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

December 2004

**President's Message**

Greetings to All:

As I sit down to write this message, I realize how quickly the last few months have gone. It has been a busy fall season, and winter is not far behind. This is the time of year when the Executive Board turns its attention to the next annual meeting. Will Morlock is working hard to set up a great agenda that I think all of us will learn from and enjoy. If there are any Members that feel they want to contribute to the agenda or help on the upcoming meeting, please feel free to contact a Board Member. We all need to be thinking about making room reservations for the next meeting at the Cedar Shore Resort near Chamberlain. Please see any and all announcements regarding the upcoming annual meeting inside this edition of the newsletter.

Another topic that I have been thinking about is the Special Committees that we have in the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society. In working as the president this past year, I have noticed that there is not a lot of communications between the committees and the membership during the year. This could be as simple as nothing to report from a particular committee, or it could be that the committee chairpersons are not aware that the newsletter is a great avenue to inform the membership on what may or may not be going on in a Specific Committee. I think that the membership would like to see an occasional update from committees in the quarterly newsletter. Don't get me wrong, I think that everyone is doing a great job, but it appears that we always wait until the annual meeting to inform the membership of what has happened or is happening in a Special Committee. I just wanted to let everyone know that the newsletter is not just for the Executive Board to use, and is available for all members as a forum for updating the South Dakota Chapter on announcements or committee activities. If you would like to place anything in the newsletter, please contact our editor, or a board member and we will try and get any information in an upcoming issue. For all of the Special Committee Chairpersons that have volunteered to assist on different issues, we all thank you. In preparation for the next annual meeting, the membership would appreciate a committee report. Chairpersons need to be prepared to inform the membership if there has or has not been any activity in the Special Committees.

Steve Griffin

## **Minutes of the August 24, 2004 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

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President Steve Griffin recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center in Oacoma, South Dakota. Board members present were Art Smith, Steve Griffin, Diane Mann-Klager, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, and Bridgette Flanders-Wanner.

Flanders-Wanner presented minutes of the June 2004 board meeting. Smith motioned to accept the minutes and Hubers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Flanders-Wanner presented the quarterly treasurer's report. Mann-Klager motioned to accept, seconded by Morlock. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

#### Correspondence Received

- Letters from Senators Johnson and Daschle expressing opposition to Arctic oil drilling
- Copies of TWS's 2003 Annual Report from TWS Executive Director, Harry Hodgdon
- Thank you from South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation for \$500 donation to SE Birding Trail Guide
- Thank you from Pheasant Forever for \$500 support of the Leopold Education Project
- Request for funding: Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop (South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation)
- E-mail from Paul Coughlin regarding the South Dakota Conservation Alliance's draft plan
- Invitation from Harry Hodgdon to The Wildlife Society's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch
- Request from The Wildlife Society for confirmation of SDTWS's 2005 membership dues rates
- Letter from Senator Daschle regarding Missouri River issues

#### Correspondence Sent

- Response to questionnaire on potential use of a proposed Convention Center in Deadwood, South Dakota
- Letters sent to the three members of the South Dakota congressional delegation (Senators Tom Daschle and Tim Johnson, Representative Stephanie Herseth) encouraging them to oppose Arctic oil drilling
- Letter to Ken Higgins expressing thanks/interest in sponsoring Leopold Education Project

- Update of 2005 Section and Chapter dues to The Wildlife Society – Bethesda, Maryland

#### Society of American Foresters Meeting Sponsorship

Griffin reported that the Society of American Foresters has not requested support for their upcoming Black Hills meeting and is not likely to do so due to a change in the emphasis of their upcoming meeting.

#### Student Awards – Past and Future

The board discussed methods by which to make up for the oversight at the 2004 Annual Meeting that resulted in no Student Award candidates. Smith offered to contact the new Awards Committee Chair, Mike Lees, and arrange to give out one PhD and two Masters Awards at the 2005 Annual Meeting. One Masters Award will be given to a 2004 student and one to a 2005 student.

#### Past Presidents

Smith reported he is in the process of gathering addresses of Past Presidents of SDTWS. Once he has completed gathering contact information, he will be sending out an informational letter and formal invitation to join the Past Presidents.

#### **New Business**

##### Requests for Funding

South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation: Chad Tussing made a request for financial support for the 2004 Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop to be held in September. Flanders-Wanner moved to provide a \$500 sponsorship for the workshop. Mann-Klager seconded the motion. Motion passed.

##### TWS Leader's Lunch

Harry E. Hodgdon, Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, extended the SDTWS Executive Board an invitation to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Leader's Lunch. Smith and Mann-Klager, who will be attending the conference, expressed interest in attending the Leader's Lunch while at the conference. Smith motioned to sponsor two lunches for the two attendants, seconded by Morlock. Motion passed.

##### Election Results – Central Mountain and Plains Section (CMPS)

Smith reported the results of the CMPS elections in July as follows:

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| • President – Steve Riley              | • Past-President – Terry Messmer            |
| • Vice-President – Bob Lanka           | • Secretary/Treasurer – Alicia Hardin       |
| • Newsletter Editor – Matt Steffl      | • Representative to TWS Council – Tom Ryder |
| • Board Member at Large – Art Smith    | • Board Member at Large – Brandon Houck     |
| • Board Member at Large – Tanys Uhmman | • Board Member at Large – Gary White        |

#### Fast-Response E-mail List

Flanders-Wanner reported that, at the time of the 2004 Annual Meeting, approximately 70 members had given permission to use their e-mail addresses as a method of contact concerning important legislation and other wildlife issues that require a fast response by the membership. Unfortunately, members that did not pay their membership dues at the Annual Meeting did not have the opportunity to sign up for the Fast-Response E-mail List. Mann-Klager offered to write a short article in the September newsletter about SDTWS's effort to build the contact list.

#### Web Site Update

SDTWS received a reminder letter that the chapter needed to renew its domain registry. The board agreed that the new website, maintained by Charlie Bessken, was in excellent upkeep and was a SDTWS resource that deserved maintaining. Morlock motioned to pay \$85 to maintain the chapter's domain (SDWildlife.org) for another five years, seconded by Hubers. Motion passed.

#### 2005 Annual Meeting

The 2005 Annual Meeting, set for March 7 – 9, will be returning to Cedar Shore Hotel and Convention Center in Oacoma, South Dakota. Morlock reported that he expected a full slate of candidates for the positions of President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and one Board Member. Morlock also suggested a theme organized around Wildlife/Conservation Issues and the Media. The board agreed that a Media theme would be an excellent topic and discussed potential presenters/banquet speakers based upon the theme. Griffin offered to ask Cliff Stone to serve as a local contact for the meeting.

#### September Newsletter

Topics proposed for the upcoming newsletter include an update from CMPS, minutes of the June board meeting, requests for old SDTWS documents for archiving, a notification of the option to sign-up for the Fast-response E-mail List, a call for election candidates, and information on The Wildlife Society's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and the upcoming elections in November.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for November 2, 2004, at 11:00 am in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mann-Klager. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Flanders-Wanner  
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS

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## Call for Papers and 2005 SDTWS Annual Meeting Dates

The 2005 SDTWS annual meeting will be held at the Cedar Shore Convention Center, Oacoma, South Dakota. The meeting dates will be March 7, 8 and 9, 2005. A block of rooms is being held at the Cedar Shore Resort until February 8, 2005. Please make your reservations early! The rooms are reserved under the South Dakota chapter of the Wildlife Society. Phone number for reservations is 888-697-6363.

We need to know as soon as possible if you would like to present a paper during the open session on Tuesday afternoon. This session is held for professional and student papers. Student presentations will also be presented on Wednesday.

I am still in the market for a dynamic speaker for the banquet. If you know of someone that is entertaining and has a good message, please let me know by calling 605-882-5200.

Respectfully submitted by – Will Morlock, President-elect

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## AWARD NOMINATIONS

### WILDLIFE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD & CITIZEN'S WILDLIFE AWARD

The Awards Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2005 Professional and Citizen Awards. Each year SDTWS recognizes one wildlife professional and one state citizen for their outstanding contributions in the arena of wildlife resource management. Please contact me no later than January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 if you have an individual you would like to nominate for either of these awards.

Letters of nomination should include information on the nominee's personal, educational, and professional background; details regarding the individual's involvement in wildlife management projects and programs; and a description of other outstanding efforts worthy of recognition. If you have questions regarding formulation of nomination letters, please feel free to contact me.

This is a great opportunity to recognize those who go the extra mile in their stewardship of South Dakota's wildlife resources. So please FAX or mail you nominations to my attention soon!

Mike Lees, Awards Committee Chair  
SD Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
1612 East Robinson  
Pierre, SD 57501

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## Executive Director Hodgdon Leaves The Wildlife Society

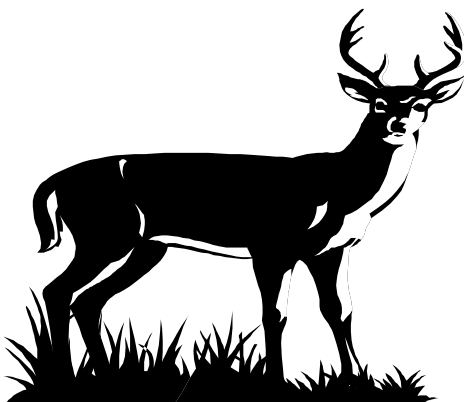
At the end of September Harry E. Hodgdon stepped down as Executive Director of The Wildlife Society to pursue some new challenges and interests. TWS Council wishes the best to Dr. Hodgdon in his future pursuits and thanks him for his 27 years of dedicated service to the organization. Below is his personal statement to TWS officers and members.

I came to TWS in 1977 as Field Director and was selected to oversee the organization in 1982. The decision to leave was not easy and resulted from a combination of personal and work considerations, including illness in my family.

After more than two decades as Executive Director, it is time for fresh ideas and approaches to keep the Society moving forward during a time of declining membership and tight finances. As I look back on the last 27 years, it is with a sense of great accomplishment for how far we have come together. Today, the Society is much more effective at meeting the needs of its members and the profession, thanks to establishing a full-time wildlife policy position to advocate the use of wildlife science in decision-making, initiating and sustaining a long-range planning process, establishing a professional development program, expanding international activities including periodic International Wildlife Management Congresses, developing subject-area working groups, initiating and organizing an annual conference and trade show, establishing a renewal mechanism for certification of professional wildlife biologists, establishing a managing editor position and permanent editorial office, redesigning the Wildlife Society Bulletin, and our recent Endowment Campaign initiative, to name but a few of our accomplishments.

Over the years I have been extremely fortunate to have been teamed with so many terrific individuals - Society presidents and Council members with whom I developed strong and lasting friendships based upon mutual commitment and trust; dedicated Section, Chapter, and Working Group leaders who were always ready to go that extra mile for the Society and the resource; Committee Chairs and Editors who were eager to share their expertise to further the Society's mission; and a hard working staff dedicated to serving our members and the profession. It has been a privilege to work with so many dedicated people over the years and I look forward to maintaining these relationships in the coming years.

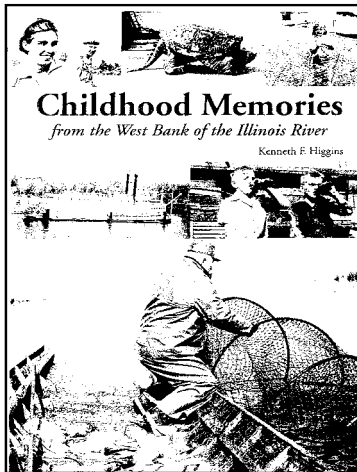
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**South Dakota Author Pens Book Supporting River Conservation**

**"Childhood Memories from the West Bank of the Illinois River"**

**by  
Kenneth Higgins**



*"Childhood Memories From the West Bank of the Illinois River"* provides readers of all ages an opportunity to look back to river life of young boys and girls during an era when the "commercial fishing" industry and the river towns that depended on it were becoming relics of past decades. In modest but humorous fashion, Ken Higgins brings readers into the reality of a passing era of river cultural heritage, unfortunately a truism of many Midwestern and Southern states.

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## New Chairperson & Chairperson Vacancy

Andy Lindbloom has volunteered to be the chairperson for the Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife Special Committee. Andy works for the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks in the Pierre area and is the Regional Program Manager for Game. If anyone else is interested in this topic, Andy would probably welcome a co-chair. If anyone is interested in joining Andy in becoming more involved in the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society, we are looking for a new chairperson for Chapter History. Becoming involved as a chairperson or a co-chairperson is a great way to be involved in the South Dakota Chapter. If there is already a chairperson listed on a special committee that you are interested in, please feel free to contact him or her and offer any assistance that may be needed.

Bruce Vander Lee has accepted a position with the Nature Conservancy in Flagstaff, Arizona and will be unable to continue as the chairperson for the Missouri River Issues Special Committee. If you have an interest in the Missouri and the myriad issues surrounding the river, please consider chairing this committee. For further information please contact one of the Chapter Board members.

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## South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Life Membership Dues

Tired of writing a check every year to renew your membership in the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society? Then consider becoming a life member! Dues are prorated by age and can be seen in the column to the right.

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

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

Join the seventeen Life Members in the SDTWS and help the Chapter maintain a long term funding source. If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, visit the website at [www.sdwildlife.org](http://www.sdwildlife.org) and look under the membership section for information or contact Chad Switzer at 605-353-6699.

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

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"We abuse the land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Aldo Leopold, 1949

## South Dakota Chapter TWS - Executive Board

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## South Dakota Chapter TWS - Standing Committees

**Audit** - Art Smith, Chairperson, 773-7595

**Awards** - Mike Lees, Chairperson, 773-4675

**Conservation Review** - Paul Coughlin, Chairperson, 773-4194

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

**Membership** - Chad Switzer, Chairperson, 605-353-6699

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**Nominations and Elections** - Will Morlock, Chairperson, 882-5200

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

## South Dakota Chapter TWS - Special Committees

**Arrangements** - Cliff Stone, Chairperson, 734-4530

**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** - Andy Lindbloom, Chairperson

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

**Fund Raising** - Tony Leif, Chairperson - 353-7145

**Grassland Issues** - Eddie Childers, 433-5263 & Boyd Shulz, 697-2500, Co-Chairs

**Missouri River Issues** - Vacant

**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

**Wetlands and Waterbirds Recognition Honor Roll** - John Koerner & Ken Higgins, 688-6121, Co-Chairs

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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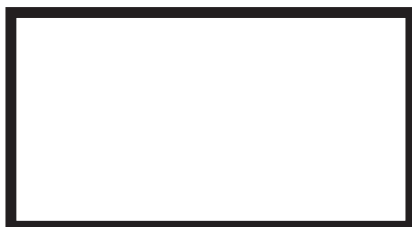
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