

Minutes of the June 1, 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 11:04 AM at the Foss Building in Pierre, SD. Board members present were Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Steve Griffin, KC Jensen, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, & Art Smith.

Flanders-Wanner presented minutes of the January 2005 board meeting. The treasurer's report was incomplete and was voted by the Board to accept via email. Jensen motioned to accept the minutes and treasurer's report review procedures, seconded by Griffin. Motion passed.

Old Business

The 2005 meeting's financial report was examined. \$6,601.73 was made at the meeting. Approximately 126 people attended the meeting. Hubers motioned to accept the report, Jensen seconded. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Executive Board 2005 meeting minutes, but took no vote. This will be voted on at the 2006 Executive Board meeting during the annual meeting.

The balances of the savings and checking accounts were reviewed by the group. Incorrect information by the bank led to several monthly service fees being taken from the savings account. These have been reversed, but needed account levels still need to be examined. Board gave Treasurer responsibility of making balance adjustments with recommendations to FYI the rest of the Board via email.

Ducks Unlimited Sponsorship – discussion moved around if it is fair to only have sponsorship from a single region, or if there is a more equitable way to work with DU and have more than a partial-state representation with the sponsorship. Morlock will talk with the western region to see what they can do for us without requiring us to buy a \$310 sponsorship. The Board realized there are a lot of intangibles, but the sponsorship doesn't benefit local chapters as much as it benefits the national DU organization with only a trickle-down effect to the local chapters.

Correspondence Received

- Response to letter sent by Morlock asking Rep. Herseth why she supported arctic drilling. Her response was arctic drilling is part of a comprehensive energy plan that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- Sen. Johnson's response was that he will continue to oppose arctic drilling.
- No response from Sen. Thune, but is clear he is proud of the passage of arctic drilling.
- Pheasants Forever thank you letter for \$500 contribution for their Leopold Education Project.
- Megan Hall thank you letter for her graduate student award.

Wind Turbines

Board reviewed notes to see who was potential wind turbine group members. Names of Ken Higgins, Alyssa Kiesow, Natalie Gates, Diane Mann-Klager, Pete Bauman came up. Morlock will ask Bauman to serve as chair. None of these individuals have been contacted yet. Task given to the group could be to gather available information on turbines to maybe develop a best placement strategies and potentially include recommendations for mitigation. Item for newsletter would be asking for additional volunteers to serve on the committee.

Past President Pins

Still lost. Griffin will start looking into where these pins may be. There should be a medium-sized manila envelope with around 25 pins in it.

Correspondence Sent

- None reported outside Arctic Drilling letters.

New Business

Requests for Funding

Becoming an Outdoors woman (BOW): Chad Tussing, Fundraising coordinator, sent letter asking for funding. Last year SD TWS gave \$500. Board questioned at what point do some organizations become self-sustaining? BOW is a good organization, provides a great program, SD TWS has supported this for years. Questions were raised about the accountability of the SD TWS money and what it is used for. Tussing was called; found money is used for costs of supplies (not food, lodging, or facility) and instructor expenses and travel, GFP is another sponsoring agency, BOW is fairly self-supporting, loss of SD TWS money would not bind BOW too much, GFP would likely pick-up the slack, but BOW likes the partnerships, there is no time limit on receiving the money, the conference is held 16-18 September, 2005, 10 half-priced scholarships are made available, 4 for GFP staff, these costs absorbed. Griffin moved to provide \$200, Flanders-Wanner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pheasants Forever Leopold Education Project. Last year SD TWS gave \$500, request this year is for \$1,000 (same as last year). consideration on this request is that PF provided the 2005 SDTWS banquet speaker for free. Griffin moved to provide \$300 scholarship and \$200 for training materials, Hubers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Website Update

Need pictures for awards, Griffin has write-ups for the awards. Griffin will contact Bessken on all updates. Several areas need updating. Group decided that immediate Past-president should take on duties of updating website after each annual meeting.

Chapter History

Cara Staab and Corey Huxoll are willing to take co-chair positions, have been given Ron Fowler's contact information (Fowler is most recent Chapter Historian Chair).

New Award - Law Enforcement Case of the Year

Morlock proposed new award, modeled after ND TWS Chapter. After much discussion, group did not come to consensus, will look into this more.

Jane Goodall visit to South Dakota

Goodall will arrive in Watertown 9/3 and stay the night, will visit the "Roots and Shoots" people, give a free lecture at the Watertown auditorium on 9/4, and will travel to Rapid City the next day. Her normal speaking fee is \$50,000, which have been waived for these engagements.

2006 Annual Meeting

To be held at Cedar Shores, Oacoma again. Group will examine options for a breakfast buffet. Jensen and Morlock spoke with the hotel, and next year double occupancy room prices will not be double the single room prices, and federal and state room rates will be different.

Program - Lefaive and Mann proposed a half-day theme on collaborations. Flanders-Wanner would like to see a single talk and then perhaps have non-game (birds) talks with North and South Dakota projects.

Registration Fee Adjustment – Group will look into increasing the registration fees to match the new state per diems. Will revisit this idea at the next meeting.

SDTWS Newsletter

Andy Lindbloom asked a question if there was a proposal to put the fee-hunting resolution into the newsletter for review. Group did not have a consensus on what should be done or what was agreed by group previously. Flanders-Wanner will check her original notes to see exactly what was written, Griffin will look on website and contact Lindbloom regarding the status of this project.

Next issue – Awards write-ups and pictures (Griffin), unapproved business meeting minutes (Smith), Committee Chair updates (Griffin), 2005 CMPS and National meeting information (Hubers), Contact Committee chairs for committee updates (Griffin), announcement for 2006 meeting and call for papers and Board candidates (Flanders-Wanner), President's message and contact editor for due dates (Morlock).

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for August 24, 2005, at 11:00 am at the Foss Building in Pierre, SD. Flanders-Wanner moved to adjourn, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS