

## **Minutes of the June 16, 2003 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

President Art Smith recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in Pierre. Board members present were Art Smith, Steve Griffin, Paul Coughlin, Diane Mann-Klager, and Bridgette Flanders-Wanner.

Flanders-Wanner presented the minutes of the March 4, 2003 Annual Business Meeting and the March 2, 2003 board meeting, which had been prepared by the previous Secretary/Treasurer, Jennifer Briggs. Flanders-Wanner presented the 2003 Annual Meeting financial report prepared by Briggs and the quarterly treasurer's report. Mann-Klager motioned to accept the minutes and treasurer's reports, seconded by Coughlin. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

#### Correspondence Sent and Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Correspondences received included letters of appreciation from the Aberdeen Ramkota (site of the 2003 Annual Meeting) for our business. Letters of thanks for sponsoring Bald Eagle Awareness Days and the The Wildlife Society's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Burlington, Vermont.

#### 2003 Meeting Expenses

The board reviewed past-board member Paul Mammenga's notes summarizing the 2003 meeting expenses. The board agreed that such a review provided a beneficial reference for future annual meetings.

#### Nonprofit Organization Account

Flanders-Wanner reviewed the current state of the chapter's US Bancorp Piper Jaffray investment accounts.

### **New Business**

#### South Dakota Water Quality Council

The board held a conference call with Kurt Forman (USFWS), to discuss the details of the South Dakota Water Quality Council and request the Chapter's support of the organization. Coughlin moved to sign on to the South Dakota Water Quality Council as a charter member, seconded by Mann-Klager. Motion Passed.

#### Newsletter Mailing

Options for mailing out the newsletter were discussed. Points covered during the discussion included:

- Placing Flanders-Wanner's return address on the newsletter so she can update the membership when newsletters are returned undelivered
- Using first class postage to ensure proper delivery
- Approaching the Newsletter Editor about addressing and stamping the newsletters

- Checking if the printer could run the newsletters through their meter to address them and place postage on them

The board agreed to continue exploring these options before final decisions on how to handle the newsletter were made.

#### SDTWS Website

Options for updating the SDTWS website were discussed, including finding a volunteer to maintain the website.

#### 2004 Annual Meeting at Cedar Shore

A copy of the Cedar Shore Sales and Catering Contract was presented. Flanders-Wanner offered to locate the old Cedar Shore invoices as a reference for the 2004 Annual Meeting. A Lewis and Clark theme was suggested, followed by a discussion of potential Lewis and Clark topics and speakers.

#### Steady State – Brian Czech

Brian Czech, an economist/conservationist who developed the Steady State concept, was discussed as a potential invited speaker at the 2004 Annual Meeting. The subject was tabled.

#### Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Chad Tussing, Education Services Coordinator for the SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks requested the chapter's partnership in the 2003 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop. Coughlin moved to contribute \$500, seconded by Mann-Klager. Motion passed.

#### Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Membership

George Vandell's request for the chapter's sponsor membership in Ducks Unlimited was discussed. Coughlin moved to contribute \$310 for a sponsor membership and a Ducks Unlimited decoy, seconded by Griffin. Motion passed.

#### Past-Presidents Working Group

Formation of a Past-President's working group was discussed as a method by which the resources of Past-Presidents could be tapped.

#### TWS Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation

Michael Goos of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society sent correspondence encouraging other chapter's to contribute funds to the Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation. The South Dakota chapter agreed to postpone a discussion on contributing to this effort until a direct request for funding was made by the national chapter.

#### 2004 Annual Dues

The chapter agreed to maintain the price of dues at current levels.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held August 19, 2003 at Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center in Chamberlain.

Flanders-Wanner moved to adjourn, Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Flanders-Wanner  
Secretary/Treasurer