

**NORTH DAKOTA  
SPORTFISHING  
CONGRESS**

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NDSFC Meeting Minutes  
*Winter Board Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2022, 7:00 PM*  
*Zoom Meeting*  
*Meeting Minutes*

Directors:

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

Delegates:

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. President Mohan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM CT.
2. Introduction & Roll Call – see above table.
  - a. The potential new club delegates present were Corey Paryzek and Mike Wenstad from the United Sportsmen of Williston.
3. Approval of October 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. Rob moved to accept the October 12, 2021 minutes.
  - b. Duane seconded.

- c. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Current Balance \$16,469.51. See Treasurer's Report in addendum for more information.
  - b. President Mohan provided an update on the 2021-2022 Budget. He explained that there was not one created because of the time of year we were currently in. He is going to spend time creating a 2022-2023 Budget to help provide a complete financial picture moving forward. Further expenses for the 2021-2022 year will be voted on as they arise.
- 5. Membership Report

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- a. Discussion was had about getting in contact with a couple of the clubs who have not been in contact with the Congress recently.
- b. Past President Brueckner asked if any clubs had provided names and addresses of those individuals who joined the Congress as individuals. He further stated that the Lake Region Anglers sent in a list of individual members to President Mohan. President Mohan thanked the Lake Region Anglers for soliciting individuals to join and mentioned adding this process to our membership recruitment strategy.
- c. Treasurer Herman noted that according to the Bylaws club membership dues cover the cost for the two (2) delegates.
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Open Vice Present
    - i. President Mohan stated that this open position should be addressed at the next meeting. He will follow up on the process for elections.
  - b. Legislative Forums (questionnaires, ethics compliance)
    - i. No updates provided at this time from President Mohan.
    - ii. Past President Brueckner noted that it was important to stay in contact with legislators so that the delegation knows what is happening, who is running, and who supports or may vote against initiatives that the NDSFC finds important.
  - c. Seeking Corporate Sponsors/Fundraising (Scheels interest in participating in our banquet/fundraiser)
    - i. Treasurer Herman stated that he had been in contact with Derek from Scheels, he gave him the list from previous years. The plan is to spend around \$1500 at Scheels and \$2700 at Reeds. He will follow up on each over the next couple of weeks.
    - ii. Ash asked if we could do some advertising in for the entities that donate to the banquet as well as sell tickets in their locations.
    - iii. Jeff will send out the flyer so that everyone can share it in their communities.
    - iv. Discussion was had on who will be responsible for putting the baskets together for the banquet. Jeff was going to check and see if Marie would help get the baskets together this year if she was paid by the Congress.
  - d. Engaging

policy/communication advisor (lobbyist)

i. President Mohan spoke with Dani Hanson with Dwyer & Hanson Group, LLC about connecting in the Fall and engaging their services for the next biennium. More discussion will take place during the April 2022 meeting. e. Policy initiatives for the 68th Legislative session

i. President Mohan asked everyone to reflect on what initiatives the Congress would like to take on going into the next legislative session to continue the discussion at the April meeting.

f. 2022 Banquet/Fundraiser Update

i. Treasurer Herman discussed the 11oz ceramic coffee cup give-a-ways for certain actions at the banquet. The charges would be \$3.65 a piece with a

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\$50 set up charge as well as shipping charges. The cost is approximately \$600 for 144 cups. The cups would have the NDSFC letters on them.

ii. Pokrzywinski moved to approve the funds for the coffee cups. Past President Brueckner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Past President Brueckner stated that he has 150 koozies coming that can be put inside the cups. He stated that Chuck DeRemer will be building a fishing rod as part of the fundraising efforts as well.

iv. Treasurer Herman has additional banquet tickets and raffle tickets for anyone who needs to sell them. Contact him for more information.

