



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting, February 22nd, 2015
Cedar Shore Resort
Oacoma, SD
7:00 p.m.

- 7:19 start
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - Lee moved to approve
 - Casey seconded
 - Didn't vote
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - 31 Dec 2014
 - \$2, 495.86
 - \$21,735.94
 - See document provided by Troy to Kanta
 - Debits \$1,321.14
 - \$3,190.72 ending
 - \$21,736.49 ending
 - Kanta sent via email to Board
 - Lee approved
 - Kanta second
 - All in favor
- Old Business
 - 2015 Annual Meeting Planning
 - Assignments
 - Review Agenda
 - Raffle
 - Nominations
 - President-elect
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Board Member
 - Awards
 - Newsletter Committee Chair
 - Charlie will be stepping down; no candidates known, will mention at the annual meeting
 - Website Editor
 - Charlie will be stepping down; no candidates known, will mention at the annual meeting; hire someone to do it; host

- with nationals; can get help from Nationals if we go that route; Ed Thompson is web contact person
 - Certification Committee Chair
 - At least 4 SDTWS members/students requested assistance; 2 questions were related to coursework
 - Can look on TWS website for information
 - Someone from university may be a good fit
 - Information on TWS Certification discussion from TWS Council from Bob Lanka. Some considered certification is exclusionary especially because it is based on coursework. Question is how do we incorporate experience towards certification? Incorporate into agency requirements. TWS certification carries weight in court.
 - Bald Eagle Awareness Day Funding Request
 - Thank you from Casey et al.
 - Will have agendas available for membership during the meeting
- New business
 - Final Annual Meeting Preparations
 - Cedar Shore arrangements
 - Membership and pre-registration were sent via email
 - KC Jensen bringing extra projector
 - T-shirt, copies of annual budget; Shubham Datta will help
 - Norton will get registration cash
 - Has one absentee ballot
 - We need to make copies of the meeting minutes
 - Troy/Lee registration table; need one computer open at registration table with membership excel sheet
 - Went through costs of speakers; 4 speakers have costs
 - Kanta has speaker bios
 - Put abstracts on web or have as a handout at the meeting
 - Double check on presentation evaluations
 - Kanta computer for presentations; Silka will help
 - Casey, Silka at clerks; Lee will watch; still need people to walk around
 - Check to get easels;
 - Need to print out annual meeting minutes;
 - Audit: check bank statements against treasurers reports
 - Need to give Cathy estimate about banquet
 - We have all the awards; we will need to write a check to the student award winners
 - Idea from Wyoming is to have consultant sponsor a best-student presentation award
 - May need to get photographer assistance; Norton has camera
 - Have 2 student rooms; 12 student attending; may need to get cots;
 - Need help with getting up banners
 - Need to print business meeting minutes
 - Purple Martin \$300 funding request;

- Kanta motion
- Kempema second
- All approved
- Concern for good use of TWS funds and investing
- Friends of CMPS reception at the upcoming TWS Annual Meeting in Winnipeg Sponsorship
 - Kanta motioned not to sponsor the “Friends of CMPS Reception” at the TWS annual meeting
 - Casey second
 - All in favor
- Consider developing a budget
- Brian Hiller visited board meeting
- Membership Committee Chair Nora stepped down; need
- Awards Committee Chair Nathan Baker
- Wetlands Committee Chair Randy Meidinger
- TWS council updates
 - Send in \$1/SDTWS member to the CMPS
 - Conservation Affairs Network
 - Look into ToolKit
 - Used Keystone XL pipeline as the example of how ToolKit can be useful- how do we address this in particular the processes of tar sand extraction
 - Goes through the Section
 - Group achievement-work doing good things for wildlife; 15 February
 - Fellows Awards 2 candidates submitted; TWS focuses; good wildlife people

Kanta move to adjourn

Lee second

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.