

Minutes of the March 16, 2008 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

Kurt Forman called the meeting to order at 6:35pm, Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Board members present were Tom Kirschenmann, Chad Switzer, Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, KC Jensen, and Art Smith.

Smith presented the minutes of the January 2008 minutes. Two typos were found. Jensen made a motion to accept with typos corrected, Kirschenmann seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Smith presented the Treasurer's report. Kirschenmann motioned to accept the report, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (5-0). Board also reviewed 2007 financial report to be presented at Annual Business meeting.

Old Business

Draft SDTWS Wind Energy Map

Several drafts have been created to date. Board discussed the most recent version and feel this is a good product. Silka Kempema is soon to finish last comments and will be able to post map to website soon. This is a comprehensive map and identifies the source of appropriate professionals that can be used by anyone in the future. No other comments were suggested other than what had already been sent to Kempema. Board did not feel the need to delay voting on accepting the map as in it's current form with the soon to be made changes. Flanders-Wanner motioned to accept the map and place it on the website, Kirschenmann seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Support Letter for the Climate Security Act

Letters being sent across the nation to support a support letter driven by the National Wildlife Federation. List of supporters is big, and is being lobbied hard for in DC. Board agreed the support of this work is very worth supporting. Jensen motioned to sign onto the letter, Flanders-Wanner seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

New Business

Resolution on Missouri River Management & North American Model of Wildlife Management

Forman presented these 2 resolutions that will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. Presented as an FYI, no action requested of the Board.

SDSU "Bio-Blitz" Funding Request

Oak Lake Field Station will be hosting a bio-blitz June, 2008. Objectives are to increase the public's awareness of local biodiversity and to collect scientific data to support research ecosystem management. Support request is for t-shirts at \$525 for scientists, volunteers, and presenters. Concern was supporting such a product like t-shirts. Kirschenmann motioned to support the bio-blitz for \$250, seconded by Switzer. Motioned passed (5-0).

WAFWA

Board expressed concern supporting this event. Jensen motioned to support member at \$250, Flanders-Wanner seconded. Switzer, Kirschenmann, and Smith removed themselves from the voting as they are all involved with the WAFWA conference, are members of that organization, and will be at this meeting. Motioned passed (3-0).

Leopold Education Project.

Ann Lewis, recipient of LEP workshop, is asking for support to hold a similar workshop this June. Request is for \$30/educator and \$181.25 for book copies for workshop attendees. Total cost could be \$631.25 at maximum if the workshop is filled. Flanders-Wanner motioned to support the project at \$631.25. A reservation was voiced this is a project beyond TWS and funding should be sought from other avenues. No second from the floor was forthcoming. Flanders-Wanner made a motion of support for \$450, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

SD Grasslands Coalition Funding Request

Chapter funded a previous tour in 2007. Board covered the success of the first Coalition's tour. Venue of the second was thought as a good one. Switzer motioned to support the request at \$550, Jensen seconded. Funding at this relatively high of a level was discussed as this may be something that would be asked to the Chapter to fund again in the future. Thoughts were to assure next request would put the Chapter last in the funding request line. Switzer modified his motion for a Board member to talk to Kempema about additional funding support details, Jensen agreed. Motioned passed (5-0).

Harvey Dunn fundraising opportunity

"The Prairie Trail" Harvey Dunn print is being used by the SD Art Museum for conservation easements. Each print will cost \$420, which protects approximately 1 acre of tallgrass prairie and wetlands. The Chapter can buy a print, then sell raffle tickets for the print. Tom Tornow will be pushing this through. Kirschenmann motioned to buy a print, Switzer seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Annual Meeting

Jensen summarized the agenda. Kirschenmann is ready to find judges for paper reviews. AV needs have been met by Jensen and Forman. Sponsorships were discussed. Other meeting details were also discussed. Room costs for TWS National reps (Bies and Svedarsky) were discussed. Board felt it would be good to cover for their room costs. Flanders-Wanner motioned to cover Svedarsky and Bies rooms, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Additional Items

Flanders-Wanner moved to adjourn, seconded by Kirschenmann. Motion passed (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Board then met after the Annual Meeting, March 19, 2008. President Bridgette Flanders-Wanner recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Board members present were Kurt Forman, KC Jensen, Dennie Mann,

Teresa Zimmerman, and Art Smith. Past-past Chair Bridgette Flanders-Wanner was also present. Chad Switzer was not in attendance.

SD Grasslands Coalition Funding Request

Silka Kempema reported that there are 2 other funding requests for this event. The \$550 request would be half of the needed funds. Merits of the program were again covered. Kurt Forman motioned to support the funding request at \$550, Teresa Zimmerman seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Art Smith presented a summary of the annual meeting revenues.

Logo contest results were discussed. Marketing concepts and the logos submitted were covered.

2008 venues discussed, timing of the meeting, and complimentary rooms. 2009 spring break will start March 9th. Coinciding with the AFS meeting (late Feb?) is not desired. Board will determine a date in the next few weeks.

Next board meeting was set for June 10th, in Pierre, 10am Central start.

Kurt Forman moved to adjourn the meeting, Dennie Mann seconded at 1:45pm. Motion approved (4-0), meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS