

The general board meeting was held at the Heritage Theatre inside of the Watertown Event Center on Sunday, March 20. Those in attendance were: Zach Johnson, Lance Burns, Brandon Seitz, Jeff Mikel, Rob McAlpine, Steve Powers, Larry Whirlledge, Mark Satre, Mark Woledge, Travis Roberts, Tom Hansen, Jamie McNutt, Dalton McNutt, Kyle Monteith, Roger Heintzman, Larry Wold, Ron Stopplesworth, Jason Smith, Devin Hursman, Nick Genereux, Clate Sokup, Dale Houser, Scott and Stacy Flatt, Sam Cahoy, Derek Kaup, Darly Keyes, Doug Dexter, Jeff Piatt, Marty Wiley, Eric Newman, Royce Larson, Adam Zwick, Aaron Reiling, Anthony Wolf, Kyle Schlessler, Derick Wenck, Glenda McNutt, Tyler Erickson, Lance Johnson, John Willer, and Wes Koehler.

We first talked about the future seminars people would like to see – business, habitat, finishing and more hands on.

We discussed the money in the checking account; Glenda will purchase another \$10000.00 cd this summer for the SDTA. With that, Kyle thanked and recognized all those that sold the gun calendars again this year. Without your participation in this fundraiser the SDTA would not have the funds that it does. We did name a few of the expenses the SDTA has to pay for, make sure and watch the profit and loss reports that are posted in the newsletters for full explanations. The SDTA also tries to give back to their members with giving out cash awards, drawing for novice to win a \$100 go to be used towards taxidermy supplies, better auction items...

We discussed buying a new back drop for pictures so we can keep the flow moving when entering mounts on Friday. We will have one station set up for floor and one station set up for table. With that being said, we are going to try something new next year. The taxidermist can groom the entry and then bring it in for pictures, someone will then place it and then you are going to be required to leave the room. This will help cut down congestion and get pictures done faster.

We are going to change the voting time for taxidermist choice. It will be Saturday morning from 8 to 9 am. There were some upset members this year that the names were posted on the mounts before the voting was done. Business cards can be set up after 9 on your items. We strongly suggest you post businesses cards as people were asking about taxidermist information even though Glenda had it posted by the front door. The small identification cards that Glenda made and posted were too small. Glenda did explain how just the number was supposed to be on the mount and the card was to be by/under the mount.

Taxidermists like the new world scoresheets. They also liked being able to do critiques during Saturday afternoon.

We discussed the scholarship; please reapply if you were not successful this year.

Species challenge was won by Jeff Piatt; he picked the Bluegill for next year.

Kyle thanked all who donated old mounts to the school for the blind.

We discussed judges. Next year we will need a lifesize/gamehead judge. Troy Rose, Lance VanDusen and Shawn Dawson were talked about. Everyone would like to get Rick Crane in two years for fish.

There was a lengthy discussion about the venue for next year. Glenda posted on the white board the 4 different locations/prices that we had quotes from. A majority voted to keep it in Watertown. Glenda asked about food ideas. Everyone is ok with the prime rib and the \$30 meal tickets. Kyle discussed membership/convention fees there were a few that expressed on the suggestion cards that prices could go down and some wanted to raise them. At this time we are going to leave them the same, the SDTA is the cheapest around and at this time we do not feel we need to raise them.

There was a short discussion regarding the nice colored newsletters. Glenda did explain that the advertising in the newsletter covers the supplies, postage and printing of the pre-newsletter, so basically we are only paying for the post newsletter. There was also someone worried about post cards, Glenda mails out 450 postcards to all non-members of the SDTA. She gathers current membership lists from North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana and sends all those members a postcard. She also keeps the website and Facebook updated with current information so anyone can have access to coming to the show.

We need to make sure and have signs at the gun show next year and Redlin Art Center.

We voted for SDTA Board Members.

President – Derick Wenck

Vice President – Jamie McNutt, Tom Hansen, Lance Johnson and Tyler Erickson were nominated. All declined except for Jamie.

Secretary/Treasurer – Glenda McNutt and Jeff Mikel, Jeff declined.

2 year term Board Member – Ronn McDaniel, Tom Hansen, Derek Kaup, Justin Bach, Rob McAlpine, Jeff Mikel and Dalton McNutt were nominated. Derek, Jeff and Dalton declined. Ronn and Tom were voted in.

Drawing for the \$200 Research Mannikin gift card took place to all members that attended this meeting. Dalton McNutt was the winner.

Meeting Adjourned.