

Minutes of the January 8, 2002 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 11:00 a.m. at Cedar Shores Resort near Chamberlain. Board members present were Paul Coughlin, Paul Mammenga, Carl Madsen, Ken Parr, and Jennifer Briggs.

Briggs presented the minutes of the November 6, 2001 board meeting. Mammenga moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Madsen. Motion passed.

Briggs read the quarterly treasurer's report. Madsen moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Parr. Motion passed. Briggs presented the 2001 financial statement for review by the board.

Old Business

2002 Annual Meeting

Paul Coughlin, President elect, has lined up several guest speakers and presenters for the meeting. Schedule of events, meals, and times were finalized with the staff at Cedar Shores.

New Business

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were an invite from the Alaska Coalition of the Dakotas to attend an information and strategy session on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilling, a request for comments by US Fish & Wildlife Service regarding the release of the economic analysis of piping plover critical habitat designation, a request for comments from the US Bureau of Reclamation regarding scoping for the upcoming Environmental Assessment for Perkins Rural Water System, minutes from the October NRCS State Technical Committee meeting, and an announcement from the Surface Transportation Board regarding the issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for DM&E's Powder River Basin line. Letters sent were a status report to the Terrene Institute regarding the small grant for Sand Lake NWR kiosk, and a letter of support to the SD Animal Industry Board supporting the Turner Endangered Species Fund proposal to release swift fox on the Bad River Ranch.

Two funding requests were received. One was from Karrie Schmidt of the USFWS requesting \$100.00 to support the Jr. Duck Stamp program. Madsen moved to give \$100.00. Coughlin seconded and motion passed. The second request was from Russell Somsen asking the chapter to support the Bald Eagle Awareness Days held in Pierre/Ft. Pierre. Coughlin moved to give \$200.00, Madsen seconded. Motion passed.

Madsen updated the Board on the progress of the new Farm Bill. A House version has passed and the Senate is working on their version. Madsen has been working with the SD Farmers Union to introduce new language into the Grassland Reserve Program portion of the Senate version of the Farm Bill that would state any ground without a cropping history that is being broken will not be eligible for any price support payments such as CRP, LDP, etc. Madsen is writing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in support of no price support payments for the newly broken land and asked if the Chapter would sign on. The Board agreed to sign on in support.

Madsen made a motion to have the Chapter treasurer remove the Life Membership Certificate of Deposit (CD) from the bank (currently earning 1.51%) and invest it in a fund. The earnings will be withdrawn each year at a rate of \$10.00 per life member but not to exceed the fund's annual earnings. Parr seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Madsen made a motion to have the Chapter treasurer withdraw from renewal the Certificate of Deposit (CD) which matures on March 2, 2002 and investigate various accounts and funds in which to invest and present options to the membership at its annual meeting March 12, 2002. Coughlin seconded. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be March 10, 2002 at Cedar Shore near Chamberlain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer