



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

Executive Board Meeting, October 22, 2021

9 AM - 11 AM (CST)

Lindstrom (formerly DeJong) called the meeting to order at 9:02AM (CST). Meeting conducted via Zoom video conference with Heimerl, Lonsinger, Greenwalt, Neiles, and Lindstrom present.

- Secretary/Treasurer Report
 - Approval of Treasurer's report
 - *Greenwalt reviewed income and expenses since the last board meeting. Lindstrom asked for clarification of the donations and three annual dues check in the amount of \$330.00 on the checking account report. Greenwalt clarified that this was one check, which was received with instructions for \$300 in donation and three individual annual memberships to the SD chapter.*
 - *Lonsinger motioned to approve the report, Heimerl seconded. Report approved.*
- Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (8/6/21)
 - *Minutes reviewed. Lonsinger's name was misspelled in the first bullet point, noted for correction.*
 - *Heimerl motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Lindstrom seconded. Minutes (amended) approved.*
- Old Business
 - Meeting date with committee chairs – email sent to board for review
 - *Reviewed the draft email prepared by Lindstrom. All agreed it looks good. November 5th at 11am CST approved for committee chairs meeting. Lindstrom will send the email to the committee chairs today.*
 - Annual Meeting Planning (Annual Meeting March 2-4, 2022 at Cedar Shores)
 - Meeting theme
 - *As per August 6 meeting, "Challenge of Change"*
 - Speaker ideas
 - *Neiles reviewed several alternatives as the speaker selected in the August 6 meeting is unavailable. Lindstrom requested that Neiles send his top 5*

suggestions for speakers to the group via email for review. Neiles will do so, along with a brief bio for each. Speakers to be reviewed and selection made at next meeting.

- In person or virtual
 - *Neiles stated that as of a few months ago, several states had in-person meetings planned.*
 - *Group decided to wait to hear from other states at the Section and Chapter meeting November 4th. Will plan to start the Nov 5th meeting at 10:30am, ahead of committee chairs joining, to discuss and decide. Tabled until Nov. 5th discussion.*
- Fund raising
 - *Neiles has reached out to some contacts, at this time no one has expressed interest. Tabled until next meeting when the decision has been made regarding in person or virtual meeting.*
- New Business
 - TWS Annual Conference (Nov 1-5) 1 applicant for a travel grant
 - *Applicant reviewed by the group, plans to attend the multi-species occupancy modeling workshop. Lonsinger informed the group via email 10/18 that the workshop is full, so will verify with the applicant whether or not she has registered. Lindstrom suggested we could approve the application with the condition that she must already be registered to attend the workshop. Heimerl motioned to conditionally approve the application pending information of her registration, Lindstrom seconded. Approved (Lonsinger abstains).*
 - TWS Governance Guide
 - *Document provided by Lindstrom for review.*
 - *Neiles asked whether SD chapter has liability insurance, such as errors and omissions insurance. SD chapter does not have this, but Lindstrom will bring this up in the sections and chapters meeting on the 4th to ask if it is needed or recommended.*
 - Comment to Senator Thune for co-sponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

"The Recovering America's Wildlife Act will empower South Dakota's residents, natural resources managers, and conservation partners to craft programs that maintain fish and wildlife populations for their long-term value and responsible use." said Julie DeJong, President of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. "We appreciate Senator Thune's leadership in working to prevent additional endangered species listings and sustain the many species and habitats that contribute to South Dakotans' quality of life."

- Fall Council Meeting - register by 3 pm 10/22/21,
 - meeting on Sunday 10/24/21 and Monday 10/25/21 1-5 ET

- *Document provided by Lindstrom with agenda for this meeting. Members may attend if they wish.*
- TWS Section and Chapter Meeting (addition by Lindstrom)
 - *Email was received from Mariah Beyers (dated 10/20/2021) with an invitation to this meeting during the TWS Virtual Conference. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4th, 2-4pm ET. Provides an opportunity to share ideas about activities within sections/chapters and to discuss collaboration, and any other topics of interest.*
 - *Lindstrom and Lonsinger each expressed interest in attending.*

*Lonsinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Heimerl.
Meeting adjourned at 9:36AM (CST).*