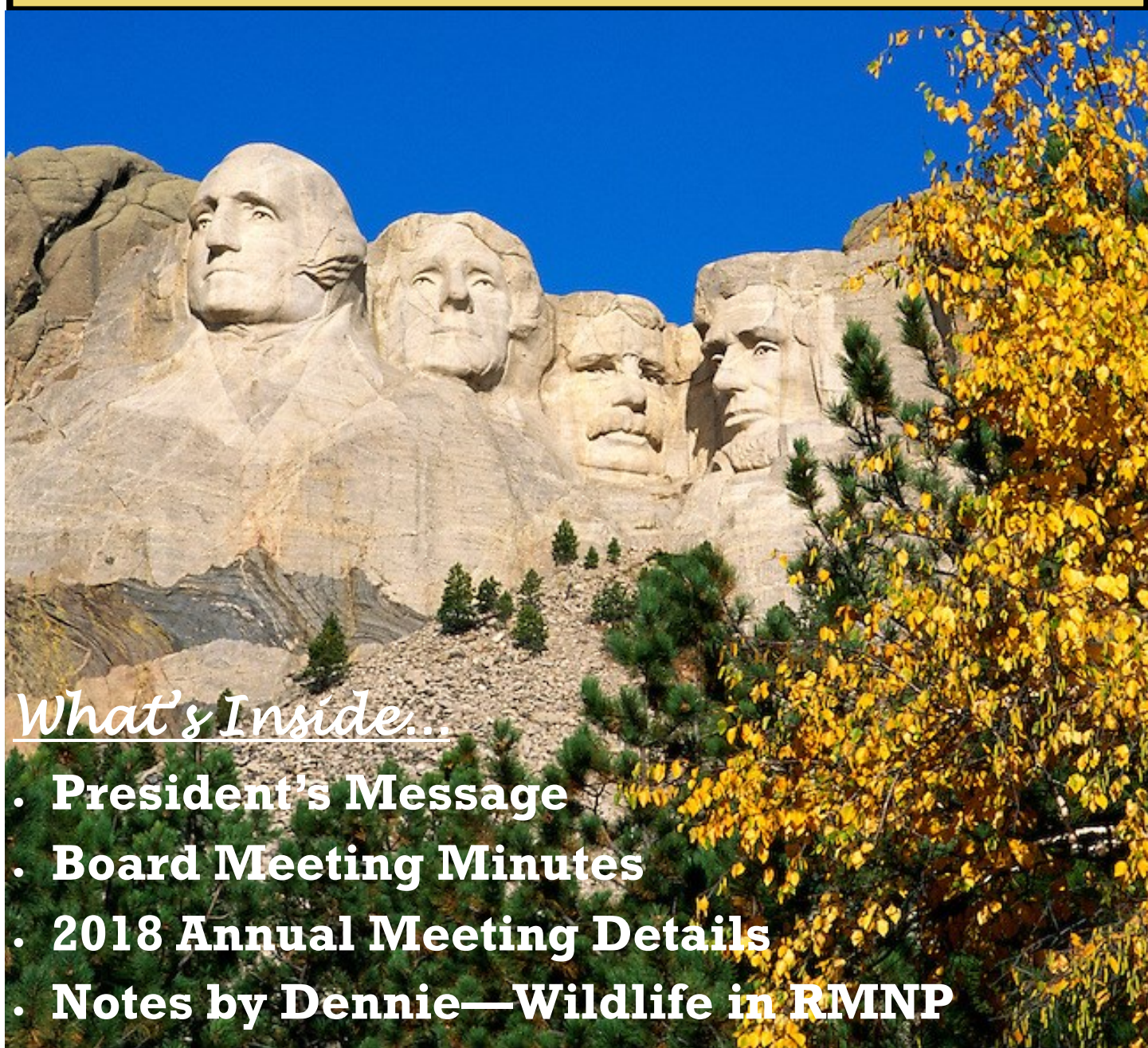


South Dakota Chapter **The Wildlife Society**



A Prairie Voice *Fall 2017*



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A Message From the President

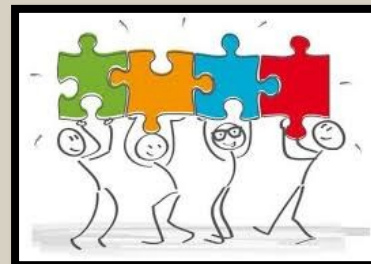


Fall is in the air! As the temperatures begin to fall, so do the leaves. I've always enjoyed what fall means; sweatshirts are dug out from the depths of closets, you can watch a football game five days a week, and the coffee just tastes better - especially if it's in a thermos. And for many of us, the best part is that hunting season is now in full swing! As wildlife professionals, I'm sure most of us find something exciting about this amazing season in South Dakota.

