

Minutes of the March 5, 2006 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

President Will Morlock recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota. Board members present were Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Steve Griffin, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, K.C. Jensen, & Art Smith.

Smith presented minutes of the January 2006 board meeting. Two minor spelling corrections were noted. Jensen motioned to accept, Hubers seconded. Motion passed (5-0). Smith then presented the Treasurer's report. The performance of the CD and Life memberships were discussed. Griffin motioned to accept the report, Flanders-Wanner seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Old Business

Correspondence Sent

•Arctic Drilling & Loan Act - Morlock reported that only Senator Johnson's office responded to a letter sent to all congressional delegates not to allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Loan Act proposal. Morlock had discussed the lack of responses by Senator Thune's office and was told by a staffer that Senator Thune does not respond to these types of letters. All three delegates signed onto the Loan Act.

By-laws and Electronic Mailing

Group discussed individuals who are still getting newsletters hardcopy. Suggestion was to send them a note asking them for their email – perhaps do this before June?

Conservation Coalition

Morlock reported that University of South Dakota law professor John Davidson was keeping the Conservation Coalition active. More information on the group is being distributed, most of it informational although occasionally SDTWS is asked to sign-on a letter.

Board Duties

Morlock received some input to Board member duties. This is a work in progress. When Past-president, Morlock will take this project to finalization, and will ask some select past officers to help.

New Business

Website Update

Morlock will make sure award and other information will get forwarded to Charlie.

Requests for Funding

- Eagle Days, March 26, Sand Lake. \$75-160 for tabletop displays, \$300 to sponsor a speaker. Hubers motioned to give \$200 with no direction on how it is to be spent, Jensen seconded. Motion passed (5-0).
- Annual TWS Conference. Group thought that best support of conference is sponsoring student travel, which Board addressed at last meeting. Group agreed to send a letter to national indicating how we are supporting the conference.
- MAFWA – May 15-18, Aberdeen, seeking \$500 to sponsor a break/meal. Group discussed this is a

state agency supported endeavor, should not have SDTWS sponsorship. Hubers motioned \$0, seconded by Flanders-Wanner. Motion passed (5-0).

- Sage and Sharp-tailed Grouse biennial meeting, June, Spearfish, seeking \$900 - \$1,300. Hubers motioned \$0, seconded by Flanders-Wanner. Motion passed (5-0).

2006 Meeting

Several topics such as registration, paper presentations, ballots, sponsorships, recognition of sponsors, and the agenda were discussed.

National Awards

- Student Chapter – group decided SDSU Student Chapter should be nominated as National TWS Student Chapter. Jensen will write-up and give to President to send.
- Section Professional and Citizen awards – President will submit both SDTWS award recipients to the Section.
- Fellows Award – group decided it was too late for this year's award, but would be readied for 2007.
- McDonough Award – Jensen will find Certified Wildlife Biologists, group will look at the list on Wednesday.

Additional Items

- Grouse survey - Pete Bauman had contacted the Chapter looking for help in surveying grouse. The South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department (SDGFP) is setting up routes. Group suggestion was to contact Andy Lindbloom and Tom Kirschenmann (both SDGFP).
 - Northern Great Plains Working Group – Group advises congress on farm bill issues. SDTWS is missing on their membership roster. Decision was to ask Paul Coughlin or Bill Smith (SDGFP Farm Bill rep) for council on how to get membership. Flanders-Wanner will take lead on this.
- Jensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Board then met after the Annual Meeting, March 8, 2006. President Bridgette Flanders-Wanner recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota. Board members present were Will Morlock, Kurt Foreman, KC Jensen, Tony Kirschenmann, and Art Smith.

Jensen made a motion to buy-back the raffle gun for next year's meeting, Morlock seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Board then discussed locations for next year's meeting. Morlock motioned Cedar Shore as the venue, seconded by Forman. Motion passed (5-0). Timing was proposed to be 5-7 March, 2007, depending on spring break for South Dakota State University and other state colleges.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for June 7th at an undetermined time and location in Huron. Morlock moved to adjourn, seconded by Kirschenmann. Motion passed (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS