



South Dakota Chapter The Wildlife Society



A Prairie Voice *Spring 2017*

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A Message From the President

South Dakota springs are uncertain things, but the South Dakota chapter of The Wildlife Society continues to deal with issues as they arise, regardless of the weather. The executive board has been busy with a few items during the last few months, the most noteworthy of which is voicing The Chapter's support for continued funding of the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. We have submitted letters of support for these programs to U.S. Representative Kristy Noem, and U.S. Senators Mike Rounds and Tim Johnson. I've been pleased to receive follow-up calls from each of these offices, mostly to acknowledge the receipt of the letters, but also asking some basic questions regarding our support of the program. It's hard to say in this fiscal and political climate what will become of these important programs, but the Executive Board continues to see these as being important priorities to conservation of Wildlife and Natural Resources in our State.

We were pleased by this year's turn out for our Annual Meeting, held during late-February and early-March at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain, SD. This year's meeting was also held joint-



ly with the annual meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains section of TWS, and we were incredibly grateful for the support and help in planning this joint meeting that CMPS offered. Although much of the meeting took the normal format of a variety of professional and student presentations on various topics of wildlife ecology, management, and research, we were fortunate to also diversify the platform this year and attract speakers from a variety of regions and disciplines. We're already working on the theme for next year's meeting and, without dropping any spoilers, I think everyone will be very excited to see what we have in store (hint: think "back to basics").

A Message From the President

Here at SDSU a number of new and exciting wildlife research projects are getting started and underway. Projects on bighorn sheep and continued issues of mortality due to pneumonia have begun and should yield new insights into how the disease is transmitted and what can be done to improve survival of these charismatic animals. I'll be bringing on new students to start two waterfowl-related projects; one will be investigating the value of fall-seeded cover crops to nesting waterfowl, which will provide important information as this time-honored technique to improve soil health becomes popular again, and updated with modern cover crop types and agricultural techniques. I'm especially excited to begin a study involving a simultaneous evaluation of waterfowl nesting and predator ecology, where the graduate student will find as many nests as possible while concurrently monitoring predator movements and habitat use with GPS collars! The result should be a real-time look at predator-prey interactions within the nesting waterfowl community. Finally, with Drs. Charles Dieter and Carter Johnson retiring from the Department of Natural Resource Management this spring, changes in faculty will be happening over time. To this end, we are currently in the middle of a search for a new Wildlife Ecologist that will teach a number of our core undergraduate classes and build their own wildlife research program.



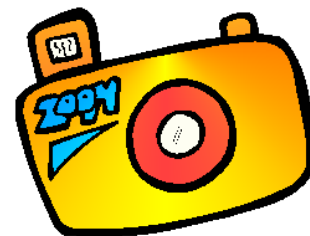
As the spring rains continue to fill the prairie potholes and summer begins to set in, I wish everyone a wonderful field season. Stay safe, have fun, and feel proud and fortunate to be a wildlife biologist - the best job in the world!



Josh Stafford, SDTWS President



PHOTO CONTEST



We know our members have great pictures from their outside adventures including landscapes, hunting, outdoor recreation, and flora/fauna. We would like to showcase your pictures during a photo contest at this year's annual meeting.

Entry fee: \$5 per photo—no limit on number of entries

Size: 8x10 attached to 10x12 black cardboard / foam board mat

- Photos can be submitted prior to the meeting to any board member or can be brought to the annual meeting
- Winner will be chosen by popular vote at 2018 Annual Meeting & receive 50% of the entry fees.
- The winning photo will be displayed on the SDTWS website and will be made into a canvas to be auctioned off at 2019 annual meeting.



Notes From Dennie Mann

Badlands National Park protects one of the largest expanses of mixed-grass prairie in the United States. The mixed-grass prairie fills a transitional zone between the moister tall-grass prairie to the east and the more arid short-grass prairie to the west.



Biologists have identified more than 400 different plant species growing in Badlands National Park. Each plant species is adapted to survive the conditions prevalent in the mixed-grass prairie ecosystem. The climate here is one of extremes: hot, cold, dry, windy and stormy with blizzards, floods, droughts, and fires. Although you can find trees, shrubs, and forbs, it is grasses that dominate the landscape.

