



Waterbird Conservation for the Americas

Executive Committee of the Waterbird Conservation Council Conference Call November 21, 2006

Participants

Executive Committee: Eric Mellink, Paul Kluckner, Ian Davidson, Paul Baicich, Kathy Parsons, Don Paul, Lisa Sorenson. Also Jennifer Wheeler, Rob Clay. Unable to attend: Ghisselle Alvarado, Paul Schmidt, Garry Donaldson.

Next Call: Annual Meeting

Discussion and Decisions

Focused on Committees' and Task Groups' progress on tasks, as well as expectations and goals for the Annual Meeting. Executive Committee was provided with a Powerpoint summarizing tasks and progress (a "report card").

Regional Planning and Implementation (Don Paul, with Ian)

Executive Committee supported the proposal circulated by Don Paul, describing the form and function of the re-established committee. Executive committee members liked the division by subject area (two sub-committees), its manageability, and the direct line for regional groups to the Council that the Committee would provide. It was noted that the Implementation sub-committee is almost like a resource for the other, also that the Liaison Sub-committee could as a first task rejuvenate the Regional leads Conference Calls that Jennifer started.

Goals/Outcomes for Annual Meeting: Want a formal hour to discuss the work of the committee. Preferably earlier in the week.

Paul K suggests that this committee has successes to celebrate (completion of plans) and should do this.

Policy and Critical Issues (Paul K)

Goals/outcomes for Annual Meeting: Would like a breakout for a draft presentation review. Then revise for presentation for full group in order to lead a discussion on policy/advocacy priorities.

Communications (Paul B)

Goals/outcomes for Annual Meeting: Conduct breakouts based on Website and Communications piece. (Suggestion: to overcome the stumbling block of no web help, put a concrete "ask" together).

Share success of Rice and Waterbirds (Paul B's idea)

Membership (Jennifer)



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Goals/outcomes for Annual Meeting: attendees feeling comfortable, an orientation, everyone up to date on developments. Understand process and expectations of membership. Facilitate personal relationships.

Suggestion: Create an “owners manual” along with rosters and nametags. Have an orientation on Monday night.

Resources (Ian)

Has a database of small, medium, and large resource opportunities for wetland-related funding. Will work to share this. WHEN?

Technical Services

Kathy willing to lead a breakout to get things going again.

Other Executive

Geographic breakouts – earlier in the week is better. Assign times.

Caribbean to be led by Lisa.

Mexico? Eric to converse with Don about Mexico?

Status Assessment: Talk to Rob Clay about his views on this given the national and regional findings. This is an issue of integrating processes as well as information.

Lisa asked about the results from the Integration Exercise in San Jose. (The results informed the priority recruitment areas and also our thinking on role of the Council).(Note: the Neotrop reports will help cross taxonomic groups: integration)

Executive to review the “report card” for tone, content

Review new agenda.