

NORTH DAKOTA
SPORTFISHING
CONGRESS

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Special Zoom Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. President Mohan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Introductions & Roll Call
 - a. Officers & Directors Present
 - i. President - Rick Mohan
 - ii. Treasurer - Jeff Herman
 - iii. Past President - Rich Brueckner
 - iv. Duane Ash
 - v. Rob Shepard
 - vi. Keith Witt
 - b. Delegates
 - i. Kieth Seidlinger
 - ii. CoreyParyzek paryzek
 - iii. Terry Fleck
3. 3. Approval of April 23, 2022, Annual Meeting Minutes (previously distributed)
 - a. Witt moved to approve the minutes as stated, Past President Brueckner seconded, Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Herman
 - a. Past President Brueckner moved to approve. Holm seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Beginning Balance as of 4/24/22 - \$16,784.50
 - c. Ending Balance as of 9/11/22 - \$25,496.56
 - d. See Treasurer's report emailed on 9/11/22 for the full report.
5. Membership Report
 - a. A request was made to ask clubs to forward names and email addresses of paid individual members to the NDSFC so that an email list can be developed for further communication needs as they arise. It was noted that individual memberships to the NDSFCs are currently down and there is a need to address this, potentially identifying what NDSFC does on member's behalf.
 - b. Treasurer Herman noted the following entities have not paid for club memberships:
 - i. Fargo Muskies

- ii. Fargo Walleyes
 - iii. Great Planers
 - iv. Southwest Anglers
 - v. Voices for Lake Oahu
 - c. Southwest Anglers and Great Planers may have new boards formed in the future. President Mohan will reach out to make contact with interested parties.
 - d. President Mohan asked for a motion to approve the membership report. Holm moved, Ash seconded, and the motion passed.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Open Vice President position
 - i. No updates to report.
 - b. 2022-23 Budget Presentation
 - i. Sponsor/fundraising ideas
 - ii. Request for member club support for Dwyer-Hanson
 - iii. President Mohan asked the NDSFC members to go back to their respective delegations to request financial support to help with advocacy needs for the legislation. The current proposal from Dwyer-Hanson is a monitoring one.
 - c. Engaging policy/communication advisor (Dwyer-Hanson)
 - i. This item was tabled and will be revisited upon a report from Past President Brueckner and Fleck and their visit with Dwyer-Hanson. The report will be presented at the Fall meeting.
 - d. Identify policy initiatives for the 68th Legislative session
 - i. Concerns were raised about a transition in legislation and some of the key advocates the NDSFC has relied on in the past.
 - ii. A request for talking points to send to the individual clubs was made. These could potentially be developed with Dwyer-Hanson.
 - iii. It was suggested that individuals check out vote.nd.gov to familiarize themselves with the upcoming legislative actions.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Set the date, location & topics to address for Fall meeting
 - i. It was requested to have the meeting towards the end of October and move the meeting toward a more central location, potentially Garrison. Witt provided some detail on potential facilities in the Garrison area.
 - ii. Fleck moved to set the Fall meeting for October 25th or 26th, but still providing flexibility for guests' schedules. Treasurer Herman seconded and the motion passed. It was requested to have the meeting during the day, but the request for time will go out in an email. President Mohan will reach out to guest speakers.
 - b. Propose legislation that requires DOT to use the gas tax dollars generated by watercraft to place turnouts on highways for watercraft inspection and enforcement.
 - i. Seidlinger asked about the validity to pursue this matter based on past conversations and decisions. Past President Brueckner provided

historical reference for the group and stated that the money discussed last time was to be put in an ANS fund directly so that it would not go to roads or highways. Those funds were to be used to hire and FTE and invest in decontamination units. He explained that they would not affect DOTs funding from the Feds. Further questions were asked about where the funds were specifically coming from. President Mohan asked anyone who wants to speak on the issue to come prepared to speak on their perspective at the Fall meeting.

- c. Encourage clubs to engage with their local legislators running for office this year to get a feel of their understanding of ANS.
 - i. Fleck stated the importance of making sure our constituents know the perspective of the Congress on legislative issues.
 - ii. Seidlinger asked about the process of communicating with the different clubs going forward to ensure they are aware of these issues. President Mohan stated his vision is to utilize Wild Apricot and social media to help communicate the board's talking points.
 - iii. Treasurer Herman requested to meet with Phares Oren to ensure payment.
- d. Other items?
 - i. Proposed Educate, Advocate, and Engage (EAE) presentation
 - 1. Fleck asked President Mohan to contact Ken Royse who is the Missouri River Coordinator and works for the Missouri River Water Board, North Dakota Department of Water Resources, and more (4 Groups). Those 4 groups met at a conference to discuss the future of the Missouri River and its water sources. ANS was a topic from a majority of the groups from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Fleck asked that Royse be able to speak at the Fall meeting to provide an overview from the perspective of his organizations. Fleck will provide President Mohan the contact information for Royse.
 - ii. Social media content calendar
 - 1. Executive Assistant Phares Oren provided an update on the social media content calendar and asked for new ideas and areas of concerns from the delegation.
 - iii. Engagement postcard
 - 1. Executive Assistant Phares Oren provided the draft talking pillars structure of W.A.T.E.R. (working together, access (water/shoreline), threats (ANS/others), education, and resources. She has asked the Congress to provide their key talking points under each of these areas.
- e. Adjourn
 - i. Past President Brueckner moved to adjourn the meeting. Shepard seconded.

- ii. Before the meeting ended, Fleck asked for a roster and contact information for the people who were on the meeting tonight. President Mohan stated he would work with Phares Oren to provide this information.
- iii. The meeting was adjourned by President Mohan at 8:23 PM.