



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting, June 11th, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CST)

Call to Order Conference Call 10:04am.

Present: Solem, Magedanz, Pauly, Ermer

Not present: Stafford, Markl

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (3/29/18)
 - *Motion to approve Pauly, second by Magedanz*
 - *All in favor*
 - Approval of Treasurer's report
 - *Motion to approve Magedanz, second Pauly*
 - *All in favor*

- Old Business
 - 2019 Annual Meeting Date and Location
 - Arrowwood of Cedar Shores Resort
 - Feb 27th – March 1st, 2019 (Wednesday through Friday)
 - *Trying new days of the week (W-F instead of M-W)- attempt to avoid overlap with American Fisheries Society annual meeting which is M-W of the same week*
 - *Facility has been reserved; Magedanz will reserve a block of 90 rooms*
 - *Solem will touch base with Fundraising Committee in September*

 - 2019 Annual Meeting Planning (Update from Eric)
 - Theme
 - *"Together in Conservation"*
 - Speaker ideas
 - *30-45min block each Wed afternoon session*
 - *NRCS/PF- Zimprich, Morlock- partnership*
 - *WAFWA? PPJV? Cities/urban (DeJong- city ADC)? NGOs? Coalitions (Grassland)? SD Corn Growers- Jim Ristow-sustainability/soil health? Tribal?*
 - *USFWS-Kurt Forman-private lands?*
 - *GFP & landowner project?*

- Increase in student award value review
 - *Masters: \$200 to \$400*
 - *PhD: \$250 to \$500*

- Funding requests
 - *Donations were sent to Soil Health Initiative (Bus Tour) and for printing of Fen Wetland Fact Brochures and Posters*
 - *For our support, SDTWS was offered 2 seats on the Soil Health Bus Tour; the Chapter will be sending 2 chapter members to participate in the Soil Health Bus Tour to Brown/Wilson operations in North Dakota*

- TWS Student Club Memberships
 - *Email from DJ Rekker- elections in December each year*
 - *Re-iterated SDTWS will reimburse elected student officers for National TWS dues with an invoice*
 - *No knowledge of other student chapters in SD, but willing to amend previous motion to potentially include them if needed in the future*
 - *Follow-up discussion on SDTWS to waive student membership to SDTWS Chapter as requested at the previous annual meeting; intent is to increase student participation in SDTWS; Would be difficult to get a list from each college/university and account for timing of payment; ask student chapter president and other university staff involved with students to encourage students to participate and become members of SDTWS and SDTWS could reimburse if interested in the future.*
 - *Motion by Solem: SDTWS Chapter to waive annual student SDTWS membership dues (\$6) for any collegiate student attending the annual meeting and interested in becoming a student member (will be included on registration form)*
 - *Second by Pauly; All in favor*
 - *Solem will announce in January 2019 Newsletter; inform universities/colleges about student membership opportunity*

- National membership email list from State Chapter members action
 - *Update from CMPS direction*
 - *CMPS/Council will follow up with all chapter presidents in July or August 2018*

- **New Business**
 - Letters of support/concern:
 - *Updating position/comment letters on website*
 - *Ermer will send to Mariah Simmons to be included on website*
 - *GFP commission SD TWS mission statement*
 - *No response of receipt*

- Crocker Wind Farm Environmental Assessment
 - *SDTWS Wind Energy Committee sent comments*
- SD COOP Unit Support
 - *SDTWS Chapter sent letter of support for U.S. Geological Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Program (Coop Unit)*
 - *Thune sent response letter to SDTWS*
 - *Solem will follow up*
- TWS Annual Conference
 - Flight and hotel
 - *Solem will attend annual TWS in Cleveland, OH; Oct 7-11, 2018*
 - *SD GFP will cover registration for Solem*
 - *Motion by Ermer: SDTWS Chapter to reimburse Solem's flight and hotel costs to attend annual TWS conference up to \$1,500 with receipt.*
 - *Second by Paul; All in favor*
 - Drive 44 Campaign sponsorship
 - *Provide travel grant for students instead*
 - Student Travel Grants
 - *Solem will contact Mariah Simmons for list of South Dakota students attending national TWS; SDTWS will provide up to \$200 travel grant each student*
- Upcoming July Newsletter
 - Ideas for content
 - *Recognize Mitchell School donation to SDTWS*
 - *Annual meeting dates*
 - *List of Comment letters- available to view on Chapter website*

Motion to adjourn by Ermer; second by Magedanz.

Meeting/call adjourned at 11:51am