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Agenda

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Thursday - January 18, 2024

7:30 PM via Zoom

Officers

President – Brueckner	x		Corey Paryzek	x
Vice President - Ed Dosch	x		Rob Holm	
Treasurer - Jeff Herman	x		Keith Witt	
Past President - N/A			Mike Wenstad	x
Duaine Ash	x			

Delegates

Wayne Blohm			Jeff Pifferding	
Mason Bosch			Dave Piatz	
Rick Eagleson			Tom Miller	
Chad Engle			Terry Steinwand	
Terry Fleck	x		Keith Seidlinger	x
Rod Gilmore	x			
Michael Gunsch				
Josh Holm				
Perry Kapaun				



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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call & Introductions
 - a. See table above for present members online.
3. Approval of Minutes from Fall Meeting - December 2, 2024
 - a. Officer Ash moved to approve the December 2, 2024 meeting minutes, Delegate Gilmore seconded, and the motion passed.
 - b. Note that the draft and approved meeting minutes can be found on the new NDSFC website.
4. Treasurer's Report/Financial Audit Report: Jeff Herman
 - a. Update only regarding club dues and new members joined
 - i. Treasurer Herman provided a Treasurer's update where he noted the payment of the Secretary of State for filing non-profit/organization paperwork, \$200 from the Fargo Muskies for two (2) years of membership (2024 & 2025), and payment for Flash Printing for banquet tickets. He also noted that his process of sending out the annual newsletter on March 1st to have dues paid by April 1st.
 - ii. Delegate Seidlinger asked if additional contact has been made to organizations who have been silent for the last year. President Brueckner stated that he has reached out to some organizations but plans to reach out to the additional clubs in the future.
 - b. Update if available regarding contacting of financial institution
 - i. Treasurer Herman discussed his experience with other financial institution successes but he doesn't believe Gate City will currently increase their non-profit account rates. He will be reaching out to a few other institutions before the next meeting.
 - ii. Additional members made suggestions on moving funds to different entities such as Edward Jones, placing funds in money market accounts, seeking to split the money into different accounts that allow for flexibility in access, and other suggestions. Further discussion will be had on this matter when Treasurer Herman reports back.



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5. Old Business

- a. Website Updates & Domain Name - Elizabeth
 - i. www.ndsfc.wildapricot.org
 - ii. Executive Secretary Phares Oren explained that she worked with both Treasurer Herman and Officer Ash to determine who the domain host was and the communication that needed to take place in order to get www.ndsfc.org transferred to a new site. She attempted to move the domain but if it is unsuccessful it will need to come from Officer Ash's email. They will be working together to get this identified and moved.
- b. Administrative Rule - Jeff Herman
 - i. Update regarding public hearing on Dec. 12, 2023 on the ND Game and Fish proposed changes to Administrative Rule.
 1. President Bruckner clarified that the NDSFC does not organize or host any fishing tournaments in the state of North Dakota. Continuing that if a club asked NDSFC to weigh in on point changes then it would be up to NDSFC to choose whether they wanted to address it or not. He asked officers and delegates to weigh in on how they currently felt about the administrative rule change.
 2. Treasurer Herman noted that he wanted to bring these administrative rule changes to everyone's attention. He noted specifically about discussion around fish fries and fish pickling situations that may be affected due to some administrative rule changes. He also stated his support for clubs and organizations bringing their concerns to NDSFC so that they can have a united position moving forward if the organization so chooses.
 3. Officer Paryzek stated that NDSFC could be a research source to find information from different entities and share that information with the clubs and organizations.
 4. Delegate Gilmore felt that this conversation may be too late for these administrative rule changes because final determinations have already been made. He stated we could educate clubs and organizations and be prepared for the next administrative rule



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meeting. He continued to explain that administrative rule hearings are not always easy for the public to make an impact. Additionally, he was concerned that several of the entries from HB1538 were removed, specifically about Game and Fish's ability to deny a gaming permit, but Game and Fish told him that it was covered in another area of the bill.

