

SDTA Meeting was held, Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Frankies Sports Bar inside the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD. Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm; those in attendance were John Willer, Rob McAlpine, Shane Augeson, Jamie McNutt, Derick Wenck, Dalton McNutt, Glenda McNutt, Jamez McNutt and Kyle Schlessler.

**Treasurers Report was given:** Before the gun raffle started, we had \$7596.95 in the account. At the time of this meeting we had \$39277.32 in the account. Not all the raffle money has been collected and deposited nor have the 105 guns been paid.

**Old Business:** It was decided by those attending to keep our score sheets we are currently using and not upgrade at this time.

Those in attendance toured the hotel, as this is where the 2013 convention will be held.

We re-addressed the issue of buying the association an enclosed trailer for storage. At this time, we are currently paying for a storage unit due to the locker, where we were storing everything, closing up business. The storage unit is costing us \$45/month plus a \$40 deposit. The storage unit has been paid up to March. A motion was made by Willer and seconded by Alpine to buy either a new or used trailer up to \$5000.00. We are looking for a 16 ft., v-nose, tandem, if anyone finds something on this order please let a board member know ASAP as we would like to have it in time for this year's convention.

**New Business:** First off we discussed the participation of the members that helped with the gun calendars. Out of our current membership, 60 members, only 29 sold a total of 1535 calendars. We had asked and hoped that all 60 members would sell their share, 27 each (1650-22 ads=1628 total calendars to sell). We talked about the next fundraiser and how we will make sure and reward the top 5 sellers in some way. It was then decided by those in attendance to go ahead and reward all those that sold at least 25 calendars for this fundraiser. We did so by giving each person a free calendar for every 25 calendars they sold. The leftover calendars will be given away at this year's convention.

The winners of the calendars will be posted month by month on our website. A letter will also be sent out to each person, they will then have 30 days to make arrangements with Scheels to claim their gun or gift certificate.

Glenda will be checking with our credit union to see about putting some money in a CD for future use. She will bring more info to the convention.

There was also discussion on donating money to Hunt of a Lifetime or some hunting/fishing scholarship here in SD. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated and we can discuss this more at the convention.

We talked about the 2014 show and where it should be held. Pierre and Chamberlain were both brought up and the board will try to get more information on these locations.

Glenda will be ordering the ribbons for 2013 convention; we will order them online again from Hodges as we did last year to save some money.

Jamie is going to buy new screws and bits for the backboards.

Kyle, Kyle and Glenda, one year terms, and Jamie and Brandon's, one year terms, on the board will be up this year, please start thinking about who should be nominated for these positions. PLEASE REMEMBER that there is a lot of work involved in these positions so if you are not willing to participate please does not take on the job.

Shane is going to call for awards and donations. If you know someone that is interested in donating or sponsoring please let Shane know. Remember we are always looking for something new for the auction and also new/different awards.

It was voted and decided to let vendors come to the show FREE this year and not charge them for booth fees. We are hoping that this will attracted more vendors to the show. We have confirmed that Wildlife Gallery and Roostin Ridge will be here this year.

Judges for 2013 are the following:

Jody Green – Deerheads

Greg Cuvelier (2 years) – Gameheads and Fish

Kent Reedy - Birds

Seminars were discussed for the upcoming convention. Some of the suggestions were: waterfowl, artificial water, tanning, deerheads, gameheads, fish carving, habitat, federal warden to discuss federal laws.

Annual Membership is \$50 for **those PRE-REGISTERED BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** and \$75 at the door, NO EXCEPTIONS. If you do not pre-register, you will not get a meal ticket as they have to be finalized by March 1<sup>st</sup> and WE WILL NOT be buying any extra this year.

We need to make sure and clarify on the registration form this year that the Habitat Challenge is \$5 PER Entry.

Species Challenge is a Fox.

A motion was made by Willer and seconded by Alpine that ALL board members should have their convention registration fees paid by the association (1<sup>st</sup> four mounts are covered). Any additional fees need to be paid by the member (example, meal ticket, habitat challenge, combined artist, commercial, species challenge...) the member has to have a paid membership in order to be elected on the board per the current By-Laws.

Seeing no other business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. The gun drawing was held after the meeting.