Western wheatgrass is the predominant grass in the prairie areas of Badlands National Park. Growing one to two feet high, it is a sod builder and thrives on the clay soils of the Badlands. Some forbs and grasses that grow in association with western wheatgrass are prairie coneflower, white milkwort, needle-and-thread grass, and prairie dropseed.



The native grasses of the mixed-grass prairie serve as important food sources for many species of wildlife, from prairie dogs to bison. Historically, grasslands were North America's most extensive biome, but today most of the prairie has been altered by agriculture or development. We are very fortunate to have this 244,000-acre landscape in western South Dakota.

Bighorn sheep were introduced into the park with a joint effort between the national park service and South Dakota Dame Fish and Parks back in the 60's. This population has had its ups and downs and now is at the peak population level since the 1960's. Over the last couple years' survival rate of lambs has been excellent with 30 plus being recruited into the population each year. Biologist Eddie Childers has been identifying issues and solutions to maintain this important bighorn population in the park. Utilizing GPS collars on both adults and lambs to gather valuable data on movements and habitat selection.



Over the last two weeks I have been photographing bighorn sheep at the Pinnacles and Cedar Pass areas of the park. Mary Ann and I have photographed sheep from northern Alberta to southern Utah and no place offers better opportunity than the Badlands of South Dakota.

On "Mother's Day" we photographed 5 lambs and some ewes on the pinnacle's south of wall. One of the lambs guessing "ram lamb" was packed with energy head-butting other lambs and jumping on his mother.

In South Dakota, we have the most dedicated agency staff from GFP, NPS, USFS, and BLM managing the wildlife and habitat resources in this great state, and thanks to SDTWS we all work together and share critical information to improve wildlife management operations in the center of this nation.



Thanks for all you do for resource management! Have a great Spring!

Calendar of Events

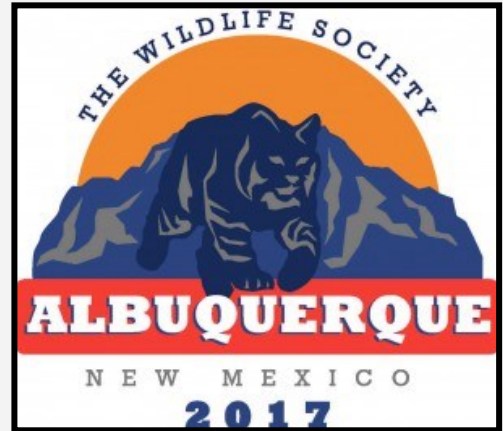
TWS 24th Annual Conference

SAVE the DATE!

The 24th Annual Conference

September 23-27, 2017

Albuquerque, New Mexico



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for more information.

Check it out...

- SDTWS has a new website..

- SDTWS is on Facebook!



Click [here](#) to join the group!

Facebook is a great way to share information, post events, to stimulate discussions on environmental issues or other topics of interest.

Contact Chuck Pyle at goosemansd@hotmail.com if you have events, pictures, or topics you would like posted to the site.



SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Annual Business Meeting—28 February 2017—Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma, SD

Call to order – President Nathan Baker, Recognize a quorum; recognize Parliamentarian - Mark Norton

Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting – Julie DeJong

Motion to approve: Dennie Mann, Second: Alex Solem, All in favor – motion passed

Annual Treasurer's Report – Julie DeJong, Motion to approve: Josh Stafford, Second: Chuck Berdan

All in favor – motion passed

Old Business

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Nominations and Elections** – Josh Stafford

*Comments from the Candidates, President Nominee: Alex Solem, board member for 2 years,

Secretary/Treasurer: Jacquie Ermer, Board: Brian Pauly

*Casting of the Ballots, Motion to cast a unanimous vote of the ballots since there was only one candidate for each position: Dennie Mann, Second: Corey Huxoll, All in favor – motion passed

- **Audit** – John Kanta

- **Awards** – Nathan Baker

Two nominations were received for the Wildlife Professional of the Year Award and two nominations were received for the Citizens Wildlife Award. We received a nomination for the M.S. student of the year award, and two nominations for the Ph.D. student award, which is offered every other year. Awards will be presented tonight during the Awards Banquet. Student and open presentation award plaques were again procured, as was one for our outgoing chapter president.

