

SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE FORENSIC SCIENCE



SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE FORENSIC SCIENCE (SWFS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of meeting held May 19, Zoom teleconference 9:00 am to 10:50 am MST

Item	Details	Action
1. Welcome	Present: Tasha Bauman (TB), Kim Frazier (KF), Ed Espinoza (EE), Daniel Xu (DX), Rob Ogden (RO),	
	Kathy Moore (KM), Rebecca Johnson (RJ), Dee Dee Hawk (DH), Brian Hamlin (BH), Nadja Morf (NM)	
	Apologies: Antoinette Kotze (AK), Frankie Sitam (FS)	
2. Accept minutes from	TB: motioned to accept the minutes from previous meeting	
the last meeting	KF: seconded, everyone in favor	
3. Action points from	Refer to items #4-14	
previous meeting		
4. Treasurer's Report	See report sent out from DH on May 19 th (DH will change name for the membership records)	DH: send out treasurer's
	TB: commissioner license sold for 18'000\$	report for next meeting
	TB: motioned to accept Treasurer's Report (March-May 21)	
	EE: seconded, everyone in favor	
5. TWG	KF: Draft for SWFS Standards and Guidelines for Wildlife Forensic Analysis is ready and will be	NM: will "find someone"
	published	for translation to German
6. Membership	RJ: due to website changeover 119 members are free subscribers at the moment	
	RJ: motioned to send an email to all free subscribers and ask if they want a renewal of their	
	SWFS membership (without paying the owing fees, answer required within 3 month).	
	KF: seconded, everyone in favor	
	SC: already has a draft for such an email	
	RJ: suggests to give members a free membership for one year (due to COVID)	
	DH: motioned to give all members a free membership year	
	EE: seconded, everyone in favor	
	TB: suggests to combine these two info (renewal and free year) in one email	TB/RJ: send out info mail
	TB: wants to make sure that regular members do get the payment reminder email, RJ suggests to do	RJ: send out test mails
	renewal-email test with board members	



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7. Proficiency	BH: encountered some reporting irregularities in the mammal PT (deer species)	BH: will continue to work
	BH: still working on Charter, including scenarios present during last PT	on the Charter
	EE: put together a document about the application and process for a COSE permit, see	
	COSE_Guidelines_DV sent out from EE on May 18 th	TB: will put it on website
	EE: is writing a manuscript about wood interpretation guidelines, he plans to publish it in A&E, as	EE: will continue to
	soon as it is published, he will work on a wood PT	develop a wood-id-
		proficiency scheme
8. FSI Animals and	TB: hard work to find adequate reviewers, all articles are now with reviewers	
Environments	TB: talked with Rob (Journal): 10-12% discount possible, costs: long article \$1700, short article \$750	
	TB: sponsoring of articles: open questions, about the process in general and payment details,	ALL: think about process,
	influence of SWFS on decision if accepted or not	and send questions to TB
9. SWFS meeting 2022	TB: AK will meet with the venue in August, until then no flyer update	
10. SWFS by-laws	TB: presented paragraphs to get feedback from board members	TB: incorporates feedback
	TB: some open questions regarding working groups (WG), KF will work together with TB on these	TB/KF: will work on WG
	paragraphs	related paragraphs
11. SWFS Webinar	TB: has a meeting on May 20 th	RO: arrange/ask for
Series		possible presentations
		from CITES
		RO: find out if interviews
		conducted by LW (for
		master course) can be
		used for this
12. Board Members	TB: two Board Position nominees: Dr. Sherryn Ciavaglia and Prof. Gila Kahila Bar-Gal	
	TB: one President-Elect nominee: Dr. Rebecca Johnson (see document sent out from TB on May 19 th)	
	KF: motioned to make Dr. Sherryn Ciavaglia the Director of Membership and Outreach, Prof. Gila	
	Kahila Bar-Gal the Director of Policy and Partnership and Dr. Rebecca Johnson to the President-	
	Elect	
		TB: send out letters to new
	DH: seconded, everyone in favor	board members
	KM: offers to still proof read documents, even though she won't be a director of the board anymore	



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13. Any other business	SWFS website	
(AOB)	TB: Regarding the SWFS website: RO talked to John (current webmaster), John still wants to have us	
	as clients, but he is very busy, and needs notice beforehand to schedule us in. TB set a fixed time for	
	security updates (every two months) and news article review and publication (Second week of	
	March and September).	ALL: think about
	TB: we should think about getting a new webmaster, and the requirements such a webmaster	requirements a new
	should meet. TB is collecting such requirements already	webmaster should meet,
	BH: asked to simplify the process to access the emails of all members	and send them to TB
	1 st International Virtual Meeting of Forensic Animal Sciences	TB: send out info to
	TB: TB got ask from Víctor González to give an opening talk about SWFS	members regarding this
		meeting
14. Date of next		TB: will send out a doodle
meeting		poll to set a date in July
15. End of meeting	TB: adjourned meeting at 10:50 am MST	