

Minutes of the November 6, 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 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. In addition to the board members, Ron Shauer, 2002 Annual Meeting Arrangements Chairmen was present.

Briggs presented the minutes of the August 28, 2001 board 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 Mammenga. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent and received were reviewed. Included were letters received from Representative Thune in response to SDTWS letters requesting support for CARA, support for conservation provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill, and support for prairie dog incentives, letters from Senators Daschle and Johnson in response to SDTWS requesting support for prairie dog incentives, letter from John Cooper (SDGFP) in response to our previous letter to participate in a citizen advisory group for CARA.

The Chapter received several requests to endorse some key environmental issues. The Alaska Coalition of the Dakotas requested the Chapter to sign on as an endorser for no drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Executive Board moved to sign on and to write letters to Congressional Staff regarding the subject. The Board also agreed that the Chapter endorse the Grassland Reserve Program and other conservation programs to enhance prairie dog habitat. The Swift Fox Conservation Team requested the Chapter's endorsement for Swift Fox importation to SD for release on the Turner's Bad River Ranch. The team was looking for letters of support to go before the Animal Industry Board to obtain permission. The board agreed to sign on to support the Conservation Team.

The Chapter received one funding request to sponsor a break at the Sheep and Mountain Goat Associations annual meeting to be held in Rapid City on April 24-27, 2002. Paul Mammenga made a motion to sponsor a break, not to exceed \$400.00, Coughlin seconded. Motion passed.

2002 Annual Meeting

Ron Shauer, Arrangements Chairmen, presented details concerning the 2002 annual meeting to be held at Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain March 11-13, 2002. Meeting Rooms, meals, and a tour of the facility were discussed. The focus topic for the 2002 annual meeting will be the state of our wetlands and grasslands. If you have any ideas for presenters, sponsors, or guest speakers please give Paul Coughlin a call.

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New Business

2002 CMPS Annual Meeting

The SD Chapter is responsible for hosting this year's CMPS meeting. Ken Parr has set the dates for July 17-19, 2002 in Deadwood, SD. The board is working on setting up a program for the meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be January 8, 2002 at Cedar Shore near Chamberlain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer