

Minutes of the August 24, 2004 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

President Steve Griffin recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center in Oacoma, SD. Board members present were Art Smith, Steve Griffin, Diane Mann-Klager, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, and Bridgette Flanders-Wanner.

Flanders-Wanner presented minutes of the June 2004 board meeting. Smith motioned to accept the minutes and Hubers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Flanders-Wanner presented the quarterly treasurer's report. Mann-Klager motioned to accept, seconded by Morlock. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondence Received

- Letters from Senators Johnson and Daschle expressing opposition to Arctic oil drilling
- Copies of TWS's 2003 Annual Report from TWS Executive Director, Harry Hodgdon
- Thank you from SD Parks & Wildlife Foundation for \$500 donation to SE Birding Trail Guide
- Thank you from Pheasant Forever for \$500 support of the Leopold Education Project
- Request for funding: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop (SD Parks & Wildlife Foundation)
- E-mail from Paul Coughlin regarding the SD Conservation Alliance's draft plan
- Invitation from Harry Hodgdon to TWS's 11th Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch
- Request from TWS for confirmation of SDTWS's 2005 membership dues rates
- Letter from Senator Daschle regarding Missouri River issues

Correspondence Sent

- Response to questionnaire on potential use of a proposed Convention Center in Deadwood, SD
- Letters to SD's 3 U.S. Congress People encouraging them to oppose Arctic oil drilling
- Letter to Ken Higgins expressing thanks/interest in sponsoring Leopold Education Project
- Update of 2005 Section and Chapter dues to TWS – Bethesda, MD

Society of American Foresters Meeting Sponsorship

Griffin reported that the SAF has not requested support for their upcoming Black Hills meeting and is not likely to do so due to a change in the emphasis of their upcoming meeting.

Student Awards – Past and Future

The board discussed methods by which to make up for the oversight at the 2004 Annual Meeting that resulted in no Student Award candidates. Smith offered to contact the new Awards Committee Chair, Mike Lees, and arrange to give out 1 PhD and 2 Masters Awards at the 2005 Annual Meeting. One Masters Award will be given to a 2004 student and one to a 2005 student.

Past Presidents

Smith reported he is in the process of gathering addresses of Past Presidents of SDTWS. Once he has completed gathering contact information, he will be sending out an informational letter and formal invitation to join the Past Presidents.

New Business

Requests for Funding

SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation: Chad Tussing made a request for financial support for the 2004 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop to be held in September. Flanders-Wanner moved to provide a \$500 sponsorship for the workshop. Mann-Klager seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TWS Leader's Lunch

Harry E. Hodgdon, Executive Director of TWS, extended the SDTWS Executive Board an invitation to attend the 11th Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch. Smith and Mann-Klager, who will be attending the conference, expressed interest in attending the Leader's Lunch while at the conference. Smith motioned to sponsor 2 lunches for the two attendants, seconded by Morlock. Motion passed.

Election Results – Central Mountain and Plains Section (CMPS)

Smith reported the results of the CMPS elections in July as follows:

- President – Steve Riley
- Vice-President – Bob Lanka
- Newsletter Editor – Matt Steffl
- Board Member at Large – Art Smith
- Board Member at Large – Tanys Uhmann
- Past-President – Terry Messmer
- Secretary/Treasurer – Alicia Hardin
- Representative to TWS Council – Tom Ryder
- Board Member at Large – Brandon Houck
- Board Member at Large – Gary White

Fast-Response E-mail List

Flanders-Wanner reported that, at the time of the 2004 Annual Meeting, approximately 70 members had given permission to use their e-mail addresses as a method of contact concerning important legislation and other wildlife issues that require a fast response by the membership. Unfortunately, members that did not pay their membership dues at the Annual Meeting did not have the opportunity to sign up for the Fast-Response E-mail List. Mann-Klager offered to write a short article in the September newsletter about SDTWS's effort to build the contact list.

Website Updates

SDTWS received a reminder letter that the chapter needed to renew its domain registry. The board agreed that the new website, maintained by Charlie Bessken, was in excellent upkeep and was a SDTWS resource that deserved maintaining. Morlock motioned to pay \$85 to maintain the chapter's domain (SDWildlife.org) for another 5 years, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed.

2005 Annual Meeting

The 2005 Annual Meeting, set for March 7 – 9, will be returning to Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center in Oacoma, SD. Morlock reported that he expected a full slate of candidates for the positions of President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and one Board Member. Morlock also suggested a theme organized around Wildlife/Conservation Issues and the Media. The board agreed that a Media theme would be an excellent topic and discussed potential presenters/banquet speakers based upon the theme. Griffin offered to ask Cliff Stone to serve as a local contact for the meeting.

September Newsletter

Topics proposed for the upcoming newsletter include an update from CMPS, minutes of the June board meeting, requests for old SDTWS documents for archiving, a notification of the option to sign-up for the Fast-response E-mail List, a call for election candidates, and information on TWS's 11th Annual Conference and the upcoming elections in November.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for November 3, 2004, at 11:00 am in Chamberlain, SD. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mann-Klager. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Flanders-Wanner
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS