

## **Minutes of the January 12, 2010 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)**

Dennie Mann called the meeting to order at 10:17 am CST at the Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma. Board members in attendance were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, KC Jensen, Chad Switzer, and Nora Kohlenberg. Bill Smith joined via conference call.

Kohlenberg presented the minutes of the November 19, 2009 board meeting. Switzer made a motion to accept the minutes, Kanta seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

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

### **Old Business**

#### Ferret Petition

SDTWS submitted comments in regards to the ferret petition. CMPS also submitted their comments as well. A second comment letter was submitted by SDTWS in regards to the use of Rozol. CMPS also followed up with a similar letter regarding Rozol.

### **New Business**

#### Requests for Funding

*Alaska Coalition:* Received a letter asking for some support on issues occurring in Alaska. A yearly membership would start at \$35. Board decided to take no action at this time and to bring this to the membership for input.

*Outdoor Expo:* The 2010 Outdoor Expo is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed possibly having a booth at the Expo with help either by membership or SDSU students. Booth would need to have hands-on educational material. SDTWS provided financial support in 2009 at \$500. Jensen made a motion that SDTWS support the Outdoor Expo again in 2010. The motion was seconded by Kohlenberg.

#### 2010 Meeting

*Business Meeting* – Board would like Jon Jenks to give a presentation on the CMPS meeting, which will be held August 17-19, 2010, at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, SD. Board would be willing to help with registration, moderating, etc.

*Gun Raffle* – Carl Madsen has a deal on a gun lined up. Board granted Carl permission to go ahead and purchase the Winchester 12 gauge shotgun for \$500.

*Awards* – Board voted on award nominations received for the 2010 Awards, which include the 2010 Citizens of the Year Award, 2010 Wildlife Professional of the Year Award, and two Master Students Awards. There was one nomination received for the Citizens Award, 2 nominations received for the Wildlife Professional Award, and 2 nominations for MS Award. Switzer made a motion to have two MS Awards and was seconded by Kanta.

The 2010 Award Recipients are as follows:

Citizens of the Year – Friends of Maga Ta-Hohpi  
Wildlife Professional of the Year – Robert Rennolet  
MS Students – Heather McWilliams and Nathan Baker

*Student Professional Mixer* – Kanta reported that there are many volunteers to sit at booths. He has commitments from US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, LaCreek Refuge (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Pheasants Forever, Game, Fish and Parks. He is still working on National Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Ducks Unlimited.

Susan Rupp has been working with Kanta on putting the mixer together. Different ideas were mentioned on how to get students to interact with the professionals and to ask questions. Students participating in the mixer will have an opportunity to put their name in a bin for meeting with a professional. Prize yet to be determined.

*Draft Agenda* – Switzer presented the draft agenda. Board briefly discussed theme presentations, banquet speaker, professional papers and student presentations.

#### SDTWS Shirts

Board discussed looking into having shirts made using the new SDTWS logo. Shirt types were discussed. Jensen will look into pricing and shirt types.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board will be at 6:30 pm CST on February 28, 2010, at Cedar Shore Resort.

#### **Adjourn**

Switzer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jensen at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Kohlenberg  
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS