

MEETING MINUTES (SDTWS Board) – March 2, 2011

Present: Chad Switzer, Mark Norton, Susan Rupp, Silk Kempema, Travis Runia

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm.

Approve budget – Kathy not around, so Chad will follow up and send out a message.

Next year's suggested conference dates: Jan. 30/31, February 27 – Feb 29, or March 5-7 (spring break?).

Group agreed it would probably be Feb. 27-29 to avoid spring break.

Any meeting comments or concerns from this year's annual conference?

Randy Kleiminger(?) – suggested rotating screen to other end of room to dim lights better. However, people in back would be far away from screen.

Boyd Schultz – do we need to read the business notes? Is it in the by-laws? Chad will check by-laws to see if we can avoid this next year.

Good compliments on food. People liked slide show at banquet.

Speakers on Monday (invited) were good.

Greg Wolver (?) – Student mixer is good way to see if students are active when they consider them for intern positions.

Erica Maiz (?) asked if students can serve on committees. If they are a member, they should be able to, says Chad. She was interested in disease committee.

Susan suggested a committee at state level for students similar to the one at the national level. Perhaps having a student board member would be a good idea to get them involved.

Silka asked if all awardees should have the chance to speak at the banquet. Susan commented that students may not be interested in talking, but "big" awardees (e.g., Citizen of the Year, Professional of the Year) probably would like the chance.

Room might have been a little cold.

Funding request from Heidi Williamson. La Creek Wildlife Conservation Day for 6th grade students. They rotate around various stations learning about wildlife, habitat, soils, live raptor show, etc. Total cost for event is ~\$1000 (includes shirts). Would like 100-200 dollars. Would be in spring (May 9). Chapter votes for \$100 contribution. Letter given to Susan to file.

Paul Epistow (National Ikes). Looking for people to sign off on letter to USDA to encourage better monitoring and reporting of native grassland breakings. Would like to know by this Friday. Chad will send to Board so we can make a decision whether we will sign off or not. Might want to get input from Boyd and grassland committee.

Next meeting date – at Research Review (since most of us will be there). Third week of May???? Need to check. Thursday, May 19th (afternoon) suggested.

Travis' responsibility for next year is to come up with theme for consideration by board and lining up speakers. Silka said Gary White suggested idea of model selection. Silka thought it may not fly with SD Chapter.

Motion to adjourn at 12:41 pm.