



**Special Board Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

Directors:

President – Rick Mohan	P		Ed Dosch	P
Vice President -			Rob Holm	P
Treasurer - Jeff Herman	P		Don Schick	P
Duane Ash	A		Rob Shepard	A
Tom Boerger	P		Joe Solseng	P
Rich Brueckner	P		Jared Pokrzywinski	A
Ken Cumber (resigned)	P		Keith Witt	A

Delegates:

Wayne Beyer	P
Chad Engle	P
Terry Fleck	P
Keith Seidlinger	P

1. Call to Order - President Mohan called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
2. Special Order - The motion to allow for the temporary secretary position to be held by Elizabeth Phares Oren and paid for by the NDSFC was made by Dosch, seconded by Brueckner, and passed unanimously via voice vote.
3. Introductions and Roll Call – see above tables for reference of present (P) and absent (A).
4. Minute Approval - The April 17, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Brueckner moved to approve as written, Doesch seconded, and the motioned passed unanimously via voice vote. These minutes were previously distributed via email on 9/21/21.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Herman stated that he previously

distributed the Treasurer's report via email on October 11, 2021. The beginning balance as of 4/17/21 was \$12,165.65 by Treasurer Herman. The income brought in was \$19,041.80. The balance/income before expenses was \$31,207.45. The total expenses were \$13,167.20. The ending balance as of 10/2/21 was \$18,040.25. Bruckner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Fleck seconded, motion passed unanimously via voice vote. A question was raised if this report reflected all dues being paid. The answer was not provided at this time. Fleck requested an invoice from Treasurer Herman for NDSFC dues for his entity.

6. Membership Report – President Mohan postponed discussion until next meeting.

7. Old Business

a. Update on website (Wild Apricot) – Dosch moved to table this discussion until a new executive secretary could be hired.

b. Two open directors' positions – Discussion was had on the current open seats concluding that the terms of these positions do run concurrently. It was noted that a third position opened when Ken Cumber resigned at the last meeting. A motion to add Rob Shepard and Rob Holm as directors was made by Brueckner, seconded by Dosch, and was passed unanimously by the NDSFC officers and directors via voice vote.

A suggestion was made to vote in a new Vice President during a special Zoom meeting in the future after a call for nominations is sent out from President Mohan. The Vice President that is voted in will serve out the end of term for the year.

c. Legislative Forums (questionnaires, ethics compliance) – Brueckner noted that he was working with entities in his area to ensure they were aware of ethics compliance issues. Brueckner provided historical context on the group's relationships with legislatures and the open-forums they will be holding in the future.

d. 2021 Budget Approval – A draft forecasting budget was brought before the council by President Mohan to be reviewed at a later date. Mohan wanted to bring attention to a few key areas including the importance of a net neutral budget, line items for an executive secretary and lobbyists, increasing club and individual memberships, and

seeking additional donations and sponsors. Mohan noted that he would email the draft to the council.

Additional budget and organization related concerns arose during this discussion including the importance of legislation representation, the Governor’s role, passing information to other clubs, the increased need for ANS prevention, increasing conversations with businesses and organizations that have similar needs and wants as the NDSFC, and the absolute need for more Game & Fish personnel. Fleck requested that an internal committee be developed in the future to continually manage legislative related issues.

e. Seeking Corporate Sponsors/Fund Raising – Fleck discussed a conversation he had with a Scheels representative about sponsoring the annual banquet in some way. He noted that they are a North Dakota based company and our looking to partner with the NDSFC. It was noted that the council should identify what Reeds could provide and then ask Scheels for different items. It was requested that everyone think of ideas for the special and silent auction items.

f. 2022 Banquet/Fundraiser Update – The date for the 2022 annual banquet/fundraiser will be Saturday, April 23rd at the AMVETS in Bismarck. Treasurer Herman asked the delegation to reference the email recap that he sent out and to contact him with any questions. There were 225 dinners purchased, 388 \$5.00 raffle tickets sold, and 8400 \$1.00 raffle tickets sold. He did note that there was a \$90 discrepancy from the number of tickets sold to the amount of money that was collected. The total deposited amount based on the Banquet Summary was \$18,806.00.

8. New Business

a. Executive Secretary Position – Brueckner moved to hire Elizabeth at the Executive Level for a total of \$2,340 starting in November. Herman seconded. Fleck reminded the delegation of the necessity to take a roll call vote when deciding budget matters. The delegates voted as follows:

Wayne Beyer	Yes		Terry Fleck	Yes
Tom Boerger	Yes		Jeff Herman	Yes
Rich Brueckner	Yes		Rob Holm	Yes
Ed Dosch	Yes		Rick Mohan	Yes
Chad Engle	Yes		Don Schick	Yes
Keith Seidlinger	Yes		Joe Solseng	Yes

b. Policy initiatives for the 68th Legislative session – Discussion was had about the need to monitor what issues the legislature is considering. Specific areas of concern addressed were infrastructure needs, DOT contributions, increasing the ANS program, redistricting measures, Game and Fish needs, and revisiting those entities that supported and didn't support key policies from the last legislative session.

c. Engaging Policy/Communication Advisor (lobbyist) – President Mohan will be reaching out to get a proposal from Dwyer Hanson.

d. New Lifetime Membership Category – President Mohan asked that this idea be considered, but wanted it addressed at a future meeting.

e. Other Items

- Brueckner suggested the formation of a legislature committee to address the variety of topics concerning the council.
- Seidlinger suggested the formation of a committee to research potential funding support from various entities in North Dakota for legislative purposes.

9. Club Reports

Lake Region Anglers Association – Club Board meetings were held throughout Spring of 2021 (January – May) then started up again in September. The annual meeting was held in April 2021. Elaine Dosch the New Membership Chairperson reported a growth in membership back to prior 2021 levels. As of September 2021, there were 57 lifetime memberships, 122 annual memberships, 8 honorary memberships, but it was not known how many NDSFC memberships there were. The website was updated and the use of Facebook as a communication tool was increased. Kraig Gellnar was named the new Facebook Coordinator. The club held five fishing outings, assisted ND Game and Fish with labor via the installation of barracuda grinders, funded and installed a plumbed stainless-steel sink at Lakewood Landing fish cleaning station, and dedicated a fish cleaning station in memory of Branda and Kim Barstad. The club also completed the Six Mile Bay Site Project where land was cleared, and a membership outing entertainment area was built. It included a fenced in area, three season open sided building with an overhead canopy, picnic tables, grilling pits, and a dock. The club committed financial support to the Highway 57 lake access stair project both North and South of the bridge. They also committed funds to the Dean Hildebrand Scholarship Fund at Lake Region

State College. The association hosted and sponsored the ND Game and Fish advisory meeting held in Devils Lake and held the Community Fish Fry in August.

Red River Area Sportsmen's Club – The club held four youth derbies over the last year (Ice Fishing, Spring Derby, Catfish Tournament, and Carp-Sucker Derby) which brought in over 400 participants. The club has held over 40 plus fishing derbies over the years with over 10,500 kids participating. There are four fishing piers on Bois de Sioux and Red Rivers. There are boat landings on Red River at Wahpeton and Brushvale. There are fishing piers, a dock, and a boat landing at Mooreton Pond. There will be an ANS cleaning unit being placed on Red River at Kidder Rec Area this Fall. There is a rod and reel loaner program as well as a fishing cleaning and maintenance area.

10. Adjourn – Mohan adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Addendum

On October 2, 2021 a quorum was not met in order to conduct official NDSFC business. However, the ND Game and Fish Department did provide updates to the members that were present at the Jamestown location. President Mohan emailed the presentation to the officers, directors, and delegates on October 15, 2021. Ken Cumber informed those present that he had resigned from the Vice President position.