

## **Minutes of the August 28, 2001 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

President Dan Hubbard recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, near Aberdeen. Board members present were Paul Coughlin, Paul Mammenga, Ken Parr, and Jennifer Briggs.

Briggs presented the minutes of the June 26, 2001 board meeting. Mammenga moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Parr. Motion passed.

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Correspondences Sent & Received**

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were an invite to the National TWS Conference and Leaders Lunch to be held in Reno in September, request for a SD TWS representative on the NRCS's EQIP team, notice from the Fish and Wildlife Service on listing of yellow billed cuckoo - was warranted but precluded, NRCS State Technical Committee minutes from the July 19, 2001 meeting, an informative letter from NRCS suggesting a change in the rules on CRP riparian areas - planting native vegetation instead of trees, letters to SD Congressional delegation requesting an incentive program for landowners in the Black Tailed Prairie Dog range, letters to Representative John Thune and SD GF&P John Cooper urging support of CARA, letter to Rep. Thune requesting his support to increased funding for voluntary, incentive based programs including WHIP, EQIP, WRP, and the Farmland Protection program, and a letter to FWS Ecological Services office commenting on the critical habitat designation of the piping plover.

#### **2002 Annual Meeting**

Plans are under way and moving forward.

#### **2003 Annual Meeting**

Sand Lake's Refuge Manager John Koerner, Outdoor Recreation Planner Beth Ullenberg, and Tom Koch of Duck's Unlimited were present to discuss the 2003 annual meeting. Koerner and Ullenberg discussed various ways to involve the refuge in the planning of the 2003 meeting. Several options were brought up, all of which involved one limiting factor - the unpredictable weather in Aberdeen in March! Koerner, Ullenberg, and Koch have graciously volunteered to assist Paul Mammenga in organizing and planning the meeting.

### **New Business**

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at Cedar Shores Resort, Chamberlain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs  
Secretary/Treasurer