## 7. New Business

a. Meeting with Jeb Williams

i. There is a meeting scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in Bismarck. ii. President Mohan, Treasurer Jeff, Past President Brueckner, and Shepard will be in attendance.

iii. During this meeting Williams will provide information on the various challenges that the department is facing as well as answer questions and concerns from the Congress.

b. Authorize funding expenses for the Annual Banquet

i. Discussion was had on the past expenses for the banquet to help better understand what the budget may be for this year.

ii. Seidlinger moved to set an Annual Banquet budget of \$6000. Ash seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Authorize funding for member management and website software

i. Discussion was had on whether to purchase the Group Plan at \$60 a month for 250 members or move to the Community Plan at \$110 a month for 500 members. Items considered were current membership, potential new membership from the banquet, and overall potential memberships from Congress marketing and individual club efforts.

ii. Seidlinger moved to approve up to the Community Plan of \$110 if needed. Pokrzywinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Other Items

- i. ANS Week
  1. Past President Brueckner noted that the Game and Fish ANS Awareness Week will be May 15<sup>th</sup>– May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ii. Corporation Donation Letter
  1. Past President Brueckner noted that he wanted to work with President Mohan and Executive Secretary Elizabeth on establishing a corporation donation letter.
- iii. Marketing/Fundraising Tools
  1. President Mohan discussed the need to have specific tools that the individual clubs could utilize to recruit new members, solicit donations, reach out to government officials, etc.
- iv. United Sportsman of Williston joining NDSFC

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1. Mike Wenstad and Corey Paryzek were in attendance from this organization but were having technical issues and could not address the Congress. The club has applied and sent their dues. The below information was provided in a follow-up email as a description of their organization.
  - a. “We are delegates of United Sportsman of Williston, which is a multi-dimensional club from Williston area. We have about 250 members in our club. Our purpose is to support about anything local which deals with hunting, fishing, shooting and outdoors. Much of it directed towards getting kids involved, we offer several scholarships every spring for kids that are going into a outdoor related field and/or passionate about the outdoors. Some past/current projects we have been involved are; Maintain public rifle range, donated to G&F Report All Poachers trailer, Rider Point fishing access, park pavilion at White Earth Bay. We do annual donations to the high school clay target league and have helped with the Precision rifle .22 league. We also offer feed and bales to our members to help support wildlife through the winter months.”
- v. Banquet Volunteer Help
  1. Ash noted that additional help is needed at the banquet specifically to help sell tickets and during clean up.
- vi. Meet and Greet
  1. Executive Secretary Elizabeth sent out a short questionnaire to each of the Congress members and has asked them to fill it out. She will be contacting each member in February and March. The information gathered will be used for individual meeting sessions as well as use on social media to introduce North Dakota to the Congress.

8. Adjourn

- a. Holm moved to adjourn. Past President Brueckner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM CT.

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***ADDENDUM***



**Treasurer's Report**

1. The period which the report covers. 10/13/2021 to 02/24/2022
2. The cash balance at the beginning of the period. \$18,040.25
3. The income received during the period with short description. (Checking Account Interest, and one Club paid dues – all club dues are due April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as this is our fiscal year. Individual dues are due at the same time)
4. The expense paid during the period with short description.
  - 2021-04-25 Gaming Permit \$25.00
  - Dakota Country Ad Feb/March \$125.00
  - Fundraising General Expense \$295.71  
(Printing of raffle tickets)
  - Postage & supplies \$31.52  
(Stamps and postage for mailing of raffle tickets)

3 1096/1099 Tschider&Smith\$45.00  
(\$15 each for the three)  
Secretary Minutes Oct. \$239.25  
Phrase Contract Nov-April \$900.00  
Website Host Color LLC \$0  
Secretary of State A/R \$10.00  
(Annual Report due every January)  
PO Box Rent 12/months \$0

5. The cash balance at the end of the period.  
\$16,469.51
6. Any outstanding/upcoming expenses or income expected. (Expenses: As we can see above one expense coming soon is PO Box rent(\$204 last year), another is Insurance

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(\$400 last year), probably a web page item from Host Color, fulfillment of Secretary contract (approx.\$1440) and Dakota Country ad for (April \$248) there will be some more bills for the banquet expenses too, but I cannot put an amount on them besides the \$6000 budgeted for the banquet)

Income: include club dues, individual dues and interest from checking account, and possible donations.

*Submitted by: Elizabeth Phares Oren*

*February 22, 2022*

