

Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

Dennie Mann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Game, Fish & Parks Region 2 Office in Chamberlain, SD. Board members present were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, Chad Switzer, KC Jensen, and Nora Kohlenberg. Bill Smith joined the meeting via conference call.

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

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

Old Business

Correspondence Received

- Thank you from the Booth Society for support of the South Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Program
- Request from National TWS office for confirmation of SDTWS's 2010 membership dues rates
- Susan Rupp requested list of membership to send out information regarding TWS Certification

CMPS Memberships

Kohlenberg will work through past several years of expenses to make sure that CMPS has been paid for memberships. Kohlenberg will also send quarterly dues to CMPS for memberships received since May. Jensen made a motion to pay any outstanding CMPS dues, Kanta seconded.

New Business

Requests for Funding

SDSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society: Student Chapter is requesting funding support for travel to the 2009 Wildlife Society Conference in Monterey, CA. In the past, the State Chapter has provided \$1,000 in funding support for travel. It is unknown at this time how many students will attend, but the estimate is at least four. The Student Chapter requested funding through National for \$500, but it is unknown at this time if they will be success for that request. Kanta made a motion to provide \$1,000 and revisit this request if more students sign up to attend and more funds are needed. Switzer seconded the motion. Motion passed (6-0).

Maga Ta-Hohpi Friends Group: Request was received from the Maga Ta-Hohpi Friends Group for support for the 2009 Huron Prairie Fest, to be held September 12, 2009. Jensen made a motion to provide \$300 in support of the event, seconded by Kohlenberg.

Leadership Luncheon

The SDTWS has covered the cost for the President of the Student Chapter at SDSU, a chaperone and two board members. The invitation has not been received yet, cost unknown.

Membership Dues to SDTWS

Board received the 2010 Section Dues Form from the National chapter. Board reviewed membership dues charged by other state chapters. Regular memberships ranged from \$5 to \$20 and student memberships ranged from \$5 to \$8. Kanta suggested keeping membership dues at same cost. Board agreed that the need was not necessary at this time.

Annual Meeting Registration Cost

The board discussed the cost of the annual meetings and the ability for SDTWS to be able to fund conservation orientated requests. The cost for the annual meeting registration has remained the same

for many years. However, costs have increased. The amount of money collected for registration and meals has not covered all the annual meeting costs. Board wants to ensure that the money raised through the auction and raffles is not used to cover meeting costs, and that all money raised through the auction and raffles will be used for funding requests. The board decided to increase the annual registration an additional \$10, bringing the annual registration cost to \$45. The student meeting registration will remain \$20. A motion to increase the annual registration cost by \$10 was made by Smith and seconded by Switzer. Motion passed (6-0).

Website

Charlene Bessken has been managing the website. Charlene is happy with the current layout. Board is not interested in using Joomla that the National Chapter uses. Some other ideas that came out of this discussion included creating a Facebook page for SDTWS members similar to what the National Chapter has done. Jensen will follow up.

Membership Losses/Retention

2009 Membership is down in comparison to 2008. There were 93 individuals who did not renew their memberships in 2009. Board discussed how to reach membership to retain individuals who are not able to be at the Annual Meeting. Board discussed sending out renewal emails. Mann will work with department heads to help with support for their staff to attend annual meetings.

2010 Meeting Theme

Switzer provided a list of possible themes for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Kohlenberg suggested polling annual meeting attendees for future topics. Kanta suggested a list of topics to put out for a vote at next annual meeting. Board discussed a student mixer to tie into the theme. A consensus amongst the Board was "Technological Advances and its use in Wildlife Management" for the 2010 Annual Meeting Theme. The meeting will be March 1 – 3, 2010, at Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain.

Schedule for March 1, 2010:

1:00pm to 4:00pm – Theme Presentations
4:30pm to 6:00pm – Student Mixer
6:30pm – Dinner and Auction

Schedule for March 2, 2010:

9:00am to 12:00pm – Business Meeting
1:00pm to 5:00pm – Presentations
6:00 pm to 7:00pm – Social
7:00pm – Awards Banquet

Schedule for March 3, 2010:

9:00am to 12:00 – Presentations (ending time dependent on number of presentations)

Waxman-Markey Climate Bill

Jensen provided an information update about the status of the Waxman-Markey Climate Bill. Jensen talked with an individual from Herseth-Sandlin's office voicing concern about certain language that may be potentially be pulled out. Jensen reminded Herseth-Sandlin staff that Herseth-Sandlin was very protective of sod saver language.

USFS EA on Waterline in Ft. Pierre National Grasslands

SDTWS provided written comments on this project, but project was dropped. USFS is once again asking for written comments. Mann will resubmit letter.

Newsletter

Need to send out newsletter. Need to request committee reports. Need to include new cost of Annual Meeting registration in next newsletter.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for September 10, 2009, at 10:00am at the Game, Fish and Parks Region 2 Office.

Adjourn

Switzer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Smith at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nora Kohlenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS