

**Minutes from the 2015 OFWIM Business Meeting**  
**Williamsburg, VA**  
**September 29, 2015**

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Rogers, OFWIM President
2. Determination of Quorum
  - a. Jeanette determined quorum is met.
3. Old Business
  - a. The 2014 Business Meeting Minutes were posted earlier on the OFWIM website for membership review. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.
  - b. Officer Reports. The officer and committee reports were included in the Annual Business Meeting document as part of the **2015 Conference Proceedings** and posted to the OFWIM website prior to the conference. Oral statements were brief summaries of the Annual Report and only highlights are recorded in the minutes.
    - i. 2015 President's report – Kristin Rogers  
Kristin thanked her fellow board members and the committee chairs for their commitment to OFWIM. Thanks were given to the Virginia staff for their on-the-ground assistance in planning this year's conference.
    - ii. 2015 Secretary's report – Jeanette Jones  
Correction to the annual report – Recorded membership renewals should be 60 as of 9/15/15, with total membership at 80, which is up from the past five years.
    - iii. 2015 Member-at-Large Report – Amy Ewing  
Worked closely with DSTT committee.
    - iv. 2015 Treasurer's report – Jay Kapalczynski  
Balance following the close of the 2014 conference, \$26,498.  
Balance entering the 2015 conference, \$36,719.
  - c. Committee Reports.
    - i. Communications, Membership & Outreach – Jeanette Jones for Julie Defilippi  
Published and distributed four newsletters.  
Maintained the OFWIM website, Groupsite, and LinedIn.  
Administered travel grants. Two were awarded this year.
    - ii. Conference Planning – Keith Hurley  
This year's conference was a great success thanks to the work from the Virginia planning crew.
    - iii. Data Standards & Technology Trends – Amy Ewing  
Developed a Resource Library document.  
Had several new committee members signed up during the committee breakout session.
    - iv. Training & Education – Don Schrupp for Michael Barbour  
Assisted DS&TT with coordinating two webinars regarding the FAAs proposed rulemaking on the use of UAS.  
Posted notices of external webinars of potential interest to OFWIM members to Groupsite.

#### 4. Awards – Kristin Rogers

- a. Innovation Award – There were two applicants this year, Missouri Department of Conservation for their mobile application, “Agent Mobile” and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for a technology based system for trapping wild hogs. The 2015 Innovation Award went to TWRA. Lynn Barrett accepted on behalf of TWRA.
- b. Student Scholarship Award - There were three applicants this year. Scholarship award this year went to Daniel Walker from the University of Tennessee. As part of this award, Daniel will return to the conference next year and present his research results. The other two student candidates were allowed the opportunity to present at this year’s conference.
- c. 2015 Best Poster - by popular vote was awarded to Vicky Greer, USGS, for “Temperature Data Loggers to Monitor Microclimate Change: Help or Headache?”
- d. Infographic Award – had three applicants. The winner was a tie between Keith Hurley and MaryEllen Wickett.
- e. 2015 Best Presentation - was announced on Thursday morning and by popular vote went to Chris Burkett, VDGIF, for Making Data Approachable in Virginia’s Wildlife Action Plan.
- f. Geocache Award – announced on Thursday morning went to the team of Lynn Barrett, Sabra Tonn, Don Schrupp, and Susan Lanier. Captain Jack Sparrow will be awarded once he returns from being AWOL.
- g. Service Awards were given to:  
Jeanette Jones (outgoing Secretary for 2014- 2015)  
Amy Ewing (outgoing Member-at-Large for 2015)  
Kristin Rogers (outgoing President for 2015)

#### 5. Election Results

President-elect – Jeanette Jones  
Member-at-Large – Joe Kirby  
Secretary – MaryEllen Wickett

#### 6. New Business

Keith Hurley opened by saying he was looking forward to serving OFWIM in the coming year. Keith mentioned that Committees were the life blood of OFWIM and encouraged members to participate in a committee. Thanks were given to MaryEllen Wickett and Jason Czapiga for their assistance with the remote attendees and audio/visual operation. Many thanks given to Susan Watson, Karen Hordoysky, Lenee Pennington, Amy Ewing, Jay Kapalczynski, and Jim Husband for all their hard work and assistance in planning this conference. OFWIM is able to reach out to AFS-FITS with Julie Defilippi as President of FITS. Keith queried if anyone knows of a connection with TWS to please let us know. OFWIM 2016 will be in Nebraska at Ponca State Park early October. OFWIM 2017 will be in Tennessee. We would like to go to the Northwest in 2018 if we have members in that region that want to step up.

There was no other new business. Jim Husband made the motion to adjourn, was seconded by Amy Ewing and passed.