

Minutes of the February 22, 2009 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

KC Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, Oacoma, SD. Board members present were Kurt Forman, Art Smith, Dennie Mann, Chad Switzer, and Bill Smith. General member Carl Madsen was also present.

Secretary's report

Art Smith presented copies of last meeting's minutes. Mann motioned to approve, Forman seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Treasurer's report

Art Smith presented the Treasurer's report. Switzer motioned to approve the report as presented, Bill Smith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Old Business

Bald Eagle Awareness Days – Eileen Dowd Stukel sent another thank you with an agenda of the past meeting we sponsored.

Revisited TWS awards.

New Business

Wind Power Consortium Funding Request

Putting together a big proposal with many sponsors. Request is for \$2,000. Concern for funds to allow appropriate funding is an unknown. Board decided to table this issue until Wednesday when more knowledge is known about this year's revenue.

SD Grasslands Coalition Funding Request

Forman summarized past events. Switzer motioned to support event at \$500, Mann seconded, motion passed (5-0).

SD Outdoor Expo Funding Request

Board reviewed last year's event. Attendance last year was 4,000, good program, but the publicity to the Chapter was limited. Mann motioned to support the event at \$500, Forman seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Annual meeting – update

Board reviewed Business meeting agenda. No major omissions were noted.

Meeting agenda – update

Mann summarized the meeting agenda going into some detail about a few of the presenters.

Concept for Tony Dean Memorial

Forman introduced the idea of looking at devoting some time and effort into making support towards the Tony Dean memorial. Madsen went into a few details about how fundraising was going. Several ideas were discussed about how the Chapter could augment the memorial fundraising effort. Timing and longevity of effort were discussed. Madsen suggested donating 3 fishing rods built by his brother for this year. Board decided to dedicate the rods for this funding support.

Elections:

No changes from last meeting.

Mann motioned to suspend meeting until Wednesday, Bill Smith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Wednesday 25Feb09,

Mann called the meeting back to order at 11:15am. Board members present were Nora Kohlenberg, Bill Smith, John Kanta, KC Jensen, and Chad Switzer. Recent past Board members Kurt Forman and Art Smith were also present.

Art Smith summarized the meeting's revenue amounts.

Board looked at previously tabled funding request for the Wind Power Consortium request of \$2,000. Discussions ensued on who made up the consortium, and what the funds are being used for. General thought was without more information about what the request is supporting, plus the relatively high request amount itself, is problematic. Jensen motioned to not support the request, Kanta seconded. Discussion about asking for more information about budget allocation was brought up. Jensen and Kanta accepted the amendment. Motion passed (5-0).

The venue bill was discussed and loosely compared to the signed contract. No discrepancies were noted; Pheasants Forever will need to be followed-up on to make sure beer keg reimbursements are received. Switzer will do that. Kanta motioned that the venue bill be paid when the invoice is received, Bill Smith seconded, motion carried (5-0).

Discussions for the 2010 meeting were then covered. A student-professional mixer was covered and potential ways of holding that were discussed. Day and timing need to be addressed. Best dates in February will be focused on and Cedar Shore as the venue.

Ideas on logo clothing were briefly discussed.

Next meeting scheduled as a conference call 9June09, 10am Central start. If not held as a conference call it would be held in Pierre.

Kanta motioned to adjourn, Bill Smith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS