

Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (SDTWS)

Dennie Mann called the meeting to order at 10:08 am at the Game, Fish & Parks Region 2 Office in Chamberlain, SD. Board members present were Dennie Mann, John Kanta, Bill Smith, and Nora Kohlenberg. Chad Switzer and KC Jensen both joined the meeting via conference call.

Kohlenberg presented the minutes of the June 25, 2009 board meeting. Kanta made a motion to accept the minutes, Smith seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Kohlenberg presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report. Smith made a motion to accept the report, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

Old Business

Correspondence Received

- Thank you received from SD Grasslands Coalition for 2009 Grassland Bird Tour support
- Thank you received from Parks & Wildlife Foundation for donation to Tony's Acres Memorial as part of the 2009 Annual Meeting fund raiser.

Annual Meeting Costs

Kohlenberg presented some cost analysis for the Annual Meeting using new registration cost. At the June 25, 2009, meeting, the executive board voted to increase the annual meeting registration fees an additional \$10 for regular members. The additional \$10 will help cover costs of meeting allowing membership dues and fund raising money to be reserved for funding requests and activity support.

CMPS Memberships

Kohlenberg looked into financial records and noted that dues to CMPS were outstanding for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Kohlenberg also sent quarterly dues to CMPS for memberships received since May.

New Business

Requests for Funding

University of Tennessee Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society: Student Chapter is requesting funding support for Professional Service Project at 2009 Wildlife Society Conference in Monterey, CA. This project would provide a DVD of the North American Model to all State Chapters as well as the Monterey Conference attendees. The Student Chapter requested funding for \$200. Kanta made a motion to fund the request at \$200. Switzer seconded the motion. Motion passed (6-0).

Indian Creek Wilderness Designation

Board discussed the Wilderness Designation at Indian Creek. The Executive Board unanimously decided to remain neutral on the designation.

2010 Meeting

KC will take care of the contract with Cedar Shores. Mann, Smith, Kanta and Kohlenberg stopped by Cedar Shore to visit with Kathy regarding menu options and cost.

Board Members will start working with NGOs for meeting sponsorship.

Board Members challenged with brainstorming for a Banquet speaker and speakers to present talks related to the 2010 theme of technology and its application in wildlife management.

Student Mixer: Board members will work on talking with agency representatives and NGOs about providing representatives to meet with students to discuss their jobs. This could potentially be a job

recruitment tool as well. Board envisions having tables and chairs for a sit-down opportunity for representatives and students. Kanta volunteered to spearhead getting contacts for representatives.

2010 Officer Candidates

Board identified 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.

Committee Vacancies

There are a few vacancies for committee chairs. There is a co-chair vacancy for the Wildlife Diseases committee. Chad Switzer would like to step down as the Membership Committee chair. Nora Kohlenberg would like to take the Membership chair if someone else would fill the Awards Committee Chair.

Misc.

- 2009 Annual Buffalo Dinner at SDSU will be November 20th.
- The next newsletter will be sent out in September.

Next Board Meeting

The next board will be via conference call, date and time yet to be determined.

Adjourn

Kanta motioned to adjourn, seconded by Switzer at 11:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Kohlenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS