

The SDTA met Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Heritage Theatre of the Watertown Event Center. Those in attendance were: Larry Whirledge, Ron Stoppleworth, Jason Smith, Devin Hursman, Lance Johnson, Travis Roberts, Mike Nelson, Daryl Keyes, Jeff Mikel, Mark Satre, Tom Hanson, Ronn McDaniel, Derek Kaup, Dale Houser, Larry Wold, Kyle Monteith, Justin Bach, Adam Zwick, Marty Wiley, Aaron Reiling, Doug Dexter, Becky Martinmaas, Joshua Berg, Clate Soukup, Eli Soukup and Bubba Sell.

There was discussion on a fish seminar (skin or replica) going to be put on at the home of Shane Augesons with Rick Crane this summer. It would be \$600 for 2 days. We will keep the members informed as we get more information.

Great job to those of you that dressed up for our awards banquet, everyone looked great and we will continue to do this in the future.

There was in depth discussion about being good business people. This does not mean "bashing" someone else's name on Facebook or other social media. There have been some complaints called into Kyle and Glenda regarding this matter. Also while on this subject, do not remove someone else's poster when you are hanging yours. This is very disrespectful and you are not showing that you are a good business person. There have been people seeing doing this. If you look back into the SDTA By-Laws there are rules to our association regarding this. This is EVERYONE'S WARNING, if it continues there is no choice but to kick you out of the association. We are all adults, so act like it; we as a board should not have to be babysitters.

There was talk of closing the vendors at noon on Saturday. Please make sure and support your vendors that support the SDTA. If you do not they will not continue to come back.

It was discussed to start critiquing Saturday afternoon. We will try to get them started next year.

The members would like their formal mounting cards posted on their entries when judging is finished. Glenda will figure out a way to do so for next year. There was talk of putting them in the pre-registration packets. They would also like an agenda put on the back of the name tags if possible. Glenda stated she would try, but the printing would probably be too small.

Species challenge will be small mammal, bobcat.

We discussed doing the gun calendars again. We would run them Jan thru Dec. Tom Hansen made a motion to go ahead with this fundraiser and Ron McDaniel seconded the motion. The members expressed they would like to see a membership list on the back side of the calendar.

Larry Whirledge made a motion to up Glenda's salary to \$600 for all she does for the SDTA, seconded by Larry Wold.

We have voted to go ahead with the purchase of the world sheets. We need to make it clear to the judges that they need to be filled out in full.

Just a reminder that the scholarship is open for anyone, any age; this is free money to better your taxidermy so please apply for it.

We discussed judges – we will have Doug Roffers one more year. Will try to get Rick Crane for fish, Brian Olson for whitetail and Randy Holler or Troy Rose for birds.

Suggested seminars that the members would like to see are habitat, turkey mounting and trying hands on seminar on everything with anyone; judges will be present to help. Photography seminar, business, turkey hands on, casting seminar and open mouths.

It was discussed that if you are back logged with business, you can help others out with their business by doing some of their work for them. People do not want to wait 2 to 3 years to get their stuff back. This is hurting your business.

There was discussion about partnering up and doing seminars with the NE. This is set for January in Nebraska.

Nominations for 2016 SDTA Board – President Kyle Schlessler, Vice President Dereck Wenck, Secretary/Treasurer Glenda McNutt, Board Members John Willer and Lance Johnson.

Derek Kaup was the winner of the \$200 gift certificate.