Our board had a busy and productive summer. We submitted letters of support on various issues relevant to wildlife management and conservation. This includes a letter requesting support for the Senate's version of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (S. 3223). I would like to thank those committees and individuals that not only helped draft the letters, but gave constructive edits. We will continue to update any position statements or comment letters on our website. If you are interested in reviewing these documents, please visit our website (<http://wildlife.org/south-dakota-chapter/about/>), under the *Policy Documents* section.

We are still working on plans for our annual meeting, which, as mentioned in previous newsletters, will take place at **Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center at Cedar Shores in Oacoma on February 27th - March 1st, 2019**. Our President-elect, Eric Magedanz, is working with Arrowwood staff making arrangements for our meeting.

That said, I'm excited to unveil this year's theme: Together in Conservation. In natural resource terms, conservation is the preservation, protection, or restoration of the natural environment, natural ecosystems, vegetation, and wildlife. This definition implies teamwork and the theme is applicable to every member of our Chapter no matter what niche they fill in our profession. I'm excited to see what types of presentations this theme attracts. Eric will continue the preparation for our annual meeting by putting together an agenda. If you are interested in presenting at our annual meeting, please contact Eric (emagedanz@pheasantsforever.org) or keep an eye out for the call for abstracts in the near future.



I'm fortunate enough to be representing our Chapter at the Annual TWS Conference on October 7-11th. This year the conference is being held in Cleveland, Ohio. Attending this meeting will provide me with the opportunity to network with other wildlife professionals and learn more about the profession in other areas of the nation. My involvement in SD TWS affords me this opportunity to attend. I encourage you to begin thinking about getting more involved in SD TWS as our annual meeting date approaches. I invite our members to look into filling the current vacancies for standing and special committees. Please visit our website for a description of each special/standing committee to see if you may be interested (<http://wildlife.org/south-dakota-chapter/leadership-governance/>). Our Chapter will also be holding elections this upcoming year for our Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, and Board member positions. Please contact myself or another member of our board if you or anyone you know may be interested in any of these positions.

I hope everyone reading this will take the opportunity to get outdoors this fall and enjoy all that South Dakota has to offer. We are definitely lucky to live in a state that has such a wide array of outdoor recreational activities. Don't forget to bring your cameras! It's a great way to document memories, and provide an entry for our annual photo contest.

Alex Solem-President
SD Chapter of the Wildlife Society

SDTWS 2019 Annual Meeting "Together in Conservation"

Coming together,
sharing together,
working together,
succeeding together.

TEAMWORK



Cedar
Shores Resort
Oacoma, SD

February 27-March 1, 2019

- Renew your membership online at SDTWS website

- SDTWS is on Facebook!



