

*South Dakota Chapter***The Wildlife Society**

December 2003

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

It is hard to believe that December has already started and with that, the beginnings of winter. A winter that I have heard that is forecasted to be an average winter, as per the Farmers Almanac. Winter is a season filled with traditions such as family events, holidays, and celebrations. My family has several traditions. One tradition actually centers around the Farmer's Almanac.

We first hear about the New Year's almanac through the winter weather forecast. After a bit we decide that we should buy the almanac for the other information in it, and after a couple of trips to the store, a copy eventually comes home with us. Usually immediately thereafter, it is found by our oldest boy who absconds with it to his room. Then, by late spring usually during another family tradition called "let's find the floors in the boy's rooms," the previous year's almanac copy will be unearthed - never the current year's, always the most recently past year's. Then the cycle begins all over again the next December.

Another tradition is one that all of us share together, and that is the tradition of our annual meeting. Preparations are doing well and should result in a great meeting for all to attend. One presentation that will be at the meeting is a poster by Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, our Secretary/Treasurer. I am decidedly looking forward to seeing the poster, reasons for which are in an article later in this issue. I hope everyone has a chance to see it.

A somewhat new tradition is the work that has been continuing on our web site by Charlie Bessken. She has updated all of the old information and added many new pages with current and past Chapter information. We are also working on getting her the ability to update the web page without needing to rely on other Chapter members for network access capabilities. She will be showing off our new web page at the annual meeting too. There are some pieces of information that we're trying to include on the site and are asking for your help in compiling. An article addressing that search appears in the November 5th meeting minutes.

Art Smith
Chapter President

Minutes of the August 19, 2003 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

President Art Smith recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center near Chamberlain, SD. Board members present were Art Smith, Ron Schauer, Steve Griffin, Paul Coughlin, Diane Mann-Klager, and Bridgette Flanders-Wanner. Charlene (Charlie) Bessken, who has volunteered to maintain the SDTWS website, also attended the meeting.

Flanders-Wanner presented the minutes of the June 16, 2003 board meeting. Griffin motioned to accept the minutes and Mann-Klager seconded the motion. Motion passed. Flanders-Wanner presented the quarterly treasurer's report. Coughlin motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Griffin. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondence Sent and Received

The SDTWS chapter received a letter of appreciation from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation for sponsorship of the 2003 Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop. As the chair of the Education and Information Committee, Laura Hubers sent her review of a

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant application, with a request for comments from Art Smith.

South Dakota Water Quality Council (SDWQC)

The official letterhead was reviewed. The letterhead was set up to be flexible, so that the SDTWS may remove their name from the left-hand side of the letterhead if the SDTWS is not in agreement with the position of the SDWQC. Therefore, support for each "statement" needs to be taken on a case-by-case basis. In doing so, a representative to the Council or a water-quality committee must be appointed. Carl Madsen was suggested as a potential representative or committee member. Several options were discussed by the board, including allowing the water-quality committee to approve support of a position on their own; having the water-quality committee make recommendations to the board, which in turn approves support of a position; or having the President act as representative at the SDWQC meetings with a qualified SDTWS member along as council. A SDWQC mission statement is still being developed.

Report from the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS)

Business Meeting

Smith summarized the 48th Annual CMPS Meeting in South Sioux City, Nebraska. During the annual business meeting, the CMPS discussed implementation of an electronic newsletter and adding a membership expiration date to each members mailing label. Smith also reviewed several of their ideas for grant handling that he felt could be useful to the SDTWS. The CMPS had suggested creating two types of grants: 1) a regular grant, and 2) a seed grant, where money is invested and later recouped if the project is successful. The CMPS also was creating two 6-month deadlines for funding requests, in order to expedite the grant process. Overall, attendance was low (only 20 members attended the business meeting) and reports from attendants indicated disappointment in the lack of organization, attendance, and professional development at the meeting. As a result, concern about the future utility of the CMPS to section members was expressed, should the functionality of section meetings continue to digress.

Committee Update

The need for the board to stay current on committee affairs was stressed. Smith

offered to write a reminder for committee chairs to contact the president concerning their activities in the instance that the committee chair is contacted directly. The Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife Committee is still vacant and the Membership and Chapter History Committees are in need of new chairpersons.

Chapter Recommendations on CRP Management

Carl Madsen acted as SDTWS representative at the July 17th meeting of the South Dakota State Technical Committee (SDSTC). The SDSTC serves as an advisory body, providing input and guidance to the USDA on a variety of natural resource issues. Madsen provided comments on the programmatic basis of CRP and the proper management of grasslands for wildlife.

New Business

2004 Annual Meeting – Cedar Shore Contract and Catering

Kathi Anderson, Catering Manager for the Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center, reviewed the Group and Catering Contract from the 2002 Annual Meeting of the SDTWS. After reviewing the old contract, the board finalized the menu for all of the meals and breaks and reserved the desired meeting rooms for the 2004 Annual Meeting.

2004 Annual Meeting – New Officer Candidates and Elections

A new President-Elect and Board Member will be elected to the Executive Board during the upcoming SDTWS Annual Meeting in March. In preparation, the board reviewed potential candidates for the two positions.

Newsletter Mailing

The changes implemented in the July newsletter mailing appeared to be successful.

- ? A change to first class postage ensured proper delivery
- ? Using Flanders-Wanner's address as the return address simplified updates to the membership list
- ? The printer agreed to run the newsletter through their meter to address them at a

reasonable rate. This eliminated extra work for Jennifer Briggs, who had agreed to continue mailing out the newsletters.

SDTWS Website

Charlene (Charlie) Bessken attended the board meeting to discuss needs and options for the SDTWS website. The board provided Charlie with a "wish list" of topics that could be incorporated or improved on the website. The board agreed that priority needed to be given to updating the current website pages. Once that phase has been completed, the board hopes to utilize the website to archive old information and make it readily available to chapter members. The challenges of retrieving electronic copies of old records from past board members to archive them on the website prompted a discussion on the need for a chairperson for the Chapter History committee.

Fort Pierre Grasslands pipeline project review

Anthony W. Detoy, District Ranger/Legislative Coordinator, offered the SDTWS the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed construction of two new sections of pipeline on the Fort Pierre National Grassland. Paul Coughlin, chairperson of the Conservation Review Committee, agreed to review and comment on the proposed action.

Dedication of the McCarrison WPA at Waubay NWR

Larry Martin, Project Leader at Waubay NWR, requested financial assistance to help cover luncheon and transportation expenses for the dedication of the McCarrison WPA, the first WPA ever purchased in the nation. Schauer moved to contribute \$300, seconded by Mann-Klager. Motion passed.

Invitation to TWS 10th Annual Conference and Leaders Lunch

Flanders-Wanner and Mann-Klager, who planned to attend the conference, offered to represent the SDTWS at the Leaders Lunch. The Leaders Lunch provided an opportunity for TWS leaders to meet and share strategies for maximizing their chapter/section/committee/working group's success.

Past-Presidents Working Group

Casey Kruse's suggestion for the formation of a Past-Presidents' working group was further discussed at this meeting. The board agreed that it would be beneficial for Kruse to write up a more detailed proposal before moving ahead with the idea.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 11:00 am on November 5, 2003 at Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center near Chamberlain.

Schauer moved to adjourn and Coughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Flanders-Wanner
Secretary/Treasure



Meriwether Lewis

Make Your Plans Now



William Clark

The 2004 South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society annual meeting is scheduled for March 8, 9 & 10, 2004 at Cedar Shore Resort (888) 697-6363 in Chamberlain. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Wildlife Society and reservations should be made by February 10, 2004. Let's try and fill the place, like we have before. See everyone there!

Since we will be on the River and along the historic Lewis and Clark trail, we have decided that the topic for this year's meeting will be in conjunction with The Lewis and Clark Celebration. Anyone that may have Lewis and Clark knowledge or information is encouraged to make a presentation on the subject. If anyone knows of someone that we might want to contact that has vast knowledge on the Lewis and Clark expedition, please contact: Steve Griffin (605) 394-2391.

Thank you, and we'll see you in Chamberlain.

Call for Papers or Presentations

Lewis and Clark will not be the only topic at the 2004 Wildlife Society meetings in Chamberlain. This is an opportunity for anyone that wishes to share knowledge or information from South Dakota. We are looking for people to present research findings from work they have done in or near to South Dakota. Anyone that wants to present at the next meeting should contact Steve Griffin at (605) 394-2391 e-mail steve.griffin@state.sd.us.

89th Annual Meeting

SOUTH DAKOTA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition

Friday April 2, 2004

SYMPOSIA: Missouri River – Past & Present

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Gary Moulton “Legacies of the Lewis & Clark Expedition”

Saturday April 3, 2004

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

FIELD TRIPS

**Cedar Shores Resort
Chamberlain, South Dakota**

Acadsci.sdstate.org

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President Art Smith recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Ecological Services Office in Pierre, SD. Board members present were Art Smith, Steve Griffin, Paul Coughlin, Diane Mann-Klager, and Bridgette Flanders-Wanner. Charlene (Charlie) Bessken, who has volunteered to maintain the SDTWS website, also attended the meeting.

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Wanner presented the quarterly treasurer’s report. Coughlin motioned to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Griffin. Motion passed.