- c. NDSFC By-Laws - Committee (Rod Gilmore, Chad Engels, and Keith Seidlinger)
 - i. President Brueckner offered a special thank you to the committee and Officer Paryzek for their work on the Constitution and ByLaws.
 - ii. Delegate Gilmore asked that the NDSFC look over the changes in the ByLaws and Constitution and get those back to Delegate Gilmore to share with the committee. He noted that the By-Laws will have almost a complete rewrite. What is in black is the current document and what is in red are the requested changes. They also added everyone's comments so that others could follow the discussion.
 - iii. Delegate Gilmore proposed deciding on if the Objectives should be in the ByLaws or Constitution but not in both. General consensus was to have them listed in the Constitution with a potentially a small (mission) statement to start off the ByLaws.
 - iv. President Brueckner also wanted to further discuss the number of Officers on the Board of Directors. Office Wenstad suggested that it would be easier to get business done with a smaller group. Treasurer Herman agreed that five (5) was also appropriate. Delegate Gilmore also agreed with that number. Officer Paryzek asked for clarification if the five (5) included the Executive Officers and President Brueckner confirmed that it did not and provided historical context that the reason the Delegates position was made so that every club had equal representation in that pool. These two positions would not include the board positions.
 - v. Delegate Seidlinger clarified that the new suggested nomenclature for the Executive Board would be both the Executive Officers and the Executive Directors. He noted that the Directors at Larger would no longer be positions. The Executive Officers would be the President, Vice President,



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Treasurer, and Past President. Every club would have two (2) delegates, if they can't fill the positions then they would just lose that representation at that time but could still fill it in the future.

- vi. The question was posed by Delegate Seidlinger informally how many additional board positions they would want to see available beyond the Executive Officers. Delegate Gilmore stated three (3), Treasurer Herman agreed as well as Officer Paryzek. No other statements were made. Delegate Seidlinger stated that he would make the adjustment on the number in the documents. He noted that it would be an even number with the President breaking the tying vote.
 - vii. Delegates Gilmore and Seidlinger will be making additional adjustments to the ByLaws and Constitutions. A few delegates asked for clearer editing with what was changed and why. The committee will go back and update with some of the suggestions.
 - viii. President Brueckner asked if they could add in state specific language, so that NDSFC is only accepting entities that are in North Dakota. Officer Gilmore said that they will make sure to adjust this wording in the next draft. Specifically, Article III Membership and Section 1 in the ByLaws. Additional conversation was to identify what types of organizations would be accepted such as "related organizations" as some entities aren't specifically fishing based but are supportive of NDSFC objectives such as water groups. Conversations around utilizing the term "advocacy" were also discussed.
- d. Annual Meeting and Banquet
- i. Saturday, April 27th at the AM Benefits.
 - ii. Treasurer Herman provided an update that the NDSFC raffle will not affect the gaming machines in AM Vets. He requested that if anyone needs tickets or books to let him know. He also requested that if any clubs have a basket or donation to let him know.
 - iii. President Brueckner asked to have a further discussion on advertising and marketing. Conversation was had around advertising in the Dakota Country magazine, doing local announcements on radios or papers, Bismarck



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Tribune, and on Channel 2 in Bismarck. Delegate Fleck noted that many entities have moved away from PSAs and now have Non-Profit Rates, so there may need to be some money spent to get the information out. Executive Secretary Phares Oren will put together social media posts and work with Treasurer Herman to get out a Press Release.

- iv. Delegate Gilmore asked if the AM Vets is willing to give a donation. Treasurer Herman stated that he sends a letter of request each year around the first of February. Delegate Fleck noted that the Congress should reach out to the NoDak Sportsman organization to see if they would donate.

6. New Business

a. Membership Application and Club/Organization Application

- i. President Brueckner asked if we need to update our application so that more information can be understood about the organization before they join. A variety of comments were made and noted including adding mission statements, a place for additional donations, logo changes, etc. Suggestions were also made for a digital version. The Executive Secretary will put together a draft and share it at a future meeting.

b. Directory Updates

- i. President Brueckner stated that the congress needs to work on getting a more accurate list of current membership including delegate representations, voting vs supporting members, updated contact information, developing a process for new members, and more. He will work to contact club presidents to help ensure there is representation on the NDSFC.
- ii. Treasurer Herman asked a few individuals to stay after to try and update the current list with known information. Delegate Seidlinger, Treasurer Herman, President Brueckner, and Executive Secretary Phares Oren will stay after to connect.

c. Other New Business

- i. Delegate Fleck provided a synopsis on tribal requests to receive land back on Lake Sakakawea. They had previously asked for seven (7) recreational sites to be returned to the tribe from the Corps of Engineers; the list is now



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five (5). He stated that the conversations about the different recreational sites are still continuing to happen and is something that should be watched in the future. He will try to keep NDSFC informed as best he can.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Elizabeth will put together a Doodle Poll for the next February meeting.

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.