**WGSA Minutes 1-29-16**

**Attendance:** John Hargrove, Josh Epstein, Arrjun Srivathsa, Jane Anderson, Madelon Vanderkirk, Kodiak Hengstebeck, Andrew Marx, Rashida Farid, Katie Haase, Karen Bailey, Kristen Malone, Jenn Moore, Dana Karelus, Elise Morton, Ellen Bledsoe, Annie Loggins

Lunch seminars:

 Feb 1 – Dr. Stefano Allesina

 Feb 8 – Dr. Ellen Damschen

 Feb 22 – Dr. Steve Davis

Photo Contest

 -This is 4th year

 -Photos due by next Thursday

 -Can submit up to 10 photos, each submission requires $3 and two 8x10” prints

 -Voting at Beast Feast on Feb 6th

**Social Events**

Today First Mag 4:30pm Welcoming Party for new students

Swimming with Manatees

 -Currently 15 interested folks

 -Will be on morning of Feb 13th

 -Around $40/person

Ropes Course Day at Lake Wauberg

 -If get at least 10 students will be free

 -Jenn will organize

 -Probably around end of March

Potentially Santa Fe Teaching Zoo day

Some celebration for David Attenborough’s 90th birthday in May

 -Potentially showing one of his films or interview with Obama

 -Card from department

 -Jane will organize

Wildlife themed trivia night at First Magnitude

 -Maybe faculty teamed with students, or competition between labs

 -Jenn will organize

Potential Women in Science lunch/coffee hour

 -focused on women early in career

 -Katie will organize

**Workshops**

Potential third R workshop

**Community Service Possibilities**

Bat Conservancy

Ashton Biological Preserve

Community Service with Zoo

**Travel Grants**

Extended deadline to Feb 15h

Recipients required to give Eco Think Tank prior to travel

 -organize with Rashida

**Undergraduate Mentorship**

TWS interested in collaborating for undergrad volunteering

 -can sign up on website for volunteer needs

 -Can go with Jenn to TWS meeting to describe volunteer needs

**One Health Info**

UF has Program on Campus

 -interested in more wildlife dept involvement

 -Karen will get more details

**Merchandise**

Still have t shirts available

 -John ordered grey and green

 -Will be putting in another order for polos

-Will have pre order – will be ~$25 for polos, and will add a few dollars as WGSA fundraiser

**Meetings this semester**

Will typically be last Friday of every month