- **Conservation Review** – Paul Coughlin, No report

- **Education and Information** – Laura Hubers, No report

- **Membership** – Chuck Pyle, No report

- **Program** – Josh Stafford, Gave update on the agenda

- **Resolutions and Public Statements** – Vacant, No report

- **Special Committee Reports:**

Arrangements – John Kanta, Similar arrangements for planning on meeting dates and sites as in past year. Accommodations and facilities have been sufficient at Cedar Shores.

Certification – Troy Grovenburg, Nothing to report

Chapter History – Corey Huxoll, Nothing to report

Energy – KC Jensen and Silka Kempema, Nothing to report

Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife – Andy Lindbloom, Nothing to report

Fundraising – Ben Lardy

Grassland Issues – Boyd Schulz/Jim Madsen/Joel Murano/Pete Bauman, Nothing to report

Missouri River Issues – Nathan Baker, No updates on Missouri River Issues at this time.

Newsletter – Jennifer Briggs, Nothing to report

Public Lands – Dennie Mann / Tom LeFaive / Eddie Childers, Dennie Mann reporting – 3 projects this year.....

1. Rushmore Connector Trail-Review of the Trail and Recreation Scoping Notice- Black Elk Wilderness, Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway and Norbeck Wildlife Preserve on Black Hills National Forest. SDTWS believes this hiking trail is inconsistent with the Black Hills National Forest Plan, federal laws and past actions taken by Black Hills National Forest for the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve (referred to as Norbeck). The Norbeck was created by the Norbeck Organic Act public law 258 in 1920 and Black Elk Wilderness (originally part of the Norbeck) was congressionally designated as wilderness in 1980. The Scenic Byway was established in 1991. Other alternative trail routes are required to avoid these three areas. SDTWS believes project recreational developments within Norbeck, the Scenic Byway and Black Elk or that are strategically placed immediate to the Norbeck boundary (campground) are actions that are not acceptable to meet the laws established for these areas.

Congress designated Norbeck for game animals and birds and their breeding places. The proposed Rushmore Connector trail and campground projects will only add to an already pressured area. An outdoor recreation carrying capacity study is required.

2. Stony Butte Ft. Pierre National Grasslands Project Proposal-

As stated in our assessment comments, the richness and ecological services of intact grassland ecosystems, such as FPNG, are more important as native grasslands are being converted for other land uses.

We also request that NEPA evaluations provide a comparison of the new proposed water densities in the project area, include other water developments across FPNG since 2001, and compare today's density (including the proposed project) with the density that existed when the FPNG Plan revised in 2001. This would be considered either connected actions or cumulative effects analysis with a continued increase in water developments across FPNG.

We propose that NEPA analysis identify all factors that are preventing FPNG from having sufficient management flexibility for making needed adjustments in current grazing management under the existing FPNG range allotment management plan. Our hope would be that this type of analysis could help identify a broader range of alternative actions to help counteract expansion of invasive plant communities.

Concerning Figure 3 and development of new roads and parking area: SDTWS supports the construction of new roads to fishing areas and the parking lot. Wet areas should be avoided and when not possible, seasonal access or gravel will allow for less soil disturbance, keep vehicles in the roadway and avoid driving in the grasslands for access.

Concerning Figure 4 and proposed actions for changes to infrastructure: we cannot find where the fence will be removed. What is the purpose of removing the fence and how will vegetation changes be monitored by creation of a larger pasture?

3. Cheyenne River Area Range Allotment Plan:

In the Review of your proposed actions:

Combining Indian Creek and Big Corral allotments: This could improve rest rotation and allow managed grazing with movement to the other pasture when monitoring and evaluation of the pasture dictates movement of livestock.

Fence along the Cheyenne River: Good management practice but difficult to achieve during high-water years and flooding. Keeping bison and cattle from repetitive movements to riparian areas will require monitoring and maintenance of fence to limit impacts to the riparian community. Other metrics in addition to percent utilization should be itemized in the monitoring table. Utilization of >40% in riparian areas will not allow adequate riparian vegetation growth to stabilize river banks and improve wildlife habitat

Dam repair, well placement, pumps and tanks: Water placements are critical and will improve grazing man-

agement. Placement away from the riparian areas will limit use on those corridors and allow for better grazing utilization on the upland areas.

