

## **Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)**

Dennie Mann called the meeting to order at 10:12 am CST via conference call. Board members participating in the call were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, KC Jensen, Chad Switzer, and Nora Kohlenberg. Not in attendance was Bill Smith.

Kohlenberg presented the minutes of the September 10, 2009 board meeting. Switzer made a motion to accept the minutes, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Kohlenberg presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report. Jensen made a motion to accept the report, Kanta seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

### **Old Business**

#### Indian Creek Wilderness Designation

Board further discussed the Wilderness Designation at Indian Creek. A resolution was approved by the membership at the March 9, 2004, Annual Business Meeting. This resolution supported the wilderness designation at four suggested areas and supported the future consideration and possible wilderness designations of other areas in the South Dakota. Indian Creek was one of the specific areas included in the 2004 resolution. However, due to some changes in the designation since the 2004 resolution, the board will task the Resolutions and Public Statements committee to draw up a new resolution reflective of the changes since 2004. The new resolution will be presented to the membership for vote at the next Annual Business Meeting on March 2, 2010, at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain, SD.

### **New Business**

#### Requests for Funding

*Bald Eagle Awareness Days (BEAD)*: The Wildlife Diversity Committee requested funding for \$200 for the 2010 Bald Eagle Awareness Week. During BEAD, presentations are done at several locations across SD. Presentations describe the species' characteristics and conservation challenges. The anticipated cost will be approximately \$3,000. Jensen made a motion to fund the request of \$200. Kanta seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

#### Membership tracking

Board discussed how the National Chapter is handling memberships starting for one full year the day that a membership is renewed. The state chapter does not have the means to keep track of memberships at same level as the National chapter. The SDTWS will continue to track memberships on the Chapter Business Year, which is on the calendar year. The SDTWS Bylaws designate May 1 as the due date for current year dues.

Section 6.1 DUES-ANNUAL MEMBER – Annual dues shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 1 May. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status and other rights and privileges in the South Dakota Chapter and shall be so notified by the Secretary-Treasurer. Proposed changes in annual chapter dues shall be reported to members by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting and approved by ballot by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Annual chapter dues also may be paid to The Wildlife Society for subsequent remittance to the Chapter. (South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Bylaws)

#### 2010 Officer Candidates

Board discussed the two vacancies that will be open for voting at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting. These positions will be President-Elect and one Executive Board Member. Officers who will be leaving

are Past-President Jensen and Executive Board Member Smith. Board Members will make some contacts with individuals to consider running for the two positions. A notice will be included in the December Newsletter to inform anyone who is interested in one of the two positions to contact a Board Member.

#### Ferret Petition

Eileen Dowd Stukel, Wildlife Diversity Committee Chair, emailed Mann to inform the board of the status of a comment letter. Dowd Stukel is waiting for CMPS to provide their comments and then the SDTWS comments would be a supportive document to the CMPS letter.

#### 2010 Meeting

*Student Mixer* – The USFS, BLM, and USFWS have made commitments to be part of this activity. The board is still working on RMEF, DU, PF, NWTF and other NGOs.

*Speakers* – Board discussed ideas about who to contact to be a banquet speaker using the meeting's theme of technology and its application in wildlife management. One idea is a representative of a company who manufactures GPS collars.

Board also discussed ideas for theme presentations. There will be a presentation by GFP Law Enforcement staff, GFP GIS staff, and Wildland Fire. Some other ideas were to make a contact with someone from EROS and SDSU GIS staff.

*Cedar Shores contract* - KC took care of the contract with Cedar Shores. The next Executive Business meeting will be at Cedar Shores Resort to take care of any details.

*Sponsorships* - Board Members are looking for sponsor for the 2010 Annual meeting. Committed sponsors include Truax, United Agri Products, Safari Club International, and Mid Dakota Vegetation Management.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board will be at 10:00 am CST on January 12, 2010, at Cedar Shore Resort.

#### **Adjourn**

Switzer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jensen at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Kohlenberg  
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS