

WBWG Board of Officer Meeting 11/14/2007

Pat Brown

Cori Lausen

Pat Ormsbee

Jason Williams

Tim Snow

Brad Phillips

Brad will look into getting a debit card and look into WBWG being able to accept credit cards.

We can still do the credit card charges through BCI for conference they charge 6%. But will not take on membership charges if we do that.

Pat B on wind farms: she thinks it is very important for us/someone to have a standardized protocol for mortality searches. Cori says folks are definitely saying there are no standardized protocols and how does that decision get reached and who does the training? This is something we get back to later in the call, read on...

Action Plan:

Pat O. there is no specific item on the action plan about mining and maybe we should reconsider. Maybe we need a mining committee...however, we have a lot more actions than people to do them and we have to deal with that issue. Toni says we have had things before that have gone unassigned and served as a bookmark for things we plan WBWG to achieve. Pat O. wants to know if we should add a mining component. All say yes. Jason, Pat B, and Toni say they will be one that committee but we also need to recruit from the membership. Pat O. says this committee will be assigned to identify its issues and action plan in the Action Plan.

Discussion of mining bill revision: we are not sure of the status and the last thing Pat B has seen is that mines were supposed to go back to pre-mining condition. Pat O says it sounds like (NPR) the bill will die because of the cost of mining increase that will make it an easy target to be blocked.

Letters to the state on mining/bat issues: Are there issues about sending this to states? Discussion with Brad and Pat about SD and they have been concerned about the effect within the state when communications are already established. Who to send it to? We asked state reps to provide that info. It ranged from no suggestions to 24 in one state. Who to send to on a national level? USFS, BLM, etc...Pat and Michelle and working very hard on this and hope to wrap it up soon.

Jason and Toni will work to get Kirk's BLM letter out from WBWG regarding protecting 3 mines with Coto maternity roosts in western CO from the re-working of these mines.

By-laws: Brad has a copy with some changes and re-wording. Due: Oct 30 2007. He will send this to Officers for review. Most changes have to do with elections and election actions would start within the next 6 months. Elections will require a nomination committee that we will need to form.

Establish a conservation coordination committee. This committee would establish what are the conservation prioritizations, i.e. wind, mining, wildlife conservation strategies and reviewing state conservation plans to find common themes and let those guide WBWG.

Funding we were going to do a committee but it never really happened. Brad has a financial plan from after the last conference. He will send it out. Toni says do we need to focus on this right now? We will label it as ongoing.

Membership dues: Brad, Toni, Michelle, Pat B. How are we going to figure this out? We need a conference call. What are we collecting dues for? Toni will move a conference call forward by the end of January.

Short term and long term funding re: umbrella status for members. We need a protocol for how grants go through us. Brad has a draft of a protocol and it needs to go through officers and then a lawyer. He will send it out to the officers.

Jason sees a need for regional level trainings/conferences on something like wind energy. There is a lengthy discussion on doing the sort of training that Jason proposed. Folks feel there was a real need for training on dealing with wind energy. Pat O. asks if folks want to pursue this training. Concerns are expressed that we have to decide if we accept a certain protocol to do these methods or expose folks to all possibilities. We would need to incorporate Ed and maybe BCI. WBWG is sending a letter to USDA about wind energy/bat issues requesting that only trained/experienced people should do mortality surveys and we have to wonder where these folks will get this training/experience. Is it us? There is a lot of energy around this and it probably belongs in the wind energy committee, so let's move through the action plan and get to the wind energy committee.

Research committee we need to find a chair that has energy to get this rolling. Toni has tried to recruit but not had any takers. Pat O. has a different vision of the research committee's roll from how it was originally set-up. For example for the letters she is writing she would have liked to have handed it off to the research committee to review those from a research perspective/scientific review along with the management input. Cori maybe it needs a new name like scientific advisory that would cover more what we think its role is versus a research committee that sounds like we would be doing or directing research. Seems like we are ready to roll but we are "on-call". Who is going to chair? Can Toni or Cori feel like they can chair this the way it is as a responsive committee that will find the resources for scientific review as requested.

Database issues-Pat will work with Rob Schorr and Scott Pedersen about getting the marking database on website. Also other databases are out there to connect into WBWG.

This has always been a long-term goal so we don't feel a lot of pressure to make it happen ASAP. It is still an important goal for WBWG to keep in mind

Education committee- This committee has been restructured and reenergized and they have a goal of writing bat curriculum and this committee is moving forward.

Newsletter-the newsletter is going well and Cori and Kristi have done a great job. It might help to have special subjects in the Spring newsletter because Fall is always big with state updates. Cori asks if we should have something about committee updates in newsletter to inform members about committee actions. This is an informal way to keep committees on task and let members know about committees.

Document and track records- we are doing pretty well here. Reviewing actions and progress, we should start to incorporate action plans on to call with Directors.

Membership involvement: not progressing super well, ongoing issue. How to deal with list-serve and WBWG membership disconnect. We may be able to get stuff on website and maybe automatically send letter to new members encouraging involvement in committees. For improved communications on memberships, Michelle/Secretary will send out quarterly updates to state directors about memberships.

Wind Energy Committee: Angie is listed as lead but Cori has been acting that way and did not know Angie was on. Also the committee is a bit stalled, but they came together when needed. Not necessarily independently active. Maybe it would be good to tap back into Angie as a resource and it might help to have her with the idea of moving forward with a wind energy training. We will change it to Cori and Bronwyn as lead with Angie and rest as members. The wind committee may need to be re-worked in its mission. Need to pursue getting on National Wind Energy Committee. Pat O. needs to touch base with Rob Schorr and Scott Pedersen to get banding database on website. Also we need to touch base about whether or not that committee is reaching a decision about banding migratory bats resolution. Pat O. proposes with Cori and Jason to have a conference call with Rob's group. Pat feels this action item section needs revamping so she will do that and then send to committee for review.

What can we do about getting an established conference call capability. We can get a fee service enacted. There is the possibility to use SKYPE as an alternative. However, federal employees can't download software. Membership dues could pay for this...

Next conference call: for Board of Officers Wed. Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 9am PST. Main goal is to discuss 2009 conference and discuss elections.