



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

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Executive Board Meeting, August 16th, 2017 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (CST)

Meeting called to order at 11:20am.

Present: Stafford, Solem, Pauly, Lardy, and Ermer

Absent: Baker

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (4/21/17)
 - Motion to approve by Solem
 - Second by Ermer
 - All in favor
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - Motion to approve by Pauly
 - Second by Solem
 - All in favor

- Old Business
 - 2018 Annual Meeting Date and Location
 - Feb. 26-28, 2018; noon to noon
 - Cedar Shore Resort – Oacoma, SD
 - Reserved 99 rooms Mon and Tues nights, 5 rooms for Sun night
 - 2017 Annual Meeting
 - Theme: "Natural History: Back to the basics with backpacks and binoculars"
 - Celebrating the roots of our profession and re-enforcing natural history
 - Monday afternoon session will focus on this theme; be thinking of potential speakers
 - Habitat, long-term monitoring and trends, landowners
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Contacted Dr. Zink currently with University of Nebraska-Lincoln; former natural history museum curator; possible topic "3-minute outdoorsman" or Moller controversy
 - Solem will follow up with Dr. Zink

- Workshop speaker
 - Michael Furtman; 2hrs; SDTWS will pay travel and expenses
 - Focus on wildlife photography and integrating biology
 - Other ideas: wildlife artist; art as a conservation tool- Solem will make a couple more contacts
 - Call for abstracts will be November timeframe
 - TWS Annual Conference
 - SDTWS Chapter Representation
 - Stafford will attend
 - Motion by Solem for SDTWS to pay up to \$1200 for travel and registration expenses
 - Second by Lardy
 - All in favor
 - Chapter Sponsorship
 - Discussion to support student travel grants instead
 - Annual meeting Photo Contest – Canvas Purchased (2017 Winner Emily Mitchell)
 - Digital copy of photo was obtained from 2017 winner
 - Solem will get canvas made around December because of reduced production costs
- New Business
 - SD Student Travel Grants
 - In the past, we gave \$200 per student; in return must submit one-page summary of experience
 - Discussion: board would like to support travel for students
 - Solem moved to table until talk with Baker about past years process;
 - Stafford second;
 - All in favor
 - Spending money in savings account?
 - Discussion on creating annual scholarship using money in savings account
 - Will add this topic to annual meeting agenda
 - 2018 Annual Meeting Details and preparation
 - Will discuss menu in Dec/Jan
 - Discussion on changes to Auction format:
 - Possibly larger silent auction that runs throughout meeting
 - Discussion about a reduced live auction setting
 - Still do auction on bigger items such as Gale Simpson print, carved birds, etc.
 - Gun raffle- make and model?
 - Another raffle item?

- Upcoming SDTWS Newsletter (September/October)
 - Meeting Theme- message from president will highlight the theme, dates and tentative call for abstract date

Motion to adjourn by Solem
Second by Lardy
Meeting adjourned 12:20pm