Old Business

Correspondence Sent and Received

Letters Sent: The SDTWS chapter sent a letter to Mr. Tony DeToy, District Ranger/Legislative Coordinator for the Fort Pierre National Grasslands, commenting on a proposal to construct new pipeline sections in the Chester and Cut Off Grazing Allotments.

Letters Received: U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc. sent a letter notifying SDTWS of a change in chapter bank account managers. Senator Tom Daschle sent a campaign letter to SDTWS. Dan Decker, 2003/2004 President of The Wildlife Society, sent a letter encouraging SDTWS leaders to promote membership in the parent Society amongst chapter members. Robert J. Warren, 2002/2003 President of The Wildlife Society, sent a letter to SDTWS requesting financial support for implementation of the Farm Bill.

Report from TWS 10th Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch

Mann-Klager and Flanders-Wanner offered informal reports on their experiences and observations at TWS' 10th Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch in Burlington, Vermont. Speakers during the Leader's Lunch included the TWS Student Chapter of the Year (Stevens Point), President of the New England chapter (Hosting Chapter), and Chair of the Biometrics Working Group (most active TWS working group). A group discussion on membership retention ensued following the presentations.

SDTWS Resolutions and Position Statements

The board reviewed their records of previously adopted resolutions and position statements. According to the Secretary/Treasurer records, it appears as if all resolutions and position statements from 1995 to 2003 can be accounted for except one. An ambiguous 1995 resolution on the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative (a.k.a. Teaming with Wildlife) has still not been located and will need further effort to locate. A discussion pursued on the proper method of archiving past resolutions and position statements. The board agreed that new resolutions and public statements should be archived on the SDTWS website and that the President and the Secretary/Treasurer should each be provided with a copy for their files. The board will request that the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee develop an official format for final resolutions that allows differentiation from proposed resolutions. The official format should include the date the resolution was adopted and the signature of the current president to distinguish the resolution as adopted and final. The Resolutions

and Public Statements Committee will also be asked to put an article in the December newsletter requesting original electronic copies of past resolutions and position statements. These original copies will be easier to archive on the SDTWS website than hard copies of the documents.

SDTWS Website Development

Charlie Bessken demonstrated the updated SDTWS website to the board members. The entire board was extremely pleased and impressed with Bessken's work on the website thus far. The board suggested several other topics for addition to the website. Once the website is complete, the board requested that Bessken present the website to the membership during the SDTWS Annual Meeting. Smith and Bessken both offered to check with TWS to inquire whether the website might be housed at the national level, as opposed to its current location at South Dakota State University. Should TWS agree to house the website, Bessken hopes to be able to log in to the website and upload new information herself for a much faster response time.

SDTWS 2004 Annual Meeting

Cedar Shore Catering and Contract: Griffin reviewed the most recent draft of the Cedar Shore Contract. All catering matters seem to be in order after a couple minor changes by Griffin.

New Officer Candidates and Elections: The President-elect and one Board Member will be elected at the 2004 Annual Meeting. Griffin reviewed current candidates, as well as other potential candidates that he intended to contact before the annual meeting. The board suggested several other potential candidates that could be contacted.

Speakers and Presentations: The theme for the 2004 Annual Meeting will be the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, with most of first afternoon's presentations devoted to that topic. Griffin reviewed a list of currently scheduled speakers. The board then discussed other potential speakers and presentation topics that might be of interest to the membership. Dan Decker, 2003/2004 President of TWS, was suggested as a potential banquet speaker.

New Business**December Newsletter**

The board discussed the contents of the upcoming newsletter. Articles will include a call for papers, a call for candidates to run for office, a request for original electronic versions of past resolutions and position statements, minutes of the November 5 meeting, and reminders to make reservations, nominate individuals for annual awards, and have proposed resolutions/position statements prepared for presentation at the annual meeting.

Development of a Training Program for Farm Bill Technical Service Providers

Robert J. Warren, 2002/2003 President of The Wildlife Society, requested financial support for implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill. Funding is needed to develop a training program for Technical Service Providers (TSPs) to become familiar with Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and specifications. TSPs are critical to ensuring full and successful implementation of the new and expanded conservation programs included in the bill. Coughlin moved to contribute \$250 to

development of a TSP training program, seconded by Flanders-Wanner. Motion Passed.

Past Presidents' Group

The board's discussion of the Past-Presidents' Group continues to be favorable. However, the board will request that Casey Kruse develop a concept page on the Group's responsibilities before moving ahead with the idea.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 11:00 am on January 6, 2003 at Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center near Chamberlain, SD.

