

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Executive Board Special Conference Call of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

Chad Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:32 am CST via conference call. Board members participating were Chad Switzer, Rocco Murano, Dennie Mann, John Kanta, Silka Kempema, and Nora Kohlenberg.

Switzer presented info regarding a funding request from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP). The request was for a \$400 Division of Wildlife Conference sponsorship.

Kohlenberg presented the break down of membership, which included a list of the number of people representing each agency and type of agency (NGO, federal, state, etc.). Board discussed the representation of all the SDTWS members. At the current time, the Executive Board is comprised of six SDGFP representatives, which the Board agreed that the Board needs to be cognizant and sensitive to biases regarding how the Board is representing SDTWS membership.

Kohlenberg also presented the minutes from an Executive Board Meeting that took place on March 5, 2006, where there was discussion about a funding request for a sponsorship for a MAFWA meeting. At that time the Executive Board denied that funding request because it was a state agency supported endeavor.

Kempema mentioned the funding process posted on the SDTWS website and what kinds of projects that the website says that SDTWS funds.

Switzer suggested that this could be justified as a marketing endeavor to recruit more memberships. The Board will request to display the SDTWS banner at the conference and make a short presentation about SDTWS membership.

Kanta motioned to approve the funding request at \$200 contingent on hanging a banner, membership presentation and sponsorship recognition at the Division of Wildlife Conference. The motion carried (6-0).

Kohlenberg will bring membership info and applications to the conference.

Board also discussed the result of the approval of this funding request setting a precedent in future decisions. Mann suggested that the Board set a maximum limit of \$200 for funding breaks for other conservation orientated conferences.

Next Board Meeting

The next board will be at 11:00 am MT on May 11, 2010, at the SDGFP Rapid City, Region 1 Office.

Adjourn

Switzer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kohlenberg at 9:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Kohlenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS