

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting at NASBR, Sacramento, CA

Date of Meeting: 21 October 2005

Officers Attending:

Pat Ormsbee (President), Toni Piaggio, Cori Lausen, Tim Snow, and Ted Weller.

Acknowledgements - All

The previous Board of Officers was acknowledged: *Lyle Lewis, Dixie Pierson, Chuck Harris, Kirk Navo, Mike Herder, and Brad Phillips* for their accomplishments, including: Species accounts, survey matrix, website, State representation, survey protocol committee, *C. townsendii* Conservation Plan.

Review Working Group Purpose - Pat

- Working Group is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from States and Provinces, providing a spectrum of perspectives and representation from which to draw.
- Serve as a conduit for providing information to agencies and the public.

Action Plan Progress Report - Pat

- Developed from member questionnaire in March 2005
- Serves as a guidance document to identify priority work, monitor progress and identifying responsibilities for conducting the work
- Drafted by the Board of Officers and reviewed and edited by the Board at Large (15 State & 4 Provincial Reps).

1. Review Mission Statement and Bylaws

- To insure consistency with non-profit application requirements - completed

2. Connect With Other Groups

- NABCP, IAFWA, state agencies, federal agencies, Mexican government/organizations, etc. – ongoing, *Tim* and *Pat* are leads

3. Involvement with States and their Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies

- Remind States who we are and what our relationship is with them
- Contact State Wildlife Departments and lend support for completing CWCSs and Conservation Plans
- *Toni, Tim, and Pat* constructed letter to each State. *Toni* took lead to confer with each State to personalize letter. Letters sent to all State and provinces, except 2 territories.

4. Funding

- Create a subcommittee to generate funding

- This has been done, *Pat, Ted, Brad, and Dan Taylor* from BCI are on the committee. *Dan* has a request for water site descriptions that he will send out to WBWG, we can complete in return for \$500 for 501c application fee.

5. *Research*

- Establish a research subcommittee to collaborate with others to establish priorities
- Research Committee includes: *Ted, Cori, Alice, Toni, and Mike*. They are working on a priorities

6. *Databases*

- Provide templates for database and data standards
- Details will be posted on WBWG website

7. *Education*

- Establish an education subcommittee to collaborate with others to establish priorities
- *Juliet Craig* will help us launch an educational committee and find reliable leadership

8. *Training*

- Post information on available training on the WBWG website
- Provide training for the WBWG Survey Protocol, and other priority training
- Trainings are currently posted on website

9. *Inventory & Monitoring*

- Complete and Publish the WBWG Survey Protocol
- Provide sampling grid for western US and Canada on website
- Both tasks are in progress

10. *Newsletter & website*

- Establish newsletter
- Update and maintain website, create listserv
- Requests for newsletter material is out to states now. Instructions for listserv can be found on the website

State Reports

- *South Dakota - Scott Pederson*

Able to fund almost anything in the last two years

Specific funding to projects directed at rabies, cave gate monitoring, and radio tracking

Have a website up and running that has access to contacts and permits

- *California - Heather Johnson*

Presented bat natural history for Wildlife Society

Dixie Pierson working on Bat Conservation Plan, funding lacking for authors

Updated CA range maps of species

Special concern towards wind farms – listing minimum requirements

Updating occurrence of diversity records – consideration of tracking common as well as sensitive individuals

- ***British Columbia - Laura Friis***

Working on conventional conservation plan to be jointly used

Investigating *Myotis* Spp. with long ears identification problem

Developing best practice guidelines for caves, mines, roads, and bridges

Construction and maintenance of website and education outreaches

- ***Arizona - Angie McIntire***

Have two bat positions within organization that apply grant approvals

Interested in long term monitoring presently

Analyzing wind farm issues

Constructing bats of Arizona poster

Educational outreaches

Meeting in February of 2006

- ***Alberta - Cori Lausen***

Have two meetings per year

Wind turbine issues highest priority

Meeting with government for guidelines and regulations pertaining to bats

Little bat work conducted in area except by consultants

Red bat captures up – looking to get it listed

- ***Texas - Toni Piaggio for Meg Goodman***

Bat organization formed with large number of members joining in area

Corynorhinus townsendii mine monitoring work started

Looking at eastern Texas and rare species - bat towers constructed to monitor two rare species

Myotis velifer seems to be declining – bat houses put up

Bats and Bridges database started

Meeting this winter

- **Colorado - Toni Piaggio**

Website up and working

Looking at historical caves occupied by *Corynorhinus townsendii*

Bat blitz attended by four people went well – found *Lasionycteris noctivagans* hibernating in a mine

Purchased unclaimed BLM uranium mines where large colonies of *Corynorhinus townsendii* are located

Meeting in April

Other Information

- Potential hosts for Spring 2007 meeting: San Diego , CA and Flagstaff , AZ are both interested
- Carol Chambers (Arizona) – THANK YOU WBWG – she had requested help from group and resulted in exciting inventory of 31 *Euderma maculatum* caught and 8 tracked despite sand, flat tires, and mountain lions
- Reminder June 2007 Mammal Meetings in Albuquerque , New Mexico