

NORTH DAKOTA
SPORTFISHING
CONGRESS

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Board Meeting
Thursday, December 22, 2022, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to order – Rick Mohan, President
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Introductions & Roll Call - President Mohan

Officers & Directors:

President – Rick Mohan	X		Ed Dosch	X
Vice President -			Rob Holm	X
Treasurer - Jeff Herman	X		Rob Shepard	
Rich Brueckner - Past President	X		Jared Pokrzywinski	
Duaine Ash	X		Keith Witt	
Corey Paryzek	X			

Delegates:

Wayne Beyer	
Chad Engle	X
Terry Fleck	
Keith Seidlinger	X
Michael Wenstad	X

3. Approval of October 26, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes (previously distributed)
 - a. Past President Brueckner moved to approve the minutes.
 - b. Director Holm seconded.
 - c. Motion passed.

- d. Question was on the amount of the legislative contract. President Mohan said he would double check those numbers.
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Herman
 - a. Beginning Balance as of 10/26/22 was \$22,363.70.
 - b. Ending Balance as of 12/23/22 was \$27,229.92.
 - c. See the treasurer's report at the end of the meeting minutes for more detailed information/
 - d. Director Dosch moved to accept the report.
 - e. Director Paryzek seconded.
 - f. Motion Passed
- 5. Membership Report
 - a. President Mohan stated we would work to provide invoices via Wild Apricot over the next year.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Open Vice President position
 - i. President Mohan stated insights or nominations into this position would be appreciated.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Annual banquet & fundraiser plans
 - i. Treasurer Herman is ready to apply for the raffle tickets. A decision by the board needs to be made on whether to add the membership fee into this ticket cost. The ticket would be \$40 total with \$30 going towards the banquets and \$10 toward their membership fee. Supportive discussion included easing the process for members, providing membership data to congress representatives, and following similar practice to other organizations.
 - ii. Questions were raised about issues with membership renewals overlapping or not lining up with individual club renewals. Delegate Seidlinger stated that it probably wouldn't be much of an obstacle and that his organization could adjust and may be able to help others do the same.
 - iii. Another question was raised about how many total members are part of the NDSFC at this time. An exact number is not known at this time. Treasurer Herman stated that when the club pays the \$100 annual fee in our fiscal year, starting April 1st, two delegates memberships are paid for at that time. He did state that he has requested delegates from each membership organization and doesn't always get the names back or they may not have designated any yet at that time. Delegate Seidlinger stated he has announced it to his organization multiple times and hasn't heard back yet, which he noted was similar to other clubs.
 - iv. A question was raised about current directors and delegates and their commitment to the organization at this time. Treasurer Herman stated that he needed to update the membership list with some individuals who have asked to be removed including Tom Boerger, Don Schlepp, Bill Sillsing, and a few more.

- v. Past President Brueckner stated that he was not sure if everyone attending the banquet is interested in everything we (NDSFC) do. Until we get a broader footprint in the state of North Dakota, this may not be the year to increase membership. President Mohan asked if this could be the year that we have a direct approach in adding people in who may then become interested in what NDSFC was doing. Director Dosch noted that there have been applications on the tables in the past but there have been very few who have signed up during that time. He continued and asked if we could potentially announce at the banquet and ask people what their thoughts were about raising it \$10 and adding in the membership. President Mohan asked if we do not raise the price, how will we fund new activities? He also asked what the group thought the breaking point would be for a price increase? Delegate Wenstad noted that we should be inviting individuals who want to be there to support NDSFC. Director Paryzek offered a potential increase in the overall banquet fee in general. Delegate Seidlinger mentioned that with inflation we may see increased costs and so \$40 may make sense this year overall. He stated that we also need to get more member clubs to consider encouraging their members to support the NDSFC. Treasurer Herman stated that he would be in support of \$40 just understanding the increased price in a prime rib dinner. Past President Brueckner stated he supported increasing the cost to \$40 but really wants to emphasize the need to get individual clubs to be more engaged in NDSFC.
- vi. Delegate Seidlinger asked if Treasurer Herman could find out the pricing for the meal before solidifying a price. Treasurer Herman said he would find this information out before moving forward. He has the tickets created and the permit ready to go as soon as the committee decides. Delegate Seidlinger asked about the margins for the banquet. He said that may help us understand if the increase is needed. Approximate calculations were completed from the banquet last year and it was found that the margins are smaller than what can be sustainable in the future.
- vii. Director Dosch made a motion to increase banquet tickets to \$40.
 - 1. Director Ash seconded.
 - 2. Motion passed.
 - 3. It was clarified that this price does not include a membership fee.
- viii. Treasurer Herman asked if the congress wanted to give away free gifts again with a certain level of purchase. Last year the coffee cups were sold out right away. President Mohan asked if the cups made a difference in ticket sales or if the tickets would have sold out anyway. Director Paryzek added that a deeper dive into the budget would help in making this decision. It was noted that the congress may want to consider an alternative gift since those who attended last year may have one. Delegate Seidlinger offered up an idea of a \$3 fishing towel. Treasurer Herman stated that he will ask his contact about these towels and

requested that Delegate Seidlinger do the same. He agreed. Director Dosch stated that the coffee cup cost \$694.90 last year and Treasurer Herman confirmed that 144 were purchased.

- b. Review Dwyer/Hanson Legislative Update
 - i. A high level overview was provided by Dwyer Hanson. President Mohan asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were stated.
 - c. Reference Governor Burghum's Update Burgum, Sanford reflect on progress and challenges during administration's sixth year | North Dakota Office of the Governor
 - i. President Mohan called attention to the updated report and asked individuals to review in their own time.
 - d. Review Contact Info
 - i. President Mohan requested that the board look over the contacts and let him know if there are any updates. He stated, we need help solidifying who the club contacts and delegates are along with their contact information.
 - ii. Past President Brueckner stated that he has been working with Elizabeth on getting club's to send their newsletters to our ndsportfishingcongress@gmail.com so that we can better understand what is going on in these organizations.
 - e. Other items?
 - i. None were stated.
8. Adjourn
- a. President Mohan adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.