Alaska Herpetological Society
Officer Meeting to discuss newsletter & misc.
February 4, 2017
3:00 PM

Officers present: President Don Larson (DL), Treasurer Josh Ream (JR), Secretary Mark Spangler (MS)

Joint TWS Meeting
Cost sharing
  TWS will charge all conference registrants an extra $10 to be paid to AHS
  AHS will share costs associated with Thursday a.m. breakroom
    - Mark will confirm whether this is $100 towards catering or providing and setting up donated refreshments
Conference format
  Traditional 15-minute format assumed
  AHS will approach TWS about possibility of doing longer format talks (~30 minute) plus panel discussion if needed to fill space
  Non-formal talks may be used to fill in space
Business meeting
  Scheduled over lunch hour
  Josh will try to call in
  Any participants who only want to attend the meeting (not the conference) will not be forced to pay the $20 registration fee
  Non-formal talks may be inserted into business meeting if conference spots fill up
Possible presenters
  Melanie Hinzmann – wood frogs in the classroom
  Amy Larson / Heidi Kristenson – wood frog acoustic monitoring in NPS
  Andrew Keller - ?
  Falk Huettmann - ?
  Trey Simmon – Siberian newt in Beringea
  Roman Dial / undergrads – JBER wood frog malformations
  Brian Barnes – Freeze tolerance
  Grad student in contact with Josh – population monitoring on Haida Gwaii/Chichigoff
Josh or Mark will try to touch base again with George from Juneau
Newsletter

Deadlines
- All content due Feb 20
- Distribution date March 20

Content
- Officer’s corner pieces
- One full-length article/officer
- Melanie Hinzmann article
- Bradford Norman article

Snippets
- First find contest by region (submit photo/audio?)
- Did you know?
- Save the frogs day
- Social outing to Byers Lake
- Invitation to meeting/registration link
- Short abstracts from each meeting presenter
- Park segment? (Josh’s idea)

Submit pieces
- Mark will create a shared folder on Google Drive to submit pieces
- Dustin and Josh will format into a final product.

T-Shirts

Design complete and pre-orders on website
24 shirts = $1 discount/shirt on order

Promotion
- TWS?
- Facebook
- Flyers on UAF campus

Stickers
- Josh and Dustin will work to create and order stickers

Social Event

Don reserved Byer’s Lake cabin for 21-23 April 2017

FrogWatch Leadership

Mark approached Creamer’s Field about taking over program in 2018
Mark will work with Josh, Seth, and Joni about possibly co-coordinating the program in Southeast/Southcentral

Tangent: AHS leadership/member involvement
- We should try to reconnect with herp hobbyists