

**South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting - March 12, 2002**  
**Cedar Shores Resort, Chamberlain, SD**

Chapter president Dan Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain, SD. President Hubbard recognized a quorum was present, and recognized Casey Kruse at the meeting parliamentarian. Secretary Jennifer Briggs presented the minutes of the 2001 annual meeting. Carl Madsen moved that the minutes be approved as presented; second by Karrie Schmidt. Motion passed. Briggs presented the Chapter's 2001 annual financial report. Casey Kruse moved to approve the report as presented; second by Dave Gilbert. Motion passed.

**Old Business**  
**Committee Reports**

Audit Committee – Carl Madsen

Madsen reported that all details of the Chapter's 2001 financial books were in order. Spencer Vaa moved to approve the report; second by Colleen Kolbeck. Motion passed.

Membership Committee - Tom Tornow

Tornow reported on the past years activities of the membership committee. Letters were sent to various agencies and tribes encouraging membership in the Chapter. He encouraged Chapter members to get involved in committees, and to consider the Chapter's Life Membership option. He presented the new members that have joined over the past year and at the annual meeting.

Fund Raising Committee – Tony Leif

Leif reported on fund raising activities from the 2002 auction and social.

Arrangements Committee – Ron Schauer

Schauer recognized the hotel staff for their outstanding work and commented on the ease of arrangements with previous annual meetings being held at Cedar Shores.

Nominations and Elections – Paul Coughlin

Coughlin presented the list of candidates for President-elect and Board Member. Candidates were:

President-elect: Kenneth Parr and Art Smith

Board Member: Ron Schauer and Andy Lindbloom

Coughlin called for any additional nominations from the floor. With there being no further nominations, Rich Madsen moved to cease nomination; second by Vandel. Motion passed, and the election was conducted. Election results were presented.

President-elect: Kenneth Parr

Board Member: Ron Schauer

Vandel moved to accept the results of the election and destroy the ballots; second by Ron Fowler. Motion passed.

Resolutions and Public Statements Committee – Scott Larson

Larson proposed a resolution concerning the James River of Eastern South Dakota. Discussion will be included in the new business.

Tribal Fish & Wildlife - Diane Mann-Klager

Mann-Klager updated the chapter on current tribal issues including Prairie Dogs issues, federally commissioned tribal conservation officers, and archaeological concerns on the reservations.

Jerry Kobriger, CMPS Section Representative to TWS Council

Kobriger updated the chapter on the Campaign for Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship, encouraged attendance at the annual meeting in Bismarck, and solicited for award nominees for the Leopold Award.

Certification – Pat Russell

Russell reviewed the requirements and categories of certification and provided forms for those interested.

Nongame/Endangered Species – Eileen Dowd-Stukel

Dowd-Stukel updated the chapter on current issues including the following:

**Black footed ferret** – there have been 2 reintroduction sites in SD, and the critters are doing well

**Black tailed prairie dog** – USFWS listed it as a candidate species and are working on alternatives to listing

**Bald Eagle Awareness Days** – thanked the chapter for their sponsorship, the 2-day festival reached approximately 1300 people.

**Critical Habitat Designations** - being completed for the Piping Plover and Topeka Shiner

Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative – Eileen Dowd-Stukel

Dowd-Stukel updated us on several funding packages including the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), an appropriations package for an \$80 million state wildlife grants program and a \$5 million program for Indian tribes, the American Wildlife Enhancement Act of 2001 (S. 990), which includes an appropriation of \$350 million for state fish and wildlife conservation and related recreation and education programs with Senator Johnson as a cosponsor.

### Awards Committee – Emmett Keyser

Keyser read the names of previous winners of the both the professional and citizen awards. 2002 award winners:

Professional award - David Gilbert

Citizen award - H. Thomas Putzier

Best Student Presentation – Dan Thompson

Best Presentation – Ken Higgins

A special service award was given to Dr. Les Flake for his contributions toward conservation of South Dakota's wildlife resources and for his years of service to the SD Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

President Hubbard called for other old business, and there being none, proceeded to new business.

### New Business

#### James River Resolution – Larson

The resolution was read and George Vandel moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Diane Mann-Klager. Items discussed included the term "natural hydrology" and what that means to different audiences, the issue of whether trees on the river were "natural" or not, and the wording concerning the Lake Plain Reach of the river vs. the whole James River. Rich Madsen moved to amend the original motion by adding verbiage to include the whole James river not just the Lake Plain Reach in the resolution, second by Wade Briggs. The question was called to vote on the resolution as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Jr. Duck Stamp

Karrie Schmidt, state coordinator, thanked the chapter for their financial support of the Jr. Duck Stamp program.

#### CMPS Meeting

Vandel informed the chapter that the 2002 CMPS annual meeting would be held in Lead, South Dakota, July 16-18 at the Golden Reward. He encouraged attendance and support from the Chapter.

#### News From North Dakota

Mike McEnroe briefed the chapter on the 2002 TWS Conference to be held September 24-28, 2002 in Bismarck, North Dakota. McEnroe encouraged SDTWS members to attend and solicited for student volunteers and would appreciate any help the SD Chapter would be able to give.

#### 2003 & 2004 Annual Meetings

The 2003 SDTWS annual meeting is scheduled for March 3, 4, and 5 in Aberdeen at the Ramkota. The 2004 SDTWS annual meeting site will be back at Cedar Shores resort in Chamberlain to coincide with the Lewis & Clark Centennial.

#### Voting In Of New Members

Vandel moved to approve the list of new members as presented earlier, second by Scott Larson. Motion passed.

#### Financial Investments

Chapter Treasurer Briggs updated the membership on recent investments made by the Chapter. The executive board decided to cash out the Life Membership CD and invest it into a mutual fund. The board decided discuss investment options with the membership at the annual meeting. After several discussions and realizing that everyone has their own opinion on how to invest the money, the membership decided to let the board decide on investment options.

#### Drilling in the Arctic NWR

There was discussion on the position of the TWS on this issue and whether the Chapter had taken any action. The Alaska Coalition of the Dakotas has kept the board informed and the SDTWS has signed on as an endorser for no drilling in the Arctic NWR. The board also agreed to write SD Congressional staff regarding the subject.

Hubbard's call for additional new business yielded none.

#### Transfer of Gavel

Hubbard transferred the gavel to president-elect Coughlin. Coughlin presented Hubbard with a wall plaque and thanked him for his service to the Chapter over the past year.

Parr moved to adjourn, second by Wade Briggs. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Briggs  
Secretary/Treasurer