

**South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting - March 4, 2003**  
**Ramkota Inn and Convention Center, Aberdeen, SD**

Chapter president Paul Coughlin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Ramkota Convention Center in Aberdeen, SD. President Coughlin recognized a quorum was present, and recognized Casey Kruse at the meeting parliamentarian. Secretary Jennifer Briggs presented the minutes of the 2002 annual meeting. Ron Schauer moved that the minutes be approved as presented; second by Tom Tornow. Motion passed. Briggs presented the Chapter's 2002 annual financial report. Will Morlock moved to approve the report as presented; second by Connie Vicuna. Motion passed.

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

Nominations and Elections – Art Smith

Smith presented the list of candidates for President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board Member. Candidates were:

President-elect: Steve Griffin

Secretary/Treasurer: Bridgette Flanders

Board Member: Diane Mann-Klager, Matt Morlock, and Ron Leathers

Smith called for any additional nominations from the floor. With there being no further nominations, Diane Mann-Klager moved to cease nomination; second by Ron Fowler. Motion passed, and the election was conducted. Election results were presented.

President-elect: Steve Griffin

Secretary/Treasurer: Bridgette Flanders

Board Member: Diane Mann-Klager

Collen Kolbeck moved to accept the results of the election and destroy the ballots; second by John Kanta. Motion passed.

Audit Committee – Dan Hubbard

Hubbard reported that all details of the Chapter's 2002 financial books were in order. Casey Kruse moved to approve the report; second by Dave Gilbert. Motion passed.

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 McGuigan

Citizen award - Gary Marrone

Best Student Presentation – Todd Brinkman

Best Presentation – Tony Leif

A special service award was given to Carl Madsen 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.

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.

Arrangements Committee – Paul Mammenga

Mammenga complimented the hotel staff for their outstanding work and their efforts for making the meeting go smoothly.

Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative – Eileen Dowd-Stukel

Dowd-Stukel updated us on several funding packages including the State Wildlife Grants which are tied to fish and wildlife conservation projects for species at risk, the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program (WCRP) which funds conservation, education, and recreation projects, and CARA which has not passed but has generated support for states in other areas.

Nongame/Endangered Species – Eileen Dowd-Stukel

Dowd-Stukel thanked the chapter for their support of the following:

**Glacial Lakes and Prairie Birding Trail** - a new color brochure is being developed with site descriptions, maps, bird photos, a description of general habitats, a route map with all sites included, and a birding checklist for northeastern South Dakota. Several partners are working on this effort including USFWS, SDGFP, SD Dept. of Tourism, SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation, SDTWS, The Glacial lakes and Prairies Tourism Association, Missouri Breaks Audubon Chapter in Pierre, and the SD Ornithologists' Union.

**Bald Eagle Awareness Days** - Educators from the Raptor Center at the Univ. of Minnesota presented programs throughout the state reaching approximately 1000 people.

Fund Raising Committee – Tony Leif

Leif reported on fund raising activities from the 2003 auction and social.

Newsletter - Greg Pavelka

Pavelka reported on the issue of sending the newsletter via e-mail. The membership agreed and wanted the executive board to decide on a mechanism for attaining those email addresses.

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 turkey research projects.

Wetlands - Kurt Forman

Forman updated the chapter on current wetland issues including the SWAANC decision defining “other waters” and who has regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act - an act to put value and importance on those wetlands and other waters and an agency to regulate them.

Approval Of New Members - Tom Tornow

Rich Madson moved to approve the list of new members as presented earlier, second by Arden Pederson. Motion passed.

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

**New Business**

TWS Endowment Fund – Les Flake

Flake updated the chapter on the TWS Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation. An effort by TWS to raise \$3 million for Policy and Public Education Programs.

Wetlands and Waterbirds Recognition Honor Roll - John Koerner and Ken Higgins

Koerner and Higgins presented the chapter with a proposal for a recognition memorial for those individuals who have contributed significantly to the welfare and conservation of wetlands and waterfowl in South Dakota. They would like to develop an ad-hoc committee made up of 7 people that would develop the criteria for induction to the honor roll. Discussion in support of the honor roll was received as well as the idea that this would exclude upland and big game individuals and that the Chapter could add additional categories to include those people. George Vandel moved to establish an ad-hoc committee. Second by Will Morlock. Motion Passed.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Position Statement - Art Smith, John Jenks, Ron Fowler

Smith presented the position statement to the chapter for review. Mary Clawson made a motion to adopt the position statement as presented. Second by Ron Fowler. The statement was then open for discussion which included reviewing each recommendation, the idea that it did not include Tribal Lands, and whether the statement should be reviewed by the Animal Industry Board and private individuals. The following recommendations were discussed:

# 6 - The issue of food plots for management purposes was discussed. Vandel moved to amend this recommendation to replace the word “prohibited” with the word “discouraged” so that it reads - “Human behaviors that concentrate wild cervids, such as recreational feeding by the public, be discouraged”. Second by Tony Leif. Motion passed.

# 9 - Steve Griffin moved to amend this recommendation to read - “South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks continue surveillance efforts for CWD in free-ranging cervid populations statewide. Priority should be given to areas having current and former captive cervid facilities via data provided by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board”. Second by Vandel. Motion Passed.

#11 - This recommendation brought about several discussions and several amendments that failed due to lack of seconds and failure of support.

Steve Griffin moved to amend the position statement by adding recommendation # 13 that states “The South Dakota Department of Game Fish & Parks will explore the possibility of creating a position for a wildlife veterinarian within the State of South Dakota”. Second by Steve Fairburn. Motion Passed.

Diane Mann-Klager moved to amend the position statement by adding recommendation #14 that states “The SD Animal Industry Board, The South Dakota Department of Game Fish & Parks, Tribal Fish and Wildlife agencies, and Federal land management agencies will coordinate on the management and control of CWD. Second by Sandy Uecker. Motion passed.

John Jenks moved to amend #13 & #14 by striking the word “will”. Second by Rosemary Vanderlee. Motion passed.

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The 2004 SDTWS annual meeting site will be back at Cedar Shores resort in Chamberlain to coincide with the Lewis & Clark Centennial.

Coughlin’s call for additional new business yielded none.

Transfer of Gavel

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

Will Morlock moved to adjourn, second by Bruce Vanderlee. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Briggs  
Secretary/Treasurer