

Minutes of the March 10, 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 8:00 p.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 January 8, 2002 board meeting. Coughlin moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mammenga. Motion passed.

Briggs read the quarterly treasurer's report. Madsen moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Coughlin. Motion passed. Briggs updated the board on current investments. The life membership CD (\$2000.00) has been invested in a mutual fund - PIMCO Renaissance Fund A. Briggs cashed out the CD that was due March 2, 2002 and will present investment options to the membership at its annual business meeting March 12, 2002.

Old Business

2002 Annual Meeting

The Board discussed the program and various last minute details for the annual meeting.

Hubbard presented the board with two excellent candidates from SDSU for the M.S. award. The board decided to award both students. Madsen moved to expend funds for two M.S. awards in the amount of \$200.00 each, second by Coughlin. Motion passed.

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were a notice that the SD Animal Industry Board approved the release of swift fox on the Turner's Bad River Ranch, a request from USDA-Forest Service in support of burning on the Ft. Pierre National Grasslands, and a request from Nebraska National Forest for comments on proposed land exchanges on Buffalo Gap National Grasslands to consolidate holdings. Two letters were sent to the COE, the first was comments in regards to the Master Manual revisions and updates and the second was a letter regarding the James River issues and to include floodplain storage options as an alternative in the EIS process.

Two funding requests were received. The TWS national chapter requested financial support for the 2002 annual conference being held in Bismarck, ND on September 24-28, 2002. Madsen moved to give \$500.00, Parr seconded and motion passed. They also requested donations for the auction; Madsen will organize and distribute items. The second request was from Pheasants Forever Youth program asking the chapter for financial support in the amount of \$1000.00. Madsen moved to give \$500.00, second by Mammenga. Motion passed.

2003 Meeting

Beth Ullenberg, Sand Lake NWR Outdoor Recreation Planner, met with the executive board to discuss the 2003 annual meeting program. Parr, program chairman, informed her that the board was open to any ideas, speakers, tours that they may be able to offer.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2003 at Sand Lake NWR near Aberdeen beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer