

February 24, 2013

SD TWS Board Meeting at Cedar Shores Resort

Called to order 7:15 p.m. by President Travis Runia.

Secretary's report of the minutes from the December 18<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Eagle eye Baker found an error in the amount of the sponsorship for Bald Eagle Awareness days. The minutes list \$250, but it should have been \$200. The Treasurer's report confirmed \$200 was the actual amount. Correction was made. Nathan moved to approve and Kempema seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Secretary/ Treasurer Mark Norton. Kempema moved to approve the treasurer's report and Baker seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

There are two funding requests. 1<sup>st</sup> is from Charlene Bessken from the USFWS requesting \$500 for a Butterfly Garden that will be built at the Oahe Downstream Recreational Area. Funds will be used primarily for a sprinkler system and temporary deer exclusion fence. This would be an educational garden to increase the public's awareness of prairies and the insects that depend of them. Board felt it was a good idea to support prairie education. Mark Norton moved to fund this request at \$500. Kempema seconded. Motion carries.

The second request was from the parent TWS for the national leadership institute. No specific amount was requested. Money was needed to help keep the Institute funded. Points of discussion included a summary of Silka Kempema's experience when she attended 6 years ago. Silka felt it was a good program and was glad she attended. Others wondered why funding is short now. The request was not specific in details of why they needed extra funding now that what they have needed in the past. Mark Norton moved to table until after we talk to Gary White and Baker seconded. Motion tabled.

Directors and Officers Insurance would cost \$500-\$600/year to protect the board from allegations mismanagement. Discussions lead to the conclusion that it seems to be an unjustifiable expense for the liability of the SD TWS board. Mark Norton moved to table until after we talk to Gary White and Kempema seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting handbook has been a valuable resource to hand down from board leadership to next generation of boards. Silka will add that national membership list and current membership list should be referenced by the Treasurer to assist in knowing who needs to pay membership dues at registration of the meeting.

The board reviewed the response letter from Senator Thune about SDTWS support for sod saver and tying conservation compliance to federal subsidized crop insurance premiums. Thune supported sod saver, but didn't want to make crop insurance unavailable for any farmer. The board may write a follow-up letter to the response letter making the point that tying conservation compliance to the federal subsidy for crop insurance would not make crop insurance unavailable to farmers only the federal subsidized portion of the premium of crop insurance. Farmers can still buy crop insurance.

No current state legislation was in need of SD TWS action.

2014 Meeting Dates – March 10-14<sup>th</sup> of March is Spring break at SDSU and March 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> is a training week for SDSU staff. Further discussion will be had at the board meeting following the annual meeting.

Silka Kempema moved to adjourn the meeting. Baker Seconded. Motion Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.