Coughlin moved to adjourn and Mann-Klager seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Flanders-Wanner
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Life Membership Dues

Age 20 to 35: 25 x annual dues
\$10 x 25 = \$250

Age 36 to 45: 20 x annual dues
\$10 x 20 = \$200

Age 46 to 65: 17.5 x annual dues
\$10 x 17.5 = \$175

Age 66 to 75: 12.5 x annual dues
\$10 x 12.5 = \$125

Age 76 and over: Free

We Need You!

In March 2004 the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be electing a President-Elect and new Board Member to the Executive Board. On the next page you will see that the Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife Committee is vacant and that the Membership and Chapter History Committees are in need of new chairpersons. An organization is only as strong as the willingness of its members to participate. If you would be interested in “throwing your hat in the ring” and be nominated to run for President-Elect or the board member or know someone who might be interested in running in 2004 please contact Steve Griffin, South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, 3305 West South Street, Rapid City, SD 57702. Phone: 605 394-2391, Fax: 605 394-1793, E-mail steve.griffin@state.sd.us. If you would like to chair any of the three above committees, please contact the current chairperson or Ron Schauer at 605-362-2700 for more information.

No organization is stronger than the quality of its leadership, or ever extends its constituency far beyond the degree to which its leadership is representative.

Edgar Powell

SD Chapter Member Wins National TWS Poster Contest!

At last September’s national Wildlife Society (TWS) meeting in Vermont, our own Bridgette Flanders-Wanner was presented as the winner of the TWS membership poster contest. “The intent of the contest was to mine the creativity of our members to develop images and messages that would inspire people to become members of TWS,” John Organ, Chair of TWS Council’s Membership Subcommittee said.

“It was heartening to see the creativity that dedicated TWS members demonstrated in responding to the TWS poster contest,” TWS President Dan Decker added. “Bridgette’s winning poster expresses ideas that will be useful as TWS reinvigorates recruitment efforts. I hope the values of TWS membership emphasized in this and the other posters submitted will motivate chapter and section members who aren’t parent society members to join up and support TWS.”

“Bridgette, in cooperation with photographer Bill Marchel, came up with an idea that is both powerful and simple,” Organ said. “The message – ‘Be a Part of Something Wilder’ is simple, visceral, and appealing, and the image is powerful - face-to-face with a great gray owl. Her entry verified that we have enormous talent among our members and we are delighted that Bridgette’s poster won.

Plans are in the works for copies of the poster to be sent to all chapters and sections, and have it available for download on the TWS website so it can be printed on demand for display at meetings. Without a doubt it will be displayed at our Chapter meeting March 8-10 in Chamberlain.

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South Dakota Chapter TWS - Standing Committees

Audit - Paul Coughlin, Chairperson, 773-4194

Awards - Emmet Keyser, Chairperson, 773-4607

Conservation Review - Paul Coughlin, Chairperson, 773-4194

Education and Information - Laura Hubers, Chairperson, 947-4521

Membership - Tom Tornow, Chairperson, 256-2974

Program - Steve Griffin Chairperson, 394-6786

Nominations and Elections - Steve Griffin, Chairperson, 394-6786

Resolutions and Public Statements - Dan Hubbard, Chairperson, 688-4780

South Dakota Chapter TWS - Special Committees

Arrangements - Cliff Stone, 734-4530 & Ron Schauer, 362-2700, Co-Chairs

Book Service - Bob Klaver, Chairperson, 594-6067

Certification - Pat Russel, Chairperson, 226-7587

Chapter History - Ron Fowler, Chairperson, 773-4193 (**Looking for new Chairperson**)

Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife - Vacant

Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative - Eileen Dowd Stukel, Chairperson, 773-4229

Fund Raising - Tony Leif, Chairperson - 353-7145

Grassland Issues - Eddie Childers, 433-5263, Co-Chairs

Missouri River Issues - Bruce Vander Lee, Chairperson, 402-667-2583

Newsletter - Greg Pavelka, Editor, 402-667-2581

Nongame/Endangered Species - Eileen Dowd Stukel, Chairperson, 773-4229

Public Land Management - Dennis Mann, Chairperson, 394-2391

Resource Activism - Chuck Dieter, Chairperson, 688-4555

Tribal Fish & Wildlife - Diane Mann-Klager, Chairperson, 226-7621

Wetlands - Kurt Forman, Chairperson, 697-2500

If you have an announcement, information item, or committee activity report that should be included in the next edition of *A Prairie Voice*, or if your address has changed, send the information to: Greg Pavelka at the Gavins Point Project, PO Box 710 Yankton SD 57078, or call 402-667-2581, or fax the information in at 402-667-2588.

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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Send the completed application/renewal form and a check for \$10.00 (regular),
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