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth County, New Jersey

Evan Madlinger, President of the Chapter, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:39 am

Evan began the business meeting with reference to an email he received from Divya Abhat, the science writer for *The Wildlife Professional*. This email was written as a request for projects or news of interest in the wildlife field in the New Jersey Chapter region, to be included in the State of Wildlife column. Evan requested that anyone interested send him the information, which he would forward. Evan noted that he did send a brief email response in regards to a few projects he was aware of.

Evan introduced the idea of t-shirts and/or polo shirts for the New Jersey Chapter. It was referenced that there is no New Jersey logo, and suggested that if anyone has an interesting logo idea to email for consideration. It is also possible to use the existing National logo. Evan anticipates based on experience that the fees will include \$80.00 for the logo, \$23.00 for the polo shirt and \$12.00 for the t-shirts. Evan posed the question as to whether any members were interested. Jim Sciascia suggested sending out an email to all members to request orders in an attempt to see if enough people are interested. Amy Jones will send out the email request.

Evan referenced one single item of correspondence. An email was received from Donald Heintzelman requesting a letter of support from the Chapter for the Kittatinny-Shawangunk Ridge and Corridor. This is a 256 mile long unfragmented habitat corridor that traverses parts of PA, NJ and NY. This request is for a letter of support to preserve this area as the Kittatinny-Shawangunk National Raptor Migration Corridor. Evan asked if the members present wanted to support this endorsement. There was unanimous agreement of support from the members.

Miriam Dunne introduced the raffle for the 2007 New Jersey Duck stamp print. The print was donated by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. The proceeds will go to fund chapter and society activities. All members were asked to try and sell five (5) tickets. Amy Jones has the tickets and asked that all members please pick up either one packet of 3 or 5 tickets to sell. If any additional tickets are needed, copies can also be emailed upon request. All ticket stubs and associated money should be sent to Amy Jones for the drawing at the fall meeting.

Jim Sciascia provided the financial report. The checking account was reported at \$2,670.48. Recent activity since the last report (meeting) includes an income of \$320.00 in dues, and a check in the amount of \$10.00 drawn from the account. The Scholarship Fund remains in the Vanguard 500 Index Fund. The Scholarship Fund was reported at \$8,507.29 as of 12/31/06, a redemption of \$-1,000.00 was reported and subsequent additional balances reported at \$8,251.84 as of 9/30/07 and \$7,974.93 as of 12/30/07. The account is currently reported as of 5/20/08 at \$7,735.42.

Miriam Dunne gave a report of the Russell Cookingham Scholarship award. The deadline for applications is June 1st. The winner will be announced this summer and we will invite the winner to the next New Jersey Chapter meeting. The application is on the Chapter and National website.

The Business Meeting was concluded at approximately 9:50 am.

Ted Nichols suggested that due to member attendance, introductions be made around the room. The following presentations were then given:

Invasive Plants: Site Susceptibility and Control Strategies

Michael Van Clef, Ph.D., Ecological Solutions, LLC

Surveys for invasive species in natural habitats as part of the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program

Saul Vaiciunas, NJ Department of Agriculture

Weedy Plant Invasions on Public Conservation Lands: Using Citizen Scientists to Answer Ecological Questions

Dr. Joan Ehrenfeld, Professor, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, SEBS

***Phragmites* management experiences in the Delaware Estuary**

Ken Strait, Manager - Biological Programs, PSEG Environment, Health & Safety

Biological control agents for invasive species management in natural habitats in New Jersey

Mark A. Mayer, Supervising Entomologist, NJ Department of Agriculture

Feral hogs in New Jersey

Pat Carr, Supervising Wildlife Biologist, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

A Story of Invasive Herbivory: Depredation of Wild Rice by Resident Population Canada Geese and an Integrated Damage Management Solution

Ted Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Amy Jones, New Jersey TWS Chapter Secretary