

Minutes of the November 9, 2005 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

President Will Morlock recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Board members present were Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Steve Griffin, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, & Art Smith. KC Jensen was absent due to illness.

Smith presented minutes of the August 2005 board meeting. No discussion, Griffin motioned to accept the minutes, Flanders-Wanner second. Motion passed.

Smith then presented the Treasurers report. No discussion, Hubers motioned to accept the report, Flanders-Wanner Second. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondence Sent

- Morlock sent faxes to all 3 congressional delegates, no response from Herseth, votes on arctic drilling went as expected.
- Duck Stamp Loan – Morlock sent letters to all 3 congressional delegates, no responses were received. In letter, it was suggested to contact Jensen.

Correspondence Received

- • Pheasant Forever for Chapter contribution to the Leopold Education project.

Wind Turbines

Will be session at upcoming North American on wind turbines. Jensen is going, Chapter Executive Board could support partial \$ assistance if asked, Morlock will check with Jensen.

By-Laws / electronic mailing

- Flanders-Wanner spoke with WY Chapter President Kilpatrick – this Chapter recently transitioned to all electronic newsletters. They used a Board vote to switch to electronic distribution; 20 hardcopies are still mailed. No complaints, positives include color pictures, increased accessibility, smaller cost, and bigger issue sizes. Email address changes are the biggest problem they've encountered – similar to surface mail – look for coworkers or send hardcopy with messages to bounce-back new email addresses.

Board discussion followed, with points made about posting on national website, comment from Section Rep. Ryder "Don't let 10 people stop e transition," discussion if Board or membership needs to vote on change, needing someone to manage email list. Likely details on how to handle these issues will be determined as time progresses. Next President's Message will say after 2006 annual meeting all newsletters will be electronically distributed unless hardcopy is requested. Also put in article Board will need to address mandatory electronic transition of the newsletter at the next Board meeting (Flanders-Wanner will do this).

New Business

Requests for Funding

- Crane Foundation – 24 new hatched chicks, looking for match or other contributions from TWS units (WI Chapter donated \$1k). Three whoopers were in NE SD in 2004, 1 still alive. Merits of protection of whoopers vs. activism & funding focus of Chapter issues discussed. Hubers motioned to donate \$100, Flanders-Wanner seconded, 1-3 against, motion failed.
- Acorn Naturalists Critter Box – USFWS Education crate loaners, endangered species focus. Griffin motioned to donate \$200, Flanders-Wanner second, motion passed. Morlock will let Connie know if more \$ is needed to contact Chapter.
- Bald Eagle Awareness Days – Looking for 30 sponsors donating \$100-\$200 each, total event expenses are \$4-5k. Griffin motioned to donate \$200, Hubers seconded, motion passed.

Other Correspondence Received

- Roads in the Black Hills – information on road closures in the Black Hills provided by Cara Staab. Morlock will ask Staab if the Chapter needs to do anything (including a website link?).
- Farm Bill letter to delegates – Pheasants forever and Farm Bill program individuals looking at future action on the Farm Bill. Board will ask for letter from the Chapter's Conservation Review Committee.

Website Update

All OK.

Registration Fee Adjustment

Suggestion was to make electronic receiving of Chapter newsletter reward of CMPS membership. Motion by Griffin that Chapter pays \$1 CMPS dues if email is provided, Hubers seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter Deadline

Will allow Higgins retirement advertisement to be put into newsletter – concern was using the newsletter to announce what some could consider a “private” event. Other assignments were: Morlock, President’s Message; Flanders-Wanner, electronic transmission of newsletter, call for papers, draft program; Griffin, annual meeting accommodations info.

2006 Meeting

Flanders-Wanner and Morlock will pursue potential banquet speakers. Several comprehensive non-game bird presentations have been submitted already. Presentation lengths may vary depending on content. First-day presentations are filling-up. Room rates will be state single \$44, fed \$ 60/person, no agency affiliation \$69.95, group(>2 people, in a single or double additional \$10 per person). Contract is set-up for 6-8 March, 2006. Block of 95 rooms, will be released Feb 6th. Morlock will contact Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever for donations/sponsorships. Griffin will take over sponsorships, probably is a good permanent task for Past-Presidents.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for January 4th, 2006, at 11:00 am Central at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD. Flanders-Wanner moved to adjourn, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS