

Minutes of the June 26, 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 8:30 a.m. at the Foss Building in Pierre. Board members present were Paul Coughlin, Paul Mammenga, Carl Madsen, and Jennifer Briggs.

Briggs presented the minutes of the March 4, 2001 board meeting. Madsen moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Coughlin. Motion passed. Briggs presented the minutes of the 2001 annual meeting. Madsen moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Coughlin. Motion passed.

Briggs read the quarterly treasurer's report. Madsen moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Coughlin. Motion passed. Briggs presented the final accounting balance from the 2001 annual meeting. Coughlin moved to accept the report, second by Madsen. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were a Teaming With Wildlife (CARA) update, request for input and a response was sent supporting the range-wide Black Tail Prairie Dog Management approach, USDA/APHIS notice of intent to prepare EIS on blackbird population control program, Fish and Wildlife Service request for comments on piping plover critical habitat listing, notice from FWS for comments on listing of yellow billed cuckoo, a thank you letter from Jeremy Higgins of Pheasants Forever for our \$500.00 donation to their education programs, and letters to Governor Janklow and Curt Johnson with a copy of the resolution supporting the Department of School & Public Lands in their land consolidation efforts.

Madsen presented a copy of a letter, signed by 130 members of the US House of Representatives, urging support to increase funding for voluntary, incentive-based programs including WRP, WHIP, EQUIP, and the Farmland Protection Program. SD Representative John Thune was not on the list. Madsen will comprise a letter requesting his support on this issue.

Three request for funding were received. First was a request from TWS for support of their 8th Annual Conference in Reno, NV in September. Coughlin moved to donate \$500.00, second by Madsen. Motion Passed. The second request was from the CMPS for auction items for their annual meeting. Madsen volunteered to mat and frame several pictures for the auction. Briggs moved to donate \$200.00 for auction items, second by Coughlin. Motion passed.

The last request was for the Chapter to partner with Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge on a grant from the Terrenne Institute for a wayside interpretive kiosk highlighting the Refuge's RAMSAR designation. The chapter wrote a letter of recommendation to the Terrenne Institute in support of the project and indicated that we would donate the required 5% match (\$125) to the \$2500.00 provided by the Institute and Sand Lake would contribute \$4565.00. A confirmation letter was received and the grant was awarded.

2002 Annual Meeting

Coughlin confirmed dates and federal and state room rates with Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain for the 2002 annual meeting to be held March 11-13, 2002. The focus topic for the 2002 annual meeting will be wetlands and grasslands. If you have any ideas for presenters, sponsors, or guest speakers please give Paul a call.

2003 Annual Meeting

Paul Mammenga has graciously volunteered to be arrangements chairman for the 2003 annual meeting to be held in Aberdeen. Sand Lake NWR would like to host the meetings in conjunction with the FWS Centennial Celebration that year , however logistics and weather could be a factor. Meeting sites are yet to be determined.

New Business

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be August 28, 2001 at Sand Lake NWR near Aberdeen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer