

AKES Business Meeting Minutes

30JAN2016

Called to order: 2:50PM

Present: Officers: Matt Bowser (Pres), Jill Stockbridge (S)(distance), Roger Burnside (T), Logan Mullen (VP)

In Attendance: Robin Andrews, Michael Baldwin, Dan Bogan, Kathryn Daly, Garret Dubois, John Lundquist, Jason Moan, Jessie Moan, Molly McDermott, Derek Sikes, Steve Swenson, Alexandria Wenninger

OFFICER REPORTS:

(Sikes): update on the AK butterfly guide – 500 copies printed in early December 2015. All sold out by end of January 2016. Second printing undecided.

Treasurer's Report (Burnside): As of 30JAN2015; ~71 past & current paid memberships as of Jan 16th, since 2006. 28 for 2015 (7 students, 19 regular, 2 sustaining), in 2016: 1 student 4 regular, 1 sustaining; Account: as of 29 Jan, \$3,045 in CD, checking \$329.59. Expenses \$171.94. Expenses are about 25-30% of total income. Point was made regarding the importance of backups of the Quicken file and other treasurer documents. **A motion made by Matt to create an online archive (e.g. Google drive) of all AKES documents that Roger has. Logan Seconds. Motion passed with none opposed.**

Roger pointed out that we don't have a tight window for membership renewals. Website states "calendar year" but a member who enrolls, say in December, will be a member for the following calendar year. Since we have no subscriptions there is no need to be precise.

Website report (Bowser): \$120 for hosting & \$12/yr for DNS. Matt hasn't sent last year's bill. Matt has kept up adding news items to the website some of which he also posts to the listserv. (Matt later looked up annual cost: \$76.56 for shared hosting (1and1.com) and ~\$12 for DNS).

Student Awards 2016: Three student presentations – award goes to Molly McDermott.

Newsletter (Bowser): Last year didn't finish until March. Matt suggested we move from the monolithic newsletter to a one article per issue model (see motion below). This would make it easier to take submissions and format them. Discussion ensued about pros and cons, such as the intimidation factor of a writer having their article appear alone rather than among a group of articles... and the concern about small news items such as the meeting review not getting out. Concern that without a 'deadline' there might be fewer articles. Roger suggested having a committee for the newsletter, e.g. editorial board. **Motion we move from the monolithic newsletter to a one article per issue model.** Kathryn seconds the motion. Votes in favor = 1, votes opposed = 7. Motion failed.

Roger moved we create an AKES editorial review board and establish a process for securing content. Garret second. All present were in favor, so moved. Volunteers for board = Matt will continue to do typesetting, Roger, Garrett, Molly & Logan volunteered to form the board.

A small fund/committee for prize bounties on collections/observations of rare species or species of interest/conservation value was proposed (Bowser): post a wanted list on our website. Short list, with an annual announcement. **Movement to create a list of species of interest with annual review managed by AKES executive board with posting on website and newsletter. Logan 2nd. Motion passed with majority vote.**

Improve welcome / thank you response protocol for new and continuing members for their support. **Motion for the secretary to use email to thank all new and renewal members with emails tailored to at least include the new member's name in the salutation. Molly 2nd. Motion passed with majority vote.**

Kathryn Daly asked for volunteers or signatures to help convince Senator Murkowski with supporting the National Moth Week senate resolution 70.

Kathryn wanted to step down from the KWP award committee and asked for replacement. Logan volunteered to replace Kathryn on the award committee.

District Science Fairs for AKES Science Fair Award judging at each of Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks. Elizabeth will likely manage Juneau, Dan Bogan will do Anchorage, Derek Sikes will do Fairbanks.

Roger will send out a membership renewal reminder.

Problem (Sikes) – some members aren't on the listserv. (Bowser) We should add mention of the listserv to the welcome letter to make it easy for people to sign up & let them know about it.

Sikes volunteers to prepare lists of AKES executive board members for each prior for Matt to put lists on the webpage.

Elections - Sikes nominates Logan for President and he agreed. Jill remains on the slate for secretary. Alexandria Wenninger agreed to VP. Burnside agreed to remain treasurer. Michael moved the slate as announced, Derek Seconds. All present were in favor.

Question raised – this is our 9th meeting but the society's 11th year. AKES was formed in Dec, 2005 with our first meeting in Jan, 2007.

Motion – AKES will invite poster presentations and add another award category for student poster awards with the same prize value and requirements as oral presentations. Logan 2nd, Motion passed with majority vote.

Meeting adjourned 4:40pm