



## THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter  
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**Executive Board Meeting, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**12:00 PM – 4:00 PM (CST)**  
**Cedar Shores Resort**  
**Chamberlain, SD**

Meeting called to order at 12:20pm

Present: Joshua Stafford, Alex Solem, Brian Pauly, Ben Lardy, Jacquie Ermer  
via call: Nathan Baker

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
  - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (11/16/17)
    - *Motion to approve by Pauly; Second by Solem; All in favor*
  - Approval of treasurer's report
    - *Motion to approve by Solem; Second by Stafford; All in favor*
    - *Ermer notified Board that \$67.67 was still in our PayPal account from the end of last year's annual meeting; money will be transferred to our bank account*
- Old Business
  - SD Student Travel Grants (Albuquerque TWS)
    - *Spencer Carstens was provided \$200, Essay was received and will be printed in next newsletter*
  - 2018 Annual Meeting
    - *Theme: "Natural History: Back to the Basics with Backpacks and Binoculars"*
    - Keynote Speaker
      - *Dr. Bob Zink; Topic on hunter-driven evolution*
    - Invited Speaker
      - *Michael Furtman; Wildlife photography.*
    - Registration Fees
      - *General 1-day fee increased from \$35 to \$50; reduced price for coolers and t-shirts*
    - Final Review – Checklist
      - Board meeting February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
        - *Stafford/Solem will reserve a room at Cedar Shores*
      - Assignments
        - *Moderators – Stafford/Solem will contact*

- Registration, silent auction/raffle record keeping, photo contest – *Ermer will have spreadsheets*
  - Forms for Silent Auction- *Lardy will work on*
  - Compile and print agendas – *Solem*
  - Registration forms– *Ermer working with Print 'Em Now in Watertown; 150 copies*
  - Rooms for undergrads – *Stafford*
  - Rooms for Zink & Furtman – *Stafford arrange*
  - Print raffle tickets – *Lardy will contact Boyd Schultz*
  - Presentations/Evaluations – *Baker*
  - Lanyards, nametags, raffle bucket – *Solem*
  - Banners – *check with Kanta and Baker*
  - Cash box – *Ermer will do*
  - Guns for raffle- *1 for general raffle; 1-2 for game night- Lardy and Pauly*
  - *Other raffle items- Stafford contact RTIC; Pauly contact Cabela's; Lardy sent out donation request letters*
  - Awards – *Baker will do*
  - Sponsors- *contact will be made with past sponsors*
- SDTWS Board Member Candidates- *currently 1 candidate each*
  - President Elect – *Eric Magedanz*
  - Board Member – *Nick Markl*
- TWS Student Chapter Board Membership Dues
  - *Discussion on when and how to proceed most efficiently; starting with 2018 student chapter officer elections, we would request a copy of dues paid in Sept each year; student officer will be reimbursed;*
    - *Motion to approve by Solem; Second by Stafford; All in favor*
    - *Solem will contact current student chapter president*
- New Business
  - Review Draft Annual Meeting Agenda
    - *Agenda pretty much full; one more open spot for student presentation*
  - Meet with Kathi to make final arrangements (Cedar Shores)
    - *Meals and snacks were chosen*
  - American Prairie Conservation Act
    - *Solem will sign on SDTWS to support letter*
  - Award Nominations
    - Wildlife Professional of the Year
    - Citizens Wildlife Award
    - M.S. Wildlife student Scholarship
    - *Nominations were received and reviewed by Board; award recipients will be announced at annual meeting; Baker to get awards made*
  - Treasurer's Report for Annual Meeting

- *Ermer will prepare annual treasurer's report for annual meeting*
  - January SDTWS Newsletter
    - *Information needs to be sent to Jennifer by Friday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>*
    - *Annual Meeting Information including photo contest; online registration; hotel reservation deadline*
    - *Board Member Candidate Biographies- Solem*
    - *Draft Agenda- Solem*
    - *Other: include in newsletter a request for auction donations*
    - *Ermer to send necessary online registration info to Mariah Simmons to be put on SDTWS website*
  - Stafford – Input on Annual Business Meeting @ SDTWS 2018
- Motion to Adjourn by Solem; Second by Lardy; All in favor  
Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm