

NDSWRA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022; 11:00 a.m. CT
Via Zoom



Called to order at 11:00 a.m. CT by Paula Gores, President.

Roll Call

Secretary

| | Board Members | | Others Attending |
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| x | Paula Gores, President | x | Linda Fisher, Dwyer Hanson Group |
| x | Lexi Craig, Vice President | x | Julie Ellingson, Dwyer Hanson Group |
| | Sean Mackiewicz, Secretary | | |
| | Rick Schreiber, Treasurer | | |
| x | Alesha Dockter | | |
| x | Andrew Feia | | |
| x | Bill Cheney | | |
| x | Kayla Emmons | | |
| x | Sharon Lipsh | | |

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- October 26, 2022 Agenda
- September 21, 2022 Spearfish Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 27, 2022 Board Organizational Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report (as of 09-30-22)

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| Checking: | \$33,809.47 |
| Savings: | 44,463.96 |
| CD: | 8,757.99 |
| Scholarship: | 50.00 |
| Total Funds: | \$87,081.42 |

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Bill Cheney and seconded by Andrew Feia. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report. A membership status was provided along with a request for Board members to contact individuals with lapsed memberships. A new list of waste haulers was received from NDDEQ earlier this month that will be used to complete the membership recruiting project approved earlier this year. It will be our first opportunity to leverage postal service costs savings under the long-awaited and newly acquired non-profit mailing status.

Committee Reports – New committees are still being developed for 2022/23. No reports this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Fall Conference – We are still awaiting the final accounting on the Spearfish conference. South Dakota hopes to have accounting wrapped up in November.

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2023 Fall Conference – A contract has been received from the Clarion in Minot and will be signed by the Executive Director after review by the President.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 NDSWRA Subcommittees. The Board reviewed the subcommittee structure for the new year. Fisher will facilitate committee meetings upon request.

2023 Spring Workshop. Training topics, schedules and venues were discussed just to get planning on the radar. No action was taken.

Association Fiscal Year. The NDSWRA fiscal year currently ends each year on July 31st; the same time as the majority of the membership renewals are being paid, and in the midst of significant financial activity related to the fall conference. This creates challenges for budgeting and reporting each year. According to Ritter Adair (the Association’s tax professionals) a change would require one additional tax return which would be billed at the same rate as the annual return.

A motion to start the process to amend bylaws to change the Association’s fiscal year to a calendar year was made by Kayla Emmons and seconded by Bill Cheney. Motion carried.

Retired Board Member Appreciation. Mike Desmond and Rachel Gornowicz recently completed 3-year terms on the Board. Historically, Board member contributions have been provided with a token of appreciation for their service upon their departure.

A motion to purchase \$100 gift cards for Desmond and Gornowicz was made by Andrew Feia and seconded by Lexi Craig. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Feia and seconded by Emmons. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m. CT by President Gores.

Next meeting will be November 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. CT via Zoom.