

**Minutes of the December 30, 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, Art Smith, and Jennifer Briggs. In addition to the board members, Beth Ullenberg, 2003 program committee member, and John Koerner both from Sand Lake NWR.

Briggs presented the minutes of the October 28, 2002 board meeting. Mammenga moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Hubbard. Motion passed.

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

Old Business

Wetlands and Waterfowl Professionals Memorial

John Koerner presented the board with a concept proposal regarding a recognition honor roll for those individuals who have contributed significantly to the welfare and conservation of wetlands and waterfowl in South Dakota. Hubbard moved to endorse the proposal and have it presented to the membership at their 2003 annual business meeting. Schauer 2nd. Motion passed.

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent included a letter of notification to the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation that the SDTWS Executive Board approved a \$500.00 cost share donation for the development of the Glacial Lakes Birding Trail, letter of invitation to John Cooper to come and speak at the 2003 annual meeting, letter of invitation to John Koerner and Ken Higgins to present to the executive board the proposal for a Wetlands and Waterfowl Professionals Memorial.

Correspondences received included an invite from NRCS to attend the State Technical Committee meeting, a request from the Western Bat Working Group for support of their 2003 Conservation Workshop, and a notification of the completion of a draft EA for Perkins County Rural Water System from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Chronic Wasting Disease and Captive Wildlife

John Jenks, Ron Fowler, and Art Smith have put together a Position Statement on CWD for the Chapter to review, discuss, and act on at the 2003 annual business meeting. The board reviewed the statement and gave suggestions for changes. The Position Statement will be published in the next newsletter for membership review before the annual meeting.

2003 Meeting

Beth Ullenberg, Sand Lake NWR Outdoor Recreation Planner, is working on the program for the Monday afternoon session with the focus being on the Centennial Celebration of the NWR System. Art Smith and Diane Mann-Klager are working on the remainder of the programming. Arrangements and hotel accommodations are going smoothly.

New Business

Funding Request

One funding request was received. A request from SD GF&P for sponsorship of Bald Eagle Awareness Days on Feb 20-22. Schauer moved to give \$200.00, seconded by Smith. Motion passed.

Next board meeting will be March 2, 2003 at Minerva's Restaurant in the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer