

SDTA held their annual meeting on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Best Western Plus Ramkota in Sioux Falls, SD. Those in attendance were: Jamie McNutt, Shane Augeson, Mark Woledge, Tyler and Rachel Erickson, Wes Kohler, Mark Satre, Randy Nelson, Eric Newman, Branden O'Hare, Ron Stoppleworth, Jason Smith, Gary Mast, Chad Bierwerth, John Willer, Rob McAlpine, Sean Simpson, Justin Bach, Derick Wenck, Tom Hansen, Larry Wold, Larry Whirledge, Jody Green, Dale Houser, Larry Fredrickson, Glenda McNutt, Kyle Monteith and Kyle Schlessner.

Old Business: A 16 ft enclosed trailer has been purchased for the association.

The board has purchased a \$10000.00 cd at the Aberdeen Federal Credit Union, Aberdeen, SD. This is an annual cd, maturity date is 1-31-2014 it will automatic renew after 10 day grace period, interest rate is at .50%.

The members discussed a SD club/organization that we would like to give a scholarship too. Wounded Warriors, Hunt of a Lifetime, a new taxidermy school opening in Mitchell, disabled club in Clark, SD were all discussed. The members are to let the board know if they here of something that we could donate money too.

New Business: First we read a letter of resignation from board member Heidi Williamson. Heidi and her husband have moved to Montana and therefore she feels someone closer to SD will do the board more justice.

Glenda had compiled quotes from all over the state and after lengthy discussion of the pricing, space requirements, pro's and con's of different locations it was voted by the members to hold the 2014 show at the Watertown Event Center in Watertown, SD (March 21-23), rental cost for the meeting rooms is a flat \$345.00. The Watertown Visitors Center has offered us a sponsorship of \$600 to use for the weekend.

Suggestion cards that were handed out to all the members were compiled and read. There were suggestions on the following:

- Hands on Seminar – muscle anatomy, eyes, etc on deer.
- 360 degree fish skin mount seminar
- Another seminar from Randy Nelson, not so complex
- More time between seminars

People enjoyed the new PowerPoint presentation we did this year during the awards banquet and would like to see it again.

There was suggestion to do like the ND Show and "New Members" that register for our show get Free Membership Fees for their first year.

A motion was made by Larry Whirledge to pay Glenda McNutt \$500.00 for all that she does for the SDTA. It was seconded by all. Glenda thanked everyone for the acknowledgement.

Gun calendars were brought up again. A motion was made by Jamie McNutt to do another gun calendar. We will make it from April to April. Once again we will sell \$100 ads, but only have 2 per month on the page. Whoever advertises will receive a free calendar. The person selling the most calendars will receive \$250.00 cash. We would like to have the calendars done in time to sell this June at the SD Outdoor Expo in Huron.

There were a few members that had come to the board after receiving their scores, they were upset that each year they come and their scores do not improve. There was discussion on this and you need to realize that your work is improving; the competition is just getting tougher. Also we are able to get world class judges in, thus making a difference. You should not be upset with scores, should realize that your quality of work is improving, thus making your business better and more outstanding. Remember that this is a competition and that you are here to learn, not just win ribbons. Many names were given for future judges the members would like to see. We will work on getting those suggested into our competition.

Ron McDaniel, 2013 winner of species challenge voted for a snow goose or blue goose for the 2014 species challenge (this does not include a ross goose).

It was voted on by everyone to have some cash prizes given out for 2014. After some discussion, it was decided that we may be able to draw more entries if we promote the following.

- Combined Artist winners receive \$100.00
- Species Challenge winner receives \$100.00
- Members that bring 4 or more entries will have a chance of winning \$100.00. Names will go in hat and one person will be drawn.

It was a mutual agreement to change the combined artist to 3 members participating in the entry instead of just two.

2014 Board Members were voted on and follow:

President: Ron McDaniel and Kyle Schlessner – Kyle had most votes

Vice President: Shane Augeson

Secretary/Treasurer: Glenda McNutt

2 Year Term Board Members: Jamie McNutt, Derick Wenck, John Willer, Mark Wooledge and Rob McAlpine. – Jamie and Derick received the most votes.

1 Year Term Board Members: Tyler Erickson, Wes Koehler, John Willer, Mark Wooledge and Rob McAlpine. – Tyler Erickson and Wes Koehler received the most votes.

Meeting was adjourned.