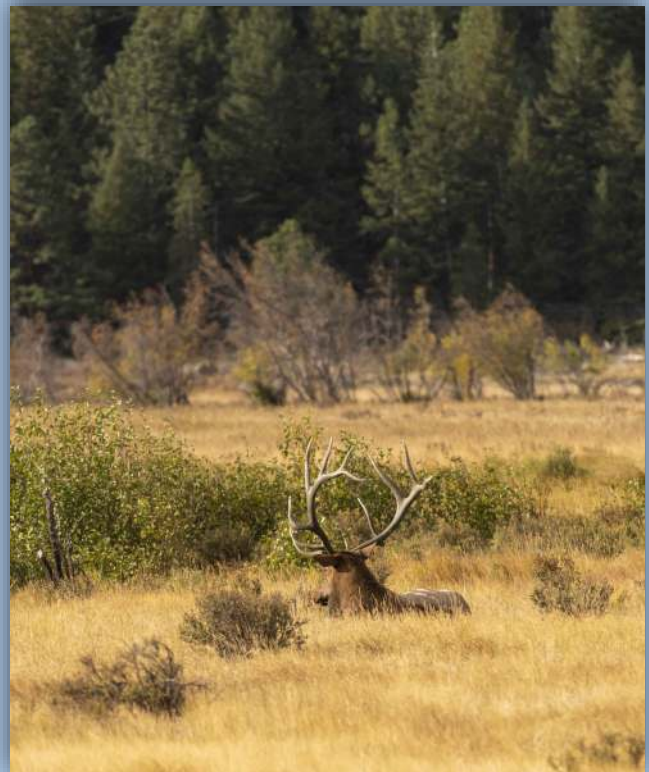
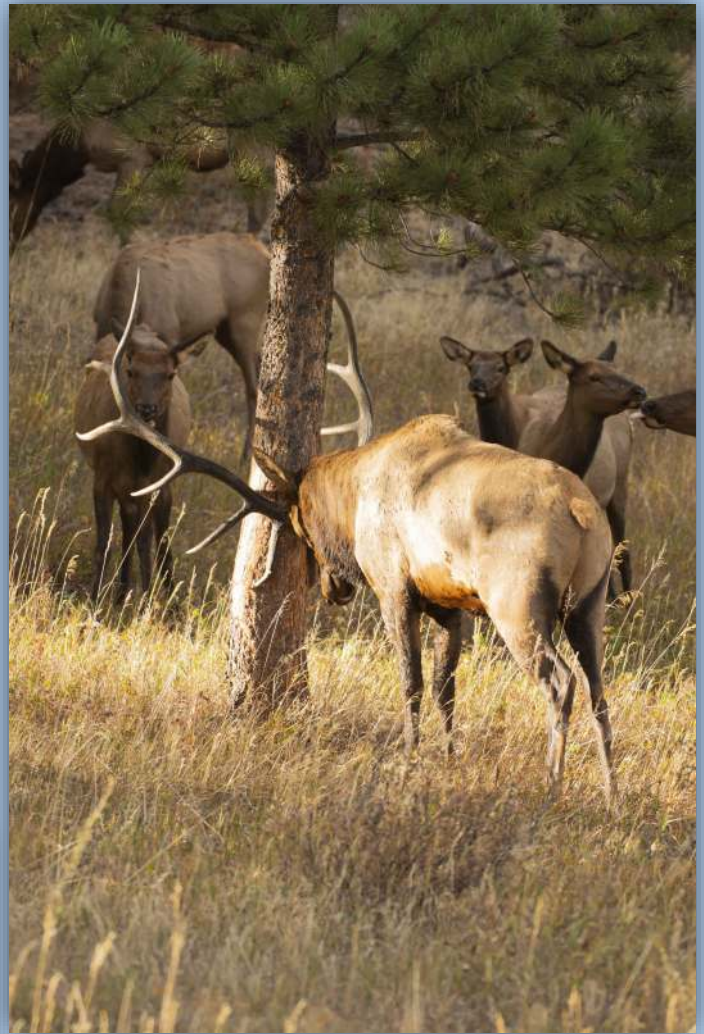
Click here to join the group! Facebook is a great way to share information, post events, to stimulate discussions on environmental issues or other topics of interest.

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



Notes from Dennie

Mary Ann and I just returned from Rocky Mountain National Park photographing elk, deer, and other wildlife. We were photographing elk at the peak of the rut and as usual the peak of visitor use in the park. We had elk everywhere from 8000-11000 feet in elevation, it was in the 80's during the day and only down to 55 at night so really warm weather at that elevation.



The elk and deer were active in the morning and as you would expect late afternoon. We spend time at 11K-12K trying to find Pika's but they eluded our lenses again, maybe next year! While we were hunting elk with camera gear our son Dennis drew his first archery elk tag in South Dakota after 18 years of applying. He harvested his elk the morning after we returned.



The North American Model of Conservation has created wildlife opportunity for both hunting and viewing. Enjoy the outdoor opportunities this great country has to offer.

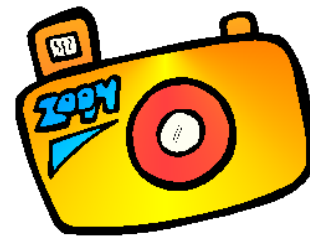
Thanks Again

DennieMann





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.



Wildlife Disease Committee Report

Recovering America's Wildlife Act: Our Chapter sent letters to our U.S. senators asking for their support for Senate Bill 3223, Recovering America's Wildlife Act. This bill would establish funding to provide for the needs of all fish and wildlife species and native habitats; specifically to assist state wildlife agencies in implementing State Wildlife Action Plans. We also asked Senators Thune and Rounds to help improve the Senate version to assure that the bill provides dedicated funding, as is true of the U.S. House version. The Senate version was introduced to provide only annual funding. We have not yet received a response from either senator.

The House version of Recovering America's Wildlife Act (HR 4647) currently has 104 cosponsors. Unfortunately, Representative Noem is not among the cosponsors.

Second Atlas of Breeding Birds of South Dakota Book: SD Game, Fish and Parks recently released this book for sale. You can purchase a copy for \$35 by calling 605-223-7662. The online interactive website for the project is available here: <https://gfp.sd.gov/breeding-bird-atlas/>

SD Monarch Conservation and Management Strategic Plan: SDGFP and partners recently completed a draft strategic plan to address the needs of the monarch butterfly, which is being considered for listing under the authority of the federal Endangered Species Act. The draft is available for public review and comment until October 26. Following comment review and incorporation of needed changes, the final version will be presented to the SDGFP Commission at their November meeting. The draft plan is available here: <https://gfp.sd.gov/userdocs/docs/2018monarchplan.pdf>

Assistance to TWS re: responses to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposals: I reviewed and provided input on proposals dealing with listing species and designating critical habitat, revision of regulations for prohibitions to threatened wildlife and plants, and interagency cooperation. The submitted letters are accessible in the most recent Conservation Affairs Network newsletter: http://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/TWS_CAN_Newsletter_4.10_OCTOBER2018.pdf

Eileen Dowd Stukel
October 5, 2018

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The Wildlife Society News

Popular Articles on the TWS website

- [Could beavers help deal with climate change?](#)
- [Working lands important for biodiversity](#)
- [New leadership named for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)



For the latest TWS News

<http://wildlife.org/learn/news-center/>



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

TWS Student Development Working Group

Greeting Students,

Have you ever heard of the Student Development Working Group? We are a Working Group that promotes increased student awareness of TWS membership benefits, works to expand knowledge and technical capabilities of student members, and helps prepare student members for professional wildlife careers. The working group facilitates networking between students and experienced TWS members by hosting meetings, workshops, poster sessions, a mentoring program, and a student chapter leaders' breakfast. The working group also selects the recipient of The Wildlife Society's Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award.

Our working group features the latest student's news in The Student Chronicles. We actively post on our TWS Student Development Working Group Facebook page. We delivery new topics, current student research and professional skill building.

We look forward to being the voice for students to the Parent Society of The Wildlife Society. We are always here to welcome new student members. We look forward to helping and providing for the next generation of the wildlife profession!

If you have any questions about the Student Development Working Group please contact Chair Kristi Confortin at kaconfortin@bsu.edu.

Please see attached link for the Student Development Working Group Facebook Page, all you have to do is "like" the page to get daily updates! https://www.facebook.com/TWS-Student-Development-Working-Group-252817268125541/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel.

SDTWS Life Members

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Lester Flake
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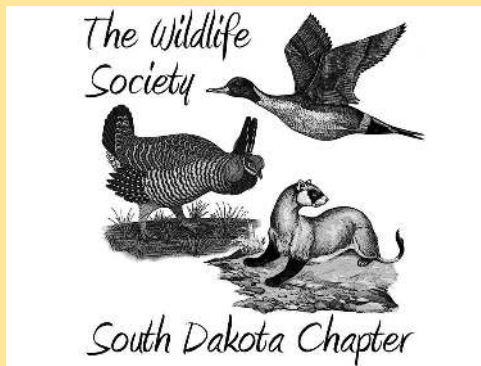
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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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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

SDTWS—Standing Committee Chairs *

Audit - Joshua Stafford, 688-5759

Awards - Nathan Baker, 223-7709

Conservation Review - Mark Norton, 773-3096

Education & Information - VACANT

Membership - Chuck Pyle, 353-5753

Program - President, Alex Solem, 353-7185

Nominations and Elections - President, Alex Solem, 353-7185

Resolutions & Public Statements - VACANT

SDTWS - Special Committee Chairs *

Arrangements - Past-President, Joshua Stafford, 688-5759

Certification - VACANT

Chapter History - Corey Huxoll, 773-4195

Energy - K C Jensen, 688-4781

Fee Hunting & Ownership of Wildlife - Andy Lindbloom, 394-1751

Fund Raising - Ben Lardy, 461-8249

Grassland Issues - VACANT

Missouri River Issues - Nathan Baker, 223-7709

Newsletter - Jennifer Briggs, 256-2974

Public Lands - Eddie Childers, 433-5263 & Chuck Berdan, 210-0099

Tribal Fish & Wildlife - Mike Gutzmer, 402-910-3533

Wetlands - Randy Meidinger, 380-0380

Wildlife Diseases - Steve Griffin, 394-6786

Wildlife Diversity - Eileen Stukel, 773-4229, Silka Kempema, 773-2742

***Please see the Committees webpage at [SDTWS](#) to find the list of Committee members and email contact information.**

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.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Application for Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (indicate home or work) _____

E-mail Address (for newsletter delivery) _____

Please Note:

SDTWS's newsletter, *A Prairie Voice*, is all-electronic. Therefore, an e-mail address must be provided above in order to receive it (paper copies will be provided only to individuals who do not have a computer, internet access, or an email address).

Please Check One: _____ New Member* _____ 2018 Dues Renewal

* If you did not pay your dues in 2017, you will be considered a new member as per the SDTWS Bylaws.

Employer _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Send the completed application/renewal form and a check for \$10.00 (regular), \$6.00 (student) to:

Jacquie Ermer

42924 140th St

Webster, SD 57274

(605) 345-3381

Regular Dues: \$10.00

Student Dues: \$6.00

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