

## **Minutes of the August 27, 2002 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

President Paul Coughlin recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Best Western in Aberdeen. Board members present were Dan Hubbard, Paul Mammenga, Ron Schauer, Ken Parr, and Jennifer Briggs. In addition to the board members, Beth Ullenberg, 2003 program committee member, and Diane Mann-Klager, Tribal Fish & Wildlife committee chairperson, were also present.

Briggs presented the minutes of the June 11, 2002 board meeting. Coughlin moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mammenga. Motion passed.

Briggs read the quarterly treasurer's report. Hubbard moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Mammenga. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

#### 2002 CMPS Meeting

Parr thanked everyone for their help with the meeting and noted that things went very well.

#### 2002 TWS Annual Conference

Bismarck is hosting the event on September 24-28<sup>th</sup> and Hubbard will attend the Leaders Lunch on Friday, September 27.

#### Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent included letters to Senator Tim Johnson requesting that he use his influence to increase the amount for the State Wildlife Grants Program within the Senate Interior Appropriations bill to \$100 million, to match the amount presently in the House version, and a letter to Chad Tussing to inform him that the chapter would be glad to support the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop and will be sending him a check for \$500.00.

Correspondences received included a thank you from the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation for our donation to the BOW workshop, USFWS requesting comments on Topeka shiner critical habitat designation, request from Scott Hed, Alaska Coalition, to join in the fight in protecting the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, and a concept proposal concerning waterfowl and wetland professionals and select citizens in South Dakota.

Two funding requests was received. The USFWS Madison WMD is applying for grant and requested \$500.00 from the Chapter to be used as matching funds to purchase educational exhibits for their new visitor center. Hubbard moved to give \$500.00, seconded by Schauer. Motion passed. The second request was from the National TWS Chapter requesting help in upgrading their web server and software. Schauer moved to give \$250.00, seconded by Coughlin. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### 2003 Meeting

Beth Ullenberg, Sand Lake NWR Outdoor Recreation Planner, gave the board an update and is working on getting speakers for the program. Paul Mammenga is coordinating the arrangements with the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen. The hotel staff was present and gave us some details on room sizes, meals, room rates, etc.

### President - Elect position

Ken Parr, the current president-elect, has recently taken a new position with the Bureau of Reclamation in Carson City, Nevada. This was his last board meeting as he will be leaving us October 6. SDTWS BYLAWS state: Article V. ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS: Section 5. VACANCIES: "If the office of President-Elect is vacated for any reason other than the assumption of the office of President, a special election shall be held for the office of President-Elect." The board has come up with a list of candidates and ballots will be distributed in the September newsletter so that a new president-elect can be on board by the next executive board meeting in October.

### Other New Business

The Board reviewed a Concept Proposal, submitted by Ken Higgins and John Koerner, regarding a recognition memorial for those individuals who contributed significantly to the welfare and conservation of wetlands and waterfowl in South Dakota. The board supported the idea and Coughlin will inform Ken and John that we'd like to see a formal proposal at our next board meeting.

In response to the USFWS request for comments on the critical habitat designation for the Topeka Shiner, the board decided to refer this to Eileen Dowd Stukel, Nongame and Endangered Species chairperson, and have her consult with Fisheries personnel in coordinating a response.

Hubbard brought up the issue of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and whether the Chapter would like to write a position statement or resolution in regards to the issue. After much discussion about CWD and captive herds, the Board decided to have Coughlin contact several individuals, who have first hand knowledge on the issue, and see what recommendations they may have for the Chapter.

Next board meeting will be October 28, 2002 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs  
Secretary/Treasurer