



## THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter  
523 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

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Executive Board Meeting via conference call  
27 March 2014

- In-attendance: Casey Heimerl, Silka Kempema and Mark Norton
- Call-in: Lee Erickson and John Kanta
- Norton called meeting to order at 11:12AM
- Secretary's report was read. Motion to approve as amended by Kanta, Seconded by Erickson; motion passed. Board had the opportunity to review and comment on the minutes before today's meeting.
- Treasurer's report reviewed. Motion to approve by Heimerl, seconded by Erickson; motion passed.

### Old Business

- Review of annual meeting. Overall received positive feedback. Well attended. Cedar Shore followed-up our annual meeting with a phone call to see how things went. Only a few minor issues were reported (microphone, room readiness, banquet speaker screen). We want to ensure that the resort remains attentive to the needs of our annual meeting and does not become complacent with our return business. Board reviewed Cedar Shore bill. Kempema will follow-up with 2 questions on bill.
- Our chapter has received two separate invitations to hold a joint meeting. Dakota chapter of The American Fisheries Society and the Nebraska Chapter of The wildlife Society. Support was greatest for a potential joint SD/NE TWS meeting. Benefits include ability to be more selective on submitted presentations and present on issues that are similar between states. Suggestion to begin by including some Nebraska topics in our annual program, working towards a joint meeting. Ensure that SDTWS needs are met if a joint meeting is held. Concern with out-of-state travel. Board is to think more about the joint meeting idea.
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chapter is in 2016.
- Great Plains Natural Science Society Workshop partnership. Membership voiced support for our participation in the GPNSS annual workshops. SDTWS would help provide direction on workshop topics, advertise to

members, provide assistance and workshops and would be compensated in return. Kempema briefly reviewed that there were two types of committees (Standing and Ad-hoc). Standing are described in by-laws. Ad-hoc are formed as needed. A workshop committee would be ad-hoc. Kempema made a motion to create a workshop committee; Heimerl seconded; motion passed. Travis Runia and Casey Heimerl have volunteered to be on the workshop committee.

- Board briefly discussed
  - letter written to Environmental Protection Agency regarding their MOU with Department of the Interior regarding migratory birds and
  - letter of support for cut-off date for burning Conservation Reserve Program lands.
- Board will approach the wind and biofuels sub-committees on joining both into an ad hoc energy committee, if they are agreeable to the join it will become one energy committee.

### **New Business**

- 2015 meeting dates. Last week in February or first week in March were discussed. Kanta made a motion to hold next year's annual meeting on 23-25 February 2015; Heimerl seconded; motion passed. Norton will call this information in to Cedar Shore.
- TWS Fellows award. Board discussed potential nominees and will continue to think of others; be ready to really work on this in the Fall. Board will decide on our nominee during our next board meeting. Deadline for nomination submission is 15 March 2015.
- TWS Distinguished Service Awards. Norton has pursued gathering information for a candidate. Board supported.
- TWS conference. TWS is trying to put together a meeting at the annual conference in Pittsburg for state chapter issues. Norton recommends that a board member attend and potentially provide monetary support if needed. Kempema will look into attending.
- Member Andy Lindbloom recommended to Kanta that the Board review the committees.
- Request was made by member Natalie Gates to consider the development of a position statement on wetland drainage in SD. This was passed to the wetlands committee.
  
- Erickson made a motion to adjourn, Kempema seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.