



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

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Executive Board Meeting, March 20, 2015

- Called to order 10:10 AM – President Kanta

Board Members on Conference Call:

President: John Kanta

President Elect: Nathan Baker

Past President: Mark Norton

Treasurer/Secretary: Julie DeJong

Board Members: Lee Erickson and Alex Solem

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - Motion to approve – Erickson
 - Second – Solem
 - All in favor
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - Moved to approve – Erickson
 - With knowledge that Treasurer's Report does not match bank statement – bank balance reports \$119 above Treasurer's report. Julie DeJong will investigate further.
 - Second - Baker
 - All in favor
 - Changes that will be upcoming to the treasurer's report:
 - Key note speaker Dr. Williams travel expense reimbursement - bill is coming - approx. \$800
 - Cedar Shores bill is still coming – approx.. \$9,000-\$10,000
 - Christy Mogren – SDTWS paid for meal
 - Mike Erickson – SDTWS paid for meal
 - Brian Hiller – SDTWS paid for meals
- Old Business
 - Annual Meeting Review
 - Kanta – start planning earlier for agenda
 - Baker – hard to hear in the back, have everyone use the microphone

- Norton – wireless microphone volume seemed to get lower throughout the day, was a challenge to hear during the banquet
 - Talk to Cathy (Cedar Shores rep) to let her know we weren't completely satisfied with the acoustics
 - Erickson - Student Mixer –will work on coordination better next year, worked with student chapter to get it going, we need to lead them more, will take the lead again with the Student Mixer
 - Solem – Everyone liked the falconry workshop, should continue for next year, maybe do a panel type discussion concerning wildlife management
 - Erickson – compare “old school conservation” to “new technology” during panel discussion
- Newsletter & Website Editor
 - Norton – need to keep thinking of this topic until we find a replacement for Charlie Besskin (who will be resigning)
 - Kanta – may need to pay someone, but we need the money for other issues so let's try to find someone, may need to purchase software or provide training
 - Norton – Dennie Mann suggested working through an online website source
 - Kanta – thought he heard that would be approximately \$1000 - \$2000 per year
 - Erickson – is there an option through the parent society?
 - Norton – will check with Ed Thompson with TWS for options
 - Norton – any interest in the newsletter
 - Kanta – may have some ideas, everyone look for people and we should get something rolling by the next meeting.
- Approval of annual meeting minutes
 - We don't have them from Troy Grovenburg yet. Should get them approved by next meeting.
 - Committee vacancies/ discussion on committees
 - Should we discuss changing/eliminating any duties/committees?
 - Fee hunting and ownership of (Andy Lindbloom current chair but not much to cover)
 - Baker - Would board be able to cover any of the duties, do we need a committee, do we have contacts available?
 - Kanta – more comfortable with qualified volunteers in committees
 - DeJong – advertise openings/needs in the newsletter
 - Vacancies:
 - Resolutions and public statements
 - Tribal Fish and Wildlife – chair (Diane) still active?
 - Should we disband the Fee hunting and ownership committee and Tribal Fish and Wildlife committees?

- Kanta will check with Andy L and Diane and then provide us all with more information
 - Updates on filled vacancies
 - Chuck Pyle - Membership
 - Randy Meidinger – Wetlands
 - Troy Grovenburg – Certification
- New business
 - 2016 Annual Meeting Date and Location
 - Date: Tentative: February 22-24 (Monday – Wednesday)
 - Avoid spring break due to students in workshops at that time
 - AFS meeting dates?
 - Norton – check with Cedar Shores to see what dates around this time are open, can pencil in these dates with Cedar Shore now
 - DeJong – we should check with AFS to see what their dates are before we lock in dates with Cedar Shores (assigned to Nathan Baker)
 - Kanta – always have a board meeting the Sunday night before so pencil in that date also in planner
 - Baker: Joint meeting with AFS or stay on own for 50 year Anniversary
 - Solem – maybe stay at Cedar shores, stay on our own and just bump up the menu, program and activities for the 50th
 - Location:
 - Stay at Chamberlain Cedar Shores or move to a new location?
 - Erickson – this location works well
 - Baker – would increase costs if move to Rapid City
 - All agree on staying at Cedar Shores
 - 2016 Annual meeting planning
 - Kanta – struggled a little last year. There is a “how-to” document we can follow. Let’s plan earlier this year.
 - DeJong – maybe focus on how things have changed in the last 50 year
 - Baker – focus on opportunities/positives and good advances not negatives
 - Kanta - Make this a celebration, not doom and gloom,
 - Baker – in charge of agenda this year
 - Kanta – should we have a band or live music?
 - Baker – comments from annual meeting, maybe target some folks involved that haven’t been active lately
 - Baker - What can we offer key note speakers for \$\$? Should we start asking around now?
 - Norton – this year we paid \$800, last year around \$800. May want to stick around \$1000.
 - Review duties/responsibilities of board members for new board

- DeJong – questions about appointing parliamentarian at meetings and distribution of bylaws (on internet), activity timesheets, has report on election been sent to parent chapter (Norton – yes)
 - SDTWS budget
 - Kanta – we work pretty hard to earn money from the raffle and auction with a good amount of savings in the bank, can we spend more money on a better/more sought after speaker knowing we have money in the savings account? How about scholarships, etc?
 - Do we need \$25,000 in the bank? What are options to use this on? Scholarships, etc.
 - Baker – scholarships are a good idea
 - Erickson – can we do an endowment where we give the scholarship from the interest?
 - DeJong – will contact some people about endowments
 - Erickson – could have free beer both nights, maybe a band one night
 - Kanta - Pay for board representative to attend parent or CMPS meetings with expectation to bring back notes, etc.
 - Erickson – good idea to send one board member each year
 - Kanta – let’s all think about it and come up with some ideas before the next meeting
- TWS annual conference
 - Representation by our chapter
- Kanta – everyone read up on the request and let’s discuss at the next meeting
- Next meeting – June/July
- Will work on budget between now and then
- Treasurer’s Reports due at each board meeting
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- Friends of Mega Ta Hopi funding request
- - Norton – we did not give money last year but we have in the past, this year we received a generic letter without a specific amount specified,
 - Solem – they do good things, help out with Step Outsides and Beadle County Sportsmen Clubs, Prairie Days where they have demonstrations of telemetry, dog training, outdoor activities,
 - Erickson – do they display donor names at events?
 - Solem – not sure but will get more information, public outreach
 - Mark– Motion to fund at \$200
 - Second – Alex
 - All in Favor
 - DeJong – fill out form and send check
- Erickson – motion to adjourn
- Baker – Second

- All in favor