



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

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**Executive Board Meeting, November 8th, 2016
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (CST)**

Conf. Call Number: 866.410.8397

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On the Call

President Nathan Baker

Past President John Kanta

President Elect Josh Stafford

Secretary/Treasurer Julie DeJong

Board Member Ben Lardy (Absent)

Board Member Alex Solem

CMPS Board Member Shelly Deisch

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (8/11/16)
 - Motion to approve: John Kanta
 - Second: Alex Solem
 - All in favor
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - Motion to approve: John Kanta
 - Second: Alex Solem
 - All in favor
- Old Business
 - 2017 Annual Meeting
 - Theme
 - *"PRECISION CONSERVATION: THE INTERFACE OF WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, AND PEOPLE"*
 - Keynote Speaker
 - *Has anyone been contacted?*
 - Josh Stafford – still looking/contacting people
 - Need 1 keynote speaker for banquet, Monday afternoon opening speaker
 - Keynote maybe Bruce Knight, Chris Helzer, Barry Dunn
 - Meeting Registration Fees
 - *Same as 2016 Meeting*
 - Review Meeting Checklist

- *Assignments – referred to next meeting*
 - CMPS Annual Meeting – 2017
 - Slated to be held in South Dakota
 - 1) *Host state has their own meeting (for most states, these occur in February or March) and also organizes the CMPS meeting in August.*
 - 2) *Host state moves their annual meeting to August and it's a joint meeting.*
 - 3) *CMPS meeting is moved to the host state's date and it's a joint meeting (with elections occurring in August).*
 - Issues with August in SD with the Rally
 - CMPS would give \$500 to SDTWS for the meeting
 - Questions concerning:
 - *Time needed on agenda for out-of-state attendees and CMPS?*
 - *Time enough for out-of-state attendees to plan ahead if we have a joint meeting in February?*
 - *Fund raising, registration \$\$ split?*
 - *Location? – Black Hills would be centrally located for CMPS*
 - *More information is needed before a decision is made*
 - *Nathan to contact CMPS-President, Andrea Orabona, to discuss options and answer questions*
 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016
 - Letter to SD Representatives?
 - *Sent on 8/23/16*
 - Mount Rushmore Connector Trail
 - Comment Letter
 - *Sent on 9/16/16*
 - Friends of the Big Sioux River
 - Conservation Groups Meeting
 - *Julie DeJong Attended meeting on 8/30/16*
 - *Drafts of bills for mandatory riparian buffers, but ended up with no bill since it would be hard to pass*
 - Upcoming SDTWS Newsletter (September/October)
 - Meeting Theme
 - TWS New Member Benefits
 - Online Access to all of TWS's Journals
 - *Sent out on 10/28/16*
- New Business
 - TWS Annual Conference Report to Board
 - TWS Chapter & Section Collaboration Meeting Information
 - Stony Butte Assessment
 - NEPA (Comments)
 - Candidates Needed
 - President-Elect
 - Board Member

- Secretary/Treasurer
- December Newsletter
 - SDTWS/CMPS Annual Meeting Information
 - Award Nominations
 - Call for Abstracts

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm

Motion to adjourn - Alex Solem
Second – Julie DeJong
All in favor