

## **Minutes of the January 3, 2001 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

President Carl Madsen recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Convention Center in Spearfish. Board members present were Dan Hubbard, Ron Schauer, Kenneth Parr, Joel Bich and Paul Coughlin.

Coughlin presented the minutes of the October 11, 2000 board meeting. Hubbard moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Bich. Motion passed.

Coughlin read the quarterly treasurer's report. Hubbard moved to transfer accrued interest on the Life Membership CD to the savings account and renewing the CD, second by Schauer. Motion passed. Bich moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Hubbard. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

#### Correspondences Sent and Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were a CARA update, a BoR FONSI informational item regarding the Lake Andes-Wagner irrigation demonstration EA, and a letter from Sen. Daschle regarding Missouri River issues.

Three requests for funding assistance were received. First was a request from TWS for donations to the Wildlife Information Network. Hubbard moved to donate \$500, second by Coughlin. Discussion ensued. Motion passed. The second request was for financial support of Bald Eagle Awareness Days in Pierre. Hubbard moved to donate \$100 as requested, second by Bich. Motion passed. The last request for support was from the Society of American Foresters for support and participation in the annual legislative social. Discussion ensued, and Coughlin volunteered to attend as SDTWS representative. Hubbard moved donate \$150 as requested, second by Schauer. Motion passed.

#### 2001 Annual Meeting

The board met with staff from the Holiday Inn to discuss and finalize details of the annual meeting. Hubbard moved to approve expending funds for meeting planning expenses, second by Schauer. Motion passed, with Madsen voting no.

#### 2002 Annual Meeting

Schauer has been dealing with the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain regarding the 2002 Annual meeting. March 11-13 have been set as dates for the meeting.

#### Prairie Dogs

Hubbard presented information regarding activities of the prairie dog working group and proposed changes in rule and statute governing prairie dogs.

### Committees and By-laws

Schauer reported on his efforts to secure new committee chairs where needed and on recent committee updates. He also reported on efforts to review and clarify the Chapter by-laws.

### New Business

#### Grassland Conservation Agreement

Madsen presented information regarding a Farm Bureau resolution and a Wildlife Management Institute white paper calling for grassland conservation priorities in the next farm bill. Madsen suggested that SDTWS sign on to the agreement in principal. He will discuss this issue at the annual meeting with the membership.

#### Resolutions & Public Statements

Two items are being prepared by the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting. The first is a resolution supporting the Department of School & Public Lands in their land consolidation efforts. The second is a public statement regarding the proposed listing of the black-tailed prairie dog as an endangered species.

#### Miscellaneous

A request was received from SD Game Fish & Parks asking for SDTWS to support the Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council symposium coming to the Black Hills area in the coming year. No specific amount of financial support was received. Coughlin moved to support the symposium and consider providing financial support when a specific request is received, second by Schauer. Motion passed.

Hubbard provided information from Ken Higgins regarding a recently passed constitutional measure in North Dakota that protects hunting, fishing and trapping as a valued part of the state's heritage and that it be forever preserved for people and the public good. Higgins is asking SDTWS to consider a similar effort in South Dakota. This issue will be discussed at the annual meeting.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be March 4, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish.

Coughlin moved to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Coughlin  
Secretary/Treasurer