

## **WBWG Board of Officers Conference Call January 27, 2009**

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Jason Williams  
Pat Brown  
Toni Piaggio  
Michelle Caviness  
Martin Grenier  
Erinn Shirley

### **Mines**

A letter from the BLM Washington office went out to all claimants with active claims in 6 states advising of safety hazards and requesting the claimants work on closing the sites. The letter did not mention concerns associated with wildlife or NEPA requirements. The letter did mention contacting federal managers if advice was needed on how to close the site. Pat O. is going to contact Erinn and George to find out if there is a possibility of sending something out that addresses wildlife. Jason will check with BCI to see if they have something already put together. We could put a one-page document together to get folks to think about bats and other wildlife. We would like to get this out to the resource staff (biological and cultural) to help them respond to the calls that might come in from claimants after receiving the letter. After Jason talks to BCI, Pat O. will contact BLM.

Jason reported that Nevada Dept of Wildlife is looking for funds for bat gates on private lands. They submitted a request with BCI to secure funding for this. WBWG can be an umbrella for this grant request. There is a draft MOU with BCI and WBWG to form partnerships for these types of projects. Pat O. will review and get to the board to get signed.

Pat O. and Mike Herder are still working on the survey protocol. They are going through internal reviews at this time and hope to have the protocol out for general review in the next couple of months.

### **Bob Berry Fund**

There is about \$4000 in the fund and there are a few equipment donations. Pat B. would like to give two awards at the conference in Austin. One of the awards will be for a telemetry project since Holohil has donated 6 transmitters. The second award will be for an acoustic project. Pat B. is working on a proposal with criteria for applications for the awards and will get the proposal to Pat O. and Toni and then the scientific advisory committee for review.

### 2009 Meeting/Wind Workshop

Erinn needs a copy of speakers who need gift certificate codes. Pat O. and Rita will work on a workshop description to get on the website.

The membership committee has decided not to initiate the membership fee at the meeting. Instead, the discussion will be picked up by the next board of officers. Toni will stay on and head the committee. Michelle will also stay on the committee and help with membership records.

Pat O. is asking for WBWG for help with the '09 NASBR meeting in Portland. She is asking for financial and volunteer help.

### Transition to new officers

What do we need to do to make this a smooth transition? What roles do we need to continue to do? We will have a meeting prior to the conference in Austin. Michelle will bring files to Heather at the Austin meeting. Pat O. will work on getting the new officers on the next call in preparation for the transition.

**Next Meeting is February 24, 9am (PST)**