

Minutes of the October 28, 2002 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

President Paul Coughlin recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Best Western in Aberdeen. Board members present were Dan Hubbard, Paul Mammenga, Ron Schauer, Art Smith, and Jennifer Briggs. In addition to the board members, Beth Ullenberg, 2003 program committee member, and Diane Mann-Klager, Tribal Fish & Wildlife committee chairperson, were also present.

Briggs presented the minutes of the August 28, 2002 board meeting. Hubbard moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Schauer. Motion passed.

Briggs read the quarterly treasurer's report. Mammenga moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Schauer. Motion passed.

Old Business

President-Elect position

Arthur Smith and Diane Mann-Klager graciously agreed to run for the office of President-elect. Ballots were included in the September newsletter and to be returned to Paul Coughlin by September 30, 2002. We are pleased to announce that Arthur Smith will be replacing Ken Parr as President-elect and thank Diane for running.

Correspondences Sent & Received

Correspondences sent included letters of invitation to Rick Coleman, USFWS Chief of Refuges for Region 6, and Paul Gertler, USFWS Migratory Bird and State Programs Asst. Regional Director, to come and speak at the 2003 annual meeting.

Correspondences received included letters from USFWS on finalization of 19 critical habitat units for the piping plover in the northern Great Plains, a request from NRCS for comments on the draft Programmatic EIS for the CRP program, and a letter of acceptance from Rick Coleman to speak at the 2003 annual meeting.

Wetlands and Waterfowl Professionals Memorial

The board agreed to form an ad hoc committee, co-chaired by John Koerner and Ken Higgins, regarding a recognition memorial for those individuals who have contributed significantly to the welfare and conservation of wetlands and waterfowl in South Dakota. They will give a formal presentation at the 2003 annual business meeting.

Chronic Wasting Disease and Captive Wildlife

Coughlin contacted the National Chapter, Colorado chapter, and Wisconsin chapter in regards to their ideas on a position statement or resolution concerning CWD. The National Chapter and Colorado chapters are drafting position statements, and the Wisconsin Chapter has released a position statement. The board decided to contact John Jenks and Ron Fowler and have them put together a position statement for the Chapter to discuss at the 2003 annual meeting.

2003 Meeting

Beth Ullenberg, Sand Lake NWR Outdoor Recreation Planner, gave the board an update and is working on getting speakers for the program. Diane Mann-Klager is also working speakers for the program. Paul Mammenga is coordinating the arrangements with the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen.

New Business

Funding Request

One funding request was received. Sand Lake NWR, Waubay NWR, SD GF&P, and several other partners are putting together a Glacial Lakes Birding Trail and are applying for grant and requested funding from the Chapter to be used as matching funds to implement the development of the trail, and to fund supplies and printing of trail guides. Hubbard moved to give \$500.00, seconded by Smith. Motion passed.

Newsletter

The board discussed the issue of members not receiving their quarterly newsletters. Briggs will check into the bulk mailing process and decide if we would be better to mail them first class and have the undeliverable newsletters returned.

Next board meeting will be December 30, 2002 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Briggs
Secretary/Treasurer