

Minutes of the January 3, 2007 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

President Bridgette Flanders-Wanner recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 11:19 AM at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Other Board members present were Will Morlock, Tom Kirschenmann, Kurt Forman, KC Jensen, & Art Smith.

Smith presented minutes of the November 2007 board meeting. One date correction was noted, Morlock motioned to accept the minutes with correction, Kirschenmann second. Motion passed (5-0).

Smith then presented the Treasurers report. No discussion, Jensen motioned to accept the report, Forman Second. Motion passed (5-0).

Old Business

2006 Meeting

- Board decided food/beverage choices for the meals & breaks.
- Banquet and some awards recipients need comp rooms, Smith will order extra rooms for them. Elections have candidates for each open position, but Sec/Treas and Chair-elect only have 1 candidate each.

Correspondence Sent

- Morlock discussed sending letters to congressional delegates. Quickest method is through email (24 hours). Postal mail requires security screening – may take 1 month for delivery.
- No responses by Herseth and Thune on Arctic drilling emails. Morlock thanked Johnson via phone on his stand against the Arctic drilling.
- Duck Stamp Loan Act – Johnson replied he is aware of the issue. Nothing else received.

Wind Turbines

Jensen indicated that the committee is getting ready for a face-to-face meeting. Local support (producers, landowners, etc.) of new lines was very evident at public meetings. Focus of committee is likely to be in developing siting recommendations. Wind Power email discussion list made by committee members is up and running. Invitation for others to be involved and sign onto list serve will be put into the newsletter. Committee report will be given at the 2006 business meeting.

By-Laws / Electronic Mailing of Newsletter

- Morlock reported that there is nothing in the by-laws addressing electronic mailing of the newsletter. One comment was received by members about electronic mailing; comment was regarding large file downloading with dial-up modems. Discussion went over lower resolution pictures, keeping overall file size in mind, and using pdf to reduce newsletter size. Flanders-Wanner volunteered to contact WY Chapter on how they handle file sizes and if they have had any downloading problems. Board suggested that the members need to be notified to contact the Board if they experience any problems downloading the pdf newsletter. Flanders-Wanner motioned to provide the newsletter in electronic format as standard mailing method after the 2006 meeting, Jensen second. Motion passed (5-0).
- Board also discussed the announcement list serve. Options discussed included a mediated list, unmoderated lists, using BCC's, and commercial options. Board decided to have the Secretary/Treasurer send announcements to the members using BCC's, with the authority to send given by approval of President or by assigned delegate of the President.

Farm Bill

- Morlock talked with Kurt Foreman, Paul Coughlin, & Bill Smith about Farm Bill issues. From that discussion, recommendation was for Chapter to not do anything at this time, but they will stay on top of issue and let Chapter know if there is something it can do.

Conservation Coalition

- Coalition has been quiet recently, went through some new leadership, and is being revived. Chapter President will be on any Coalition distribution/information lists.

New Business

Website Update

- List of things to make sure to have updated was made; list includes meeting information, minutes, and room reservation reminders.

Requests for Funding

- Jensen brought a request from the Student Chapter who are looking to send 3 students to Anchorage for 2006 TWS conference. Griffin made a motion to send \$500 to the "SDSU Student Chapter" to attend the conference, Flanders-Wanner second. Motion passed (5-0).

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline set for 20Jan06, will allow newsletter to be ready for printing by 24Jan. Newsletter must be received by 1st week in February due to elections materials. Topics identified for newsletter were: meeting agenda with free 1st lunch notification, room reservation deadline, electronic newsletter information, and ballot info.

Board Duties

Board identified the need to define specific duties for each position. Board members will take draft duties made by Morlock home and provide specific inputs at next meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for March 5th (Sunday) at 6pm Central at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Jensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS