



NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, February 22, 2014  
ND GAME AND FISH OFFICES – JAMESTOWN • 10:00 a.m.

Present: President Clark Williams, Past President Duaine Ash, Treasurer Rick Eagleson; Board Members Mike Anderson, Dave Bement and Paul Haug; Club Members Wayne Beyer, Rick Brueckner, and Clayton Schumaker; Game & Fish Representatives Gene Van Eeckout and Greg Power, and Secretary Marie Hoerner.

President Clark Williams called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.

Game and Fish Update -- Greg Power said they were working on article for The Great Outdoors. From a statewide perspective, G&F said they are 418 lakes in ND. Winterkill is in good shape relative to other years; however, there will be some due to the little snow cover. Sakakawea snowpack is running good. ANS – nationally/western states – a lot of states are getting “guilted” into ANS rules and regs as a result of the Attorney General meeting in Denver. There was a record license sale in 2013. On April 1, 2014, the license fee increase will go into place. Electronic licensing is in effect for hunting and fishing, but doesn't include stamps. Greg Power mention that for the second and third year in a row, they have been sampling for Zebra mussels in the “RED” by Wahpeton, but haven't found anything.

No individual club reports were given.

Publicity – Dave Bement said he talked to Dakota Country and there will be an ad in March. We need to get the word out as to what the Congress does for the state

Treasurer’s Report – Rick Eagleson distributed an updated report from the December 2013 meeting. Paul Haug made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Duaine Ash and approved.

A motion was made by Duaine Ash, seconded Mike Anderson and unanimously passed to approved the December 14, 2013 minutes.

The Fundraiser Committee Report: Paul, Rick, Dave and Richard

- Paul Haug said Dave Bement has done a good job arranging the event at the AMVETS. Dave brought tickets for the banquet and raffle drawing to distribute to the clubs following the meeting. He said the AMVETS is ready for the April 5<sup>th</sup> fundraiser event. In addition, the board meeting will be held at the AMVETS prior to the fundraiser. Dave mentioned that 400 banquet tickets and only 500 cash raffle tickets were printed.
- There was discussion on how to reward ticket sellers. A motion was made by Mike Anderson to give the individual who sold (in advance of the event) the winning \$500 cash prize banquet ticket \$100 in cash. Dave Bement seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Marie Hoerner make a flyer with pictures of the raffle prizes, including what the NDSFC does for the fishing industry and goals, and it will be distributed to various retailers in Bismarck by Dave Bement. Clark is to provide Marie with the wording for what the NDSFC does and its goals.
- Prizes – Rick said they have \$4,500 of merchandise purchased for the event, which is worth over \$9,000. There are 300 knives for any who purchases \$50 of raffle tickets at one time during the event.

- FM Muskies have fish that they use for a cash raffle drawing and offered to let the Congress use it. The NDSFC will try this at the April 5<sup>th</sup> event. Rick will handle getting it ready and bring it.
- Meal – 2 meat buffet (total cost \$16.07) A motion was made by Paul Haug, seconded by Rick Bruckner 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously passed that the buffet be roast beef and chicken.

#### April 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Meeting

- Agenda – G&F, US Wildlife, Hatchery update
- Elections – No election committee is needed; Clark will contact interest individuals. Rich Brueckner is willing to serve as a Board member starting in April.
- Cash Raffle – Dave Bement has four girls lined up to sell tickets. Dave will also get a couple more to sell “fish” raffle tickets. Marie will work with the girls the night of the fundraiser on what to do.

Lobbyist Committee: Duaine & Mike Anderson – Mike said that he is not interested in the lobbyist position at this time. Duaine has been lobbying for many sessions and he is not interested in the position next session. Duaine said the person we hire for lobbying needs to be around the legislature, even when there are no issues that specific day. Duaine and Mike will continue to work on lobbyist issues and finding an interested individual to serve as our lobbyist in 2015. As far as issues that may be addressed in the 2015 Legislature, Greg Power said at this time it's hard to know what issues will come up.

Search Committee: Duaine Ash, Ken Cumber, Paul Haug and Dave Bement. Clark Williams will be leaving ND by late June, so the president's position needs to be filled. The committee will continue to work on the President and Vice President's vacancies.

Other Items – ND Fishing Hall of Fame in Garrison (Keith Witt is president). Dave Bement said if we send them an application, they would probably join the NDSFC. Marie will send him an application.

Mike Anderson said with the struggle in finances and the capacity to fund the club, should corporate sponsorships be considered or is there any other way to generate club dues? Rick Brueckner mentioned visiting with boat dealers.

Rich Brueckner asked “Do we approach the State Water Commission on ANS issues?” Are they designing their water treatment plants to deal with ANS? He said that Nelson Lake is close to closing the lake down in fear of Zebra Mussels getting in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Date Submitted: March 1, 2014

Submitted by: Marie Hoerner, Secretary