Herding: This is an excellent direction to limit overuse but requires increased monitoring and knowledge to improve grassland health and its reproductive potential throughout the grazing season.

Prescribed Fire Utilization: Fire is an appropriate management tool in prairie ecosystems and when utilized can increase native grass and forb production. Planning is critical to achieve desired goals and a one year rest after the burn from grazing (except where cool season non-natives need to be suppressed) will limit negative impacts and improve grassland health and vigor.

Salt and Minerals: This is a way to reduce impacts along sensitive areas and can be utilized in similar ways such as water locations to distribute grazing pressure. Salt and minerals must be kept far from wet meadows, saturated soils and riparian areas.

Adaptive Management Grazing: Priority should be given to monitoring to ensure adaptive management grazing is effective at meeting range condition goals.

Allotment Management and condition: We appreciated the enclosed maps but noticed that key monitoring areas were not highlighted. What is the desired condition for each allotment?

Drought. We are extremely supportive of a RMP which includes drought management. Timing and grazing pressure are crucial outside of drought, but even more important during and following drought. We encourage that the attached drought article by Reece et al. remain in the EA and be incorporated into individual operating plans

Mark Norton has agreed to take on the public land chair position for the next 20 years!

Respectfully Submitted, Dennie Mann

Tribal Fish & Wildlife – Mike Gutzmer, Nothing to report

Wetlands – Randy Meidinger, Nothing to report

Wildlife Diseases – Steve Griffin, Nothing to report

Wildlife Diversity – Eileen Dowd Stukel and Silka Kempema, Eileen Dowd Stukel reporting –

Blue Ribbon Panel: The Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources concluded its initial work, with two primary recommendations:

Recommendation 1: That Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program. These funds would provide states with the resources needed to implement State Wildlife Action Plans, which are designed to conserve over 12,000 species of greatest conservation need.

Recommendation 2: To convene a working group to examine the impact of societal changes on the relevancy of fish and wildlife conservation and make recommendations on how programs and agencies can evolve to engage and serve broader constituencies.

Legislative efforts to implement the first recommendation are underway. South Dakota is likely to be an important player in the legislative arena in the effort to demonstrate strong bipartisan support.

Bald Eagle Awareness Days: Our chapter continues its support for this educational event. The 2016 event was held in late February with the total audience estimated at more than 1,000 people. The event featured presentations in Sioux Falls and Pierre, with school programs in Plankinton. The SDGFP Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City held a companion event during Bald Eagle Awareness Week. The 2017 event was held last week and included events in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, with school programs in Pierre.

Wildlife Diversity (cont'd)– Eileen Dowd Stukel and Silka Kempema, Eileen Down Stukel reporting

Recent federal listing activities pertaining to South Dakota:

The rusty-patched bumble bee is scheduled to be listed as a federal endangered species in March of this year. This species was historically known from extreme northeastern South Dakota, but is not presently known to occur in the state.

The FWS continues to review the status of the monarch to determine whether listing is warranted. That decision must be made by June 2019. The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies continues its cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.G.S., National Wildlife Federation, the Monarch Joint Venture and others to develop a scientifically sound conservation plan as an alternative to listing. This planning effort will address breeding, migratory and winter habitats and include as many partners and approaches as possible. South Dakota plans to host a monarch or pollinator workshop this year to improve coordination among partners and to begin the process of producing a state monarch or native pollinator plan.

Workshop – Travis Runia and Casey Heimerl

Travis Runia made a motion to dissolve this committee, Second – Josh Stafford, No vote necessary to dissolve this committee since it is not a standing committee.

• **Other Reports:**

⇒ Central Mountains and Plains Section Update – Bob Lanka/Andrea Orabona, Update will occur at the CMPS business meeting which will follow the SDTWS annual meeting.

⇒ SDSU Student Chapter Report – Heidi Becker – President –

30 members, Buffalo Banquet in April, helped with Ag Day, bird banding with KC Jensen, waterfowl hunting and dog handling demonstration, decorated and rode a float for Natural Resource Management at Hobo Days, hosted guest speakers from GFP, resume building demonstration, ice fishing club activity, hosted graduate students, hoping to do a trap shoot this spring and some more bird banding.

• **Election Results** – Josh Stafford and Nathan Baker, Unanimous vote of ballots:

⇒ President Elect: Alex Solem;

⇒ Board: Brian Pauly;

⇒ Secretary/Treasurer: Jacquie Ermer

• **Other Old Business**

Discussion concerning the SDTWS paying for the national membership for SDSU student chapter officers and state chapter officer since these officers are required to be a member of the state and student chapter to be in these positions. Board is considering these options at this time. There are four board members on student chapters (\$41/member) and five on state chapter (\$81/member).

New Business

• **Approval of New Members** – John Kanta

Will put the list together after the meeting and then put the list of names in the newsletter. Discussion concerning putting a statement concerning “upholding the ethics of the TWS” when becoming a member with a signature location on the registration and membership form.

• **Meeting site/dates for the 2018 Annual Meeting**

Discussion concerning location.

- Other New Business

Sharing member information with parent TWS – Bob Lanka

TWS policy is now that it will not/does not sell membership information with other groups outside the organization; the request is for name and email, not telephone or address; this would allow them to share information about parent TWS and try to boost membership in parent TWS organization.

Suggestion-Board could send an email to each member for permission to share their information with parent TWS, as another state has decided to do. Council will be discussing and would like an answer on what SD chapter would like to do.

-SDTWS will send out an email to members to see if they want their information shared.

Transfer of Gavel to President-Elect Josh Stafford

Presentation of Past-President Plaque

Motion to Adjourn - Dennie Mann, Second – John Kanta, Meeting Adjourned 9:59 AM

2017 Annual Meeting Awards/Photos



2017 Wildlife Professional of the Year
Scott Larson



2017 Citizen Award
Tracy Rosenberg



2017 Annual Meeting Awards



Best Student Presentation
(L -R) Elise Berheim, Josh Stafford



Best Open Presentation
(L -R) Carissa Krueger, Josh Stafford



2017 Outstanding Wildlife M.S. & Ph.D Students
Neal Martorelli (M.S. student)
Brandi Felts (Ph.D. Student)

Public Lands Committee Comments — Mark Norton, Chair

The Public lands committee submitted comments to the US Forest Service on the Eastern Pennington Waterline project in March. Our letter pointed out that the waterline project Environmental Assessment failed to fully consider the 2009 Land and Resource Management Plan for the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands and its rangeland and wildlife objectives, standards and guidelines. We received a notification that a draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact was completed on May 5th. This means they are proceeding without implementing any of our recommendations.

The Public lands committee also submitted a letter of support in March to the US Forest Service on the Limber Pine restoration project in the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve on the Black Hills National Forest. We supported the project to restore a rare native tree species which will enhance the habitat diversity within the preserve and enhance the preserve's ability to fulfill its purpose.

The Wildlife Society News

Popular Articles on the TWS website

- [Farm Bill Field Guide for Fish and Wildlife Conservation](#)
- [An ever-changing ecological battlefield — from The Wildlife Professional](#)
- [Bringing innovation and success to pollinator habitat project design](#)



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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Executive Board Meeting, February 26, 2017 Cedar Shore Resort

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- Approval of minutes from last meeting (1/17/17), Motion to approve - Stafford, Second – Solem, All in favor
- Approval of treasurers report, Motion to approve - Kanta, Second – Solem, All in favor

Old Business

- Review Draft Annual Meeting Agenda, Meet with Kathi at Cedar Shore Resort to make final arrangements for Annual Meeting
- Review Award Nominations, Wildlife Professional of the Year, Citizens Wildlife Award, M.S. Wildlife Student Scholarship, Ph.D. Wildlife Student Scholarship
- CMPS Award Nominations, Wildlife Professional of the Year, Citizens Wildlife Award
- TWS Student Chapter Board Membership Dues
Support from State Chapters to pay for student officer dues
- Mountain Lions in SD Film Project
Request from Clark DeHart for a letter of support for project, Have discussed at the last meeting – and reviewed discussion – Baker will contact Mr. DeHart to let him know we will not be writing a letter of support
- Wifi Hotspot (Purchase)
Would be used for registration at Annual Meeting
- January SDTWS Newsletter
Annual Meeting Information, Board Member Candidate Bios, Draft Agenda, Other items?

