

**Minutes of the May 11, 2010 Executive Board Meeting of the
South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS), GFP Rapid City Regional Office**

Chad Switzer called the meeting to order at 11:15 am MST at the Game, Fish and Parks Regional Office in Rapid City. Board members in attendance were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, Silka Kempema, Chad Switzer, Rocco Murano and Nora Kohlenberg.

Kohlenberg presented the minutes of the February 28th & March 3rd meeting and the May 3rd conference call meetings. Kanta made a motion to accept the minutes, Murano seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Kohlenberg presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report. A mistake was noted. Board decided to table the pending report until the next meeting. Murano made a motion to table the pending report and Kempema seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Old Business

Funding Request

Outdoor Campus West: The discussion about a donation to the Outdoor Campus West was tabled at the previous meeting. Kanta made a motion to deny the request at this time and was seconded by Kempema. Motion passed (6-0). Switzer will draft a letter to send that voices the support by SDTWS, but that we will not provide any funding at this time.

Wilderness Letter

Following the 2010 Annual SDTWS meeting, SDTWS sent a letter to the SD Governors Office and to the offices of Tim Johnson, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin and John Thune. A response was received from the Governors Office. No responses have been received from the congressional offices.

SDTWS Banner

The SDTWS podium banner has come up amongst the missing. Mann and Kempema will work on ideas for replacing the missing podium banner.

Shirts and Logo Wear

Have not received any information from KC Jensen who was going to get some price quotes. Switzer will visit with KC.

New Business

Requests for Funding

Friends of Maga Ta Hohpi: Received a letter asking for support on for the 2010 Annual Prairie Fest. Motion to fund again this year was made by Mann and seconded by Murano.

2010 Meeting

Meeting Date: Board discussed the proposed meeting date that was penciled in with Cathy Anderson of Cedar Shores Resort. Currently February 28 – March 2 is penciled in. Board will check to see when the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is scheduled.

Meeting Theme: Board discussed a variety of different possible meeting themes. One potential topic discussed was Land Use Changes, which encompasses many facets like access, habitat, urban sprawl, wildlife and resource management. For the next Executive Board meeting, the board is

challenged to continue to brainstorm for more topic ideas or think of possible speakers for the Land Use Changes topic.

Facebook Page

Kohlenberg presented the SDTWS Facebook Page to the Board members. Facebook is a great tool for social networking and recruitment.

Membership and Retention

Kohlenberg presented the status of memberships to the Executive Board. The Board discussed the need to have support from the higher levels of leadership in agencies in order to maintain our memberships and recruit more members. Board further discussed sending questionnaires out to several agencies to find out what we could be doing better as a Chapter to build and retain memberships.

CMPS Meeting

No further information received.

Next Board Meeting

The next board was not set.

Adjourn

Kanta motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mann at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Kohlenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS