



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

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Executive Board Meeting

9 January 2014

- Attendance: Silka Kempema, Mark Norton, Casey Heimerl, Nathan Baker, Travis Runia, and Troy Grovenburg
- Silka called meeting to order at 9:25 AM (Huron)
- Grovenburg provided updated minutes from the previous meeting for review. Silka asked for one edit. Norton made motion to approve minutes. Runia seconded – motion carried.
- Grovenburg provided treasurer's report through 12/31/13. Board discussed expenses and revenue for upcoming annual meeting. Norton made motion to approve the report. Baker seconded – motion carried.

Old Business:

- Tim Johnson letter - Silka got a response letter sent to her home and shared with the board.
- Silka received a thank you letter from Teaming With Wildlife for signing on to a support letter and shared the letter with the board.
- Review action on issues that were addressed over email:
 - NNF Cain Creek Land exchange – Sent the letter to public land committee who determined that we do not need to comment on it.
 - Conservation Affairs Network email and conference call - Nobody on board was on conference call.
- SD National Wild Turkey Federation meeting support
 - Request to provide \$200 to NWTf. Approved over email, check sent.
- Auction item for Rob Klumb (silent/live)
 - NDTWS and SDTWS were asked to auction item to support scholarship. Board agreed over email to have auction for item to benefit a scholarship in Rob Klumb's name. Live/silent auction will depend on if we have access to an auctioneer. Decoy will go on live auction if possible.

- Website renewal
 - Board approved via email to approve website renewal
- Active Issues
 - Conservation grazing position statement
 - Board was involved in the email exchange about the new SDSU Extension Grassland management listserv. Asked by Pete Bauman to add TWS email list to listserv to disseminate newsletter/info. Board agreed instead to include information in TWS newsletter.
 - Comment letter on Northern Long-eared bat and prairie butterfly listing
 - Board decided it wasn't appropriate to comment from chapter on NLEB. Silka thinks it is still worthwhile to provide comments on prairie butterfly listing. Silka will ask Eileen Dowd Stukel to draft a letter for board review and approval.

New business:

- Letter from Maga Ta-Hohpi on 2013 activity. Informational piece for board to review.
- Bald eagle days request - requested \$200. Board reviewed request letter. Norton made motion to approve. Baker seconded. Motion approved. Grovenburg will send check to SDGFP (Casey) who is coordinating.
- Any other funding requests? No other requests at this time.
- 2014 Annual Meeting
 - Agenda
 - Norton updated the board on the program which is full. Could possibly add one 20 minute presentation. But other than that agenda is full. Guest speaker is Joe Riis. Norton is going to talk to Joe about steering presentation towards membership interest, to tell the story behind projects. Need to make sure of coordination between agenda and food service.
 - Registration cost/form
 - Runia suggested a change to clarify which day's meals they would be at. Board agreed to have registration form online so that members can register early. Forms will be sent to Grovenburg who will maintain spreadsheet of early payments. Norton will make final changes to the registration form and get it posted online (sent to Charlie). Norton will send to Grovenburg to disseminate to the department.
 - Norton suggested increasing prices by \$5 on general and one-day general; prices had not increased for many years. Costs for meals at Cedar Shores have increased. Remaining prices remained the same. Need to include language about registrants needing special accommodations on the registration form. Motion to approve (Grovenburg) fee increases and form changes. Norton seconded. Motion carried.
 - Gun or other item raffle

- Casey is in charge of raffle items. Casey suggested some sort of optics for main raffle item instead of a gun. Board reviewed optic prices and liked the idea of a Go-Pro.
 - Casey sent paperwork to Cabelas inquiring about donations for live item auctions. Has not heard back from them. She also will approach Runnings and DakotaMart.
 - Runia will ask DU, NWTF, and PF for auction items.
- T-shirt sales
 - Board discussed fundraising idea of selling t-shirts at the banquet. Casey contacted Monarch sales in Sioux Falls (have done work for other agencies/organizations) and received a price quote. Casey brought color samples with logo layout for board to review. Board decided on price point of \$15 per shirt and to order 144, color choice of Sand.
- Auctioneers
 - Board will not ask the same people as last year. Board discussed idea for getting an auctioneer. Silka will continue following some leads and if that doesn't work the Board will seek an auctioneer from the membership.
- Meeting sponsors
 - Silka will contact Truax, Millborn Seeds, Crop Production Services, Safari Club International. Silka will talk to Dennie Mann about approaching CPS and SCI.
 - Grovenburg will ask QDMA and TNC to help sponsor.
 - Casey will ask Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- Funding for banquet speaker
 - Norton requested sponsorship from GPNSS (\$300) and sent a letter to their board. Grovenburg indicated that the GPNSS board would be meeting in mid-January.
- Menu
 - Board decided menu selections for meals and breaks.
- Review of award nominees
 - Nathan took the board through award nominations (Student and Citizen Awards). Student award this year is a MS award. Norton made a motion to approve a nominee for MS award. Casey seconded – motion approved. Motion to approve nominee for citizen award (Norton), Grovenburg seconded – motion carried.
- Board member candidates
 - Need board member at large position and president-elect. Board discussed possible candidates and will contact to determine interest.
- Meeting handbook
 - Board went through the meeting handbook and assigned responsibilities for February meeting.
- TRCP free lunch
 - SD Ag Conservation Coalition requested chapter to put a Wednesday lunch (free) on the agenda to encourage our members to attend. The goal of the lunch is to work with wildlife and agricultural groups to bring them together for conservation. TRCP would like to invite SDTWS membership to come to it, learn about coalition, get input from TWS members on possible direction to

go. Asked for it to be put as check box on the registration form so that TRCP knows how many lunches to plan for. Motion to approve (Grovenburg) putting it on agenda at the end as well as putting it on our registration form. Norton seconded – motion carried.

- Workshop ideas for future meetings
 - Update on potential partnership with GPNSS to host workshops. Board would need to submit a proposal to the GPNSS board by early March if partnering in time for the 2015 GPNSS workshop(s) are the goal.
- Joint SDTWS/SRM meeting?
 - SRM meeting is in October, which is an issue. Board does not see a possibility of moving our meeting to fall.
- Other
 - No additional business.
- Runia made motion to adjourn. Baker seconded. Motion carried – 12:21PM.