New business

- Final Annual Meeting Preparations
Only 6 student talks (3 MS, 3 PHD) – possibly due to low enrollment?
Baker to do introductions, Stafford – moderate first day, Solem – Tuesday after noon moderator, Banquet – discussed B. Dunn arrangements, Stafford and Hays presenting awards, Kanta – Wednesday moderator
- SDTWS Board Member TWS Dues
Financial Support from SDTWS? Will open for discussion at annual business meeting
- Hell Canyon Ranger District Comment Letter
- Habitat Improvement Project in the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, Will send to committee for review

- Auctioneer Gift - \$50 from Ray's Western Wear
- Approval to destroy last year's auction forms and registration forms, After audit is approved this may be done.
- Motion to adjourn: Lardy, Second: Solem, All in favor,
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

The South Dakota Chapter TWS Objectives are:

- To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environment upon which wildlife and humans depend.
- To undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation.
- To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values.
- To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

To aid in the achievement of these objectives, the South Dakota Chapter proposes to:

- Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Section, and The Society.
- Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- Recognize and commend outstanding professional achievements in maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
- Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and the Central Mountains and Plains Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
- Encourage communication between members and nonmembers to facilitate understanding and effectiveness of research and management of wildlife resources.
- Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted public or private actions that could affect wildlife and to make these evaluations known to the public and public officials.

Executive Board Meeting April 21st, 2017



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (2/26/17), Motion to approve Stafford, Second by Baker, All in favor
- Approval of treasurers report (4/21/17), Motion to approve Solem, Second by Lardy, All in favor

Old Business

- Annual Meeting Review. Discussion by group; went smoothly overall; favorable comments from attendees; CMPS folks enjoyed meeting; remote call-in presentation was disappointing; look into some different food options; consider changes to fundraising/auction
- Review of Annual Meeting Minutes (2/28/17), Minutes were reviewed
- Committee Vacancies/ Discussion on Committees

New chairs: Ben Lardy- Fundraising, Mark Norton- Public Lands

Vacant chairs: Resolutions and Public Statements, Certification



Barry Dunn - Banquet Keynote speaker

New business

- 2018 Annual Meeting Date and Location, Feb 26-28, 2017 at Cedar Shore, Motion to approve by Solem, Second by Pauly, All in favor, Solem will contact Cedar Shore to reserve
- 2018 Annual Meeting Planning, Group discussed some possible themes and special sessions: Binocular Biology; Back to Basics; Birding/Photography; Citizen Science
- Annual Meeting Photo Contest – Purchase of Canvas (2017 Winner), Stafford will obtain digital copy from 2017 winner Emily Mitchell
- Review duties/responsibilities of board members for new board, Google Drive Information, Baker will send the information via email
- TWS Annual Conference- Sept 23-27, 2017 Albuquerque, NM, SDTWS Chapter Representation, Stafford plans to attend, SDTWS provide national membership dues for board members of student chapter and state chapter, Motion by Stafford

for SDTWS to pay membership for state chapter and student chapter, Second by Pauly

- Discussion on when to start and how to implement efficiently; no consensus so Stafford moved to Table until next board meeting and Solem seconded, All in favor to Table until next board meeting
- Increase TWS Membership at National Level, Current Membership, Goals from National TWS & CMPS/Bob Lanka, Discussion on how to increase membership; will send reminder in newsletter to sign up with national TWS
- Letter to NRCS – Leonard Jordan (OIG Report on PPR Audit), Stafford sent but has not heard back
- Letter to Rep. Noem, Stafford sent and received notice of letter receipt
- Letter to Thune and Rounds, Stafford will send
- Letter to Mr. DeHart- mountain lion film project, Solem will send response
- New Members, Discussion on who is considered “new member” with regards to a lapse in membership payment, Ermer to go back in files 3-5 yrs; if not paid within last 5 years, then considered new member

Motion to Adjourn- Baker, Second- Solem

Meeting adjourned 11:27am

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Awards - Nathan Baker 223-7709
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Education & Information - Laura Hubers, 947-4521
Membership - Chuck Pyle, 353-5753
Program - Nathan Baker 223-7709
Nominations and Elections - Nathan Baker 223-7709
Resolutions & Public Statements - Vacant

SDTWS - Special Committee Chairs *

Arrangements - Mark Norton, 773-3096 & Tom Kirschenmann, 352-1874
Certification - Vacant
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Missouri River Issues - Nathan Baker, 223-7709
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