

Minutes of the February 28 and March 3, 2010 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

February 28

Dennie Mann called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm CST at the Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma. Board members in attendance were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, KC Jensen, Chad Switzer, Bill Smith, and Nora Kohlenberg.

Kohlenberg presented the minutes of the January 12, 2010 board meeting. Jensen made a motion to accept the minutes, Smith seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Kohlenberg presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report. Switzer made a motion to accept the report, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Old Business

SDTWS Logo Shirts

Jensen reported that he had submitted a request to a business in the Brookings area for pricing and information on having SDTWS logo shirts embroidered.

New Business

Requests for Funding

Outdoor Campus West: Board discussed the idea of sending a donation to the Outdoor Campus West project. Great project, but board decided not to donate at this time. Idea was tabled on a 6-0 vote.

2010 Grasslands Coalition Bird Tour: The Grasslands Bird Tour has been a very successful event. Jensen made a motion that SDTWS provide \$500 support for the 2010 Grasslands Bird Tour. The motion was seconded by Smith. Motion passed (6-0).

MAFWA Furbearer Meeting Sponsorship: The meeting is being hosted by South Dakota and has approximately 50 people representing the Midwest states. Jensen made a motion to provide a \$200 sponsorship for a break. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0, 2 abstained).

Maga Ta-Hohpi Membership: SDTWS received a letter from Friends of Maga Ta-Hohpi inviting SDTWS to become a member. The Board decided that we don't want to start making memberships and will apply this same rationale to the Alaska Coalition Membership request that was discussed at the January 12, 2010, Executive Board Meeting.

Outside Fund Raising at Annual Meeting

Board discussed outside fund raising occurring during the Annual Meeting. Board recognized that there is a degree of competition with fund raising between outside groups and SDTWS. The Board decided that there will not be any outside fund raising during the Annual Meeting and that any groups wishing to do so need to submit a formal funding request as per the process that is in place.

Book signing by Ken Higgins

Ken Higgins submitted a request to set up a table to sell books and signing. Ken offered to donate 20% of the proceeds to SDTWS. Ken would also donate some books for the auction.

2010 Meeting

Board discussed last minute details regarding setup for the meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will follow the conclusion of the Annual Meeting on March 3, 2010, at Cedar Shore Resort.

Adjourn

Jensen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kanta at 10:37 pm.

March 3

Chad Switzer called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm CST at the Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma. Board members in attendance were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, Chad Switzer, Nora Kohlenberg, Bill Smith, KC Jensen, Rocco Murano, and Silka Kempema.

Board reviewed the invoice for the meeting costs. Everything looked correct.

Board tentatively penciled in February 28 through March 2, 2011, for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Need to let Kathi Anderson know ASAP if these dates still work.

Annual Meeting Comments and Concerns

Board members received comments and concerns by members regarding the annual meeting, these included:

- Good comments on the poster that was displayed and interest was expressed in resurrecting a poster presentation in the future.
- Concern that PhD presentations should be included in the open presentation scoring. The Board agreed that this would make more sense. Board will implement the change at the 2011 meeting.
- Concern about the Wildlife Professional of the Year Award going to someone outside of the membership. While the Board understands the concern, the SDTWS Bylaws do not restrict this award to membership. Board continues to encourage anyone who knows someone who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of wildlife conservation, to nominate those folks.

Wilderness Designation

Membership voted to approve the Draft Wilderness Designation Resolution at the Annual Business Meeting on March 2, 2010, Switzer will write letters to send out to the South Dakota Congressional Representatives, Governor, CMPS, and National TWS.

Special Award for 2011 Meeting

Board would like to present a Special Award to the auctioneers who have provided their services for no cost for the last several years.

SDTWS Banner

The SDTWS Banner is missing. Board members are sure that someone asked to borrow it, but it was either not returned or misplaced. Board discussed buying or making a new one for the podium.

Next Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held during the SDGFP Division of Wildlife Conference, which is to be held the second week in May at the Custer State Park Game Lodge. A more specific date and time will be determined at a later time when the agenda for the conference has been released.

Adjourn

Mann mad a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kempema at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Kohlenberg".

Nora Kohlenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS