



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter
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**Executive Board Meeting, April 14th, 2016
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (CST)**

**Call-in Number: 866-410-8397
Conference Code: 7654165898**

On the call:

President: Nathan Baker
President elect: Josh Stafford
Past President: John Kanta
Secretary/Treasurer: Julie DeJong
Board members: Alex Solem, Ben Lardy

Call to order: 1:10 pm CST

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (2/28/16)
 - Motion to approve: Alex Solem
 - Second: Josh Stafford
 - All in favor
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - Square and paypal do not show on here – they are removed automatically from the amount before it is deposited – should it be? This follows the bank statements only. They are shown on the 2016AnnualMeetingFinancials document. Julie will put in Square and Paypal in the treasurer's report and send to board a revised treasurer's report (done).
 - Agreed on approval of Cedar Shores Bill: \$14,145.16
 - Motion to approve after changes to include Paypal/Square: Alex Solem
 - Second: Josh Stafford
 - All in favor
- Old Business
 - Annual Meeting Review
 - Reviewed a financial breakdown of the meeting
 - Discussed comments from participants – all good reports
 - Could look into Josh Goeman (student member) for auctioneer next year.

- Did we forget pop for breaks? Yes, overlooked this and will try to remember it for next year.
 - Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Questions on unclear wording from 2015 Business minutes. Will edit the end to reflect that we are using parent TWS website rather than a private contractor Red Lizard and will repost to website.
 - Motion to approve: John Kanta
 - Second: Josh Stafford
 - All in favor
 - CMPS Section Dues for SDTWS Chapter Members (\$1)
 - Currently have 177 members
 - On registration form we state that the CMPS membership is free with state dues. Each Chapter pays \$1 per member to be a member of CMPS.
 - Nathan will check with Bob Lanka on whether it's required or not.
 - All board agreed to pay for this year and last year to catch up.
 - Committee Vacancies/ Discussion on Committees
 - Fundraising Committee Chair
 - Casey Heimerl stepped down
 - Looking for a new chair
 - Tribal Fish and Wildlife
 - Dianne Mann-Klager is chair – unable to contact her but she is still a member – John Kanta will continue trying to contact her
 - Resolutions and Public Statements Committee Chair
 - WY changed the name to Science Committee
 - Would take a change in the by-laws – is there support to doing this?
 - Nathan Baker will look further into it from Wyoming folks on why they changed.
- New Business
 - 2017 Annual Meeting Date and Location
 - Rapid City is more expensive
 - No comments about location or Cedar Shores itself
 - ND Chapter interested in holding a joint Dakota meeting at some point
 - All agreed to stay with Cedar Shores
 - Dates: work around Spring Break (March 6-10th), other meetings
 - Goal: Feb 27th - March 1st 2017
 - 2017 Annual Meeting Planning
 - Josh Stafford in charge of this
 - Possible Workshops
 - tracking

- Speakers/Theme
- Training versus meeting
- Hold training the day before or Monday morning
- Annual Meeting Photo Contest – Purchase of Canvas (2016 Winner) to raffle off next year
 - Get an inexpensive one on sale
 - Ben Lardy will look into this and send sites to Julie DeJong
- Review duties/responsibilities of board members for new board
 - Information sent to board members
 - Google Drive Information stores documents
- TWS Annual Conference
 - SDTWS Chapter Representation
 - Several Chapters (MT,WY) pay full amount for the President or other board members
 - Decision and Travel approval by end of July
 - Board supports sending a member
 - Connections and ideas for state chapter are important
 - Motion to send one board member per year, with SDTWS paying up to the full cost depending upon input from employer of individual: John Kanta
 - Second: Julie DeJong
 - All in favor
- Increase TWS Membership at National Level
 - 9/30/15 = 40 SD Members, President Potts Goal = 41 (+3.2%), CMPS Rep. Lanka's Goal = 45
 - Ideas for getting more members
- Committee Guidance from Executive Board
 - i.e. Certification, Chapter History, etc.
 - board needs to provide some guidance on some tasks and time limits for certain boards
- “Couch” Interviews – Silka Kempema may be able to assist
 - Ideas from board on who could be interviewed
 - Forward names to Nathan Baker
 - Play them at annual meeting
- Facebook Group
 - Should we convert to a Facebook Page
 - Yes, should convert – Nathan will look into it
- South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund “Habitat Pays”
 - One suggestion for use of SDTWS funds for board to think about – get more information on where the funds are going

Motion to adjourn at 2:30 CST: Alex Solem
Second: Ben Lardy