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134th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025
Ramkota Convention Center
Rapid City, SD

2:30 pm CALL TO ORDER - President Chuck Willard

PRAYER given by President Willard/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call determined 20 Directors Present, 3 Excused, 2 Resigned, 3 vacant positions

AGENDA – Randy Volmer moved to make corrections to switch District 10 to Region 1 and to switch District 3 to Region 3; 2nd by JT Rickenbach. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the 2024 Membership Meeting were read by Executive Director Doris Lauing. Kenny Fox moved to correct the number of total numbers of voting members to 999 with only 650 current members in good standing. JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The 2023/2024 Financial comparison was provided in packet and attached. Finance Committee Chair Vaughn Meyer reported on the budget Moved by George Page, 2nd by Randy Volmer to accept reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Chuck Willard commented that as he prepares to turn over the reins, he has cherished his time serving as President of the organization. He encourages the membership to participate and to continue to uphold the SDSGA dedication to promote and protect our way of life. He thanked the organization for allowing him to experience one of the greatest honors of his life.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Vice President Tom Costello reported the total number of members as 1041 with 399 expired. He has encouraged all the Directors to go through their lists and get renewals and enroll new members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Doris Lauing gave update on the Building and Parking Lot. The roof was replaced in October 2024 and the 2nd floor furnace needed repair this winter. All three floors are rented out receiving \$49,000 annually. The Grant is set to expire in 2026 and the SDSGA must be prepared financially if there are no other grants available to apply for. Discussion of what expenses could be cut such as taking the convention and annual meeting to one day. Fund-raising ideas were shared as well as additional opportunities to raise money.

NEW BUSINESS

Raising current Membership Fees which are \$75 per year or \$200 for 3 years. Joe Trask moved to increase the 1-year fee to \$150 and 3 years to \$400, 2nd by Bob Fortune. Following discussion

Bryan Hanson amended it to read 1-year annual membership fee of \$125 and 3 year to be \$300. Motion failed with lack of 2nd. Moved by Joe Trask 1-year annual membership fee to be \$100 and \$300 for 3-year fee, 2nd by Nick Trask. Motion Carried.

Bob Fortune moved to affiliate with R-CALF USA, 2nd by Kenny Fox. Vaughn Meyer amended to affiliate with R-CALF USA and United States Cattlemen's Association. Vaughn Meyer read a letter dated July 10 outlining expectations of both affiliations should they be affiliated. (Letter attached). Lengthy discussion. The amendment was not accepted as a friendly amendment and the original motion was voted by paper ballot. Motion passed.

Vaughn Meyer moved to affiliate with United States Cattlemen's Association, 2nd by Justin Kolb. Following discussion, Motion failed.

Bill Kluck moved to hire Jeremiah Murphy as Lobbyist for 2026 and to have Dusta Ismay learn from Jeremiah. Kenny fox 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Fund-Raising ideas. No action taken.

Kenny Fox moved to allow the Executive Committee to determine the details of the 135th Annual Convention. Austin Risty 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports – Resolutions – Amendments – New Proposals

- Ag, Nat. Resources –Bill Kluck- No Report
- Property Rights, - Bill Kluck moved and submitted a New Resolution on Eminent Domain (attached) Kenny Fox 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sheep – Bill Kluck moved and submitted a New Resolution on Sheep (attached), David Niemi 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- Animal Health – Kenny Fox moved to amend/replace Animal Health/Item 4. Importing Calves from infected herds (attached), 2nd Ryan Vig. Motion carried unanimously.
- Animal ID – Kenny Fox gave a report on the RFID lawsuit held July 11, 2025 via attorney Kara Rollins.
- Brand and Theft – Raydelle Sperle reported on the recent brand board meeting and legislation for 2026 suggested by brand board. Ad-Hoc meetings are set to resume soon.
- Federal Lands – JT Rickenbach moved and submitted a New Resolution on Federal Lands. Raydelle Sperle 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- Marketing – David Uhrig reported on the contents of the recent 'Big Beautiful Bill' passed in Washington and benefits to agricultural producers.
- Marketing – George Kenzy moved to amend/replace 25. Risk Management Agency 2nd by Bob Fortune. Motion carried Unanimously.
- Trade – George Kenzy moved to amend/replace Trade/Item 6. Quota & Tariff System (attached), 2nd by Kenny Fox. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wildlife – Bob Fortune- No Report
- Beef to Schools – Scott Edoff reported that beef was just delivered to Wall Meats as donation to the fall program
- Club For Boys – Scott Edoff reported that the financial committee approved \$3,000 to be given to them as well as the donations continue to be given for beef to their program.

Scott Edoff reported the Nominating Committee had one candidate for interview and that their recommendation was for President Tom Costello. There were no other nominations. Raydelle Sperle moved nomination ceased, 2nd Austin Risty. Unanimous ballot cast.

Scott Edoff reported there was no candidates for Vice-President. Kenny Fox nominated George Kenzy from the floor. Justin Kolb nominated Matt Kammerer. Scott Besler moved nominations cease. Tyler Wood 2nd. Voting was done by paper ballot. George Kenzy will be the new Vice-President.

Regional & District Caucuses were held and the results are as follows:

Region 1, Vice President- TW Schalesky was re-elected– Term to 2028

Region 2, Vice President –Ray O'Day was elected- Term to 2027

Region 3, Vice President – Bill Paulton – Term to 2026 (No election needed)

District 1- Raydelle Sperle –re-elected –Term to 2028

District 3- David Uhrig was re-elected– Term to 2028

District 4 – Charles Maude was elected following resignation of Brent Fox – Term to 2026

District 7 –Jeff Hunt Sr was elected-Term to 2028

District 10- Open -Term to 2028

District 13 – Bryan Hanson – re-elected- Term to 2028

District 14 – Alva Lee Wiley was elected to replace George Kenzy's position after accepting Vice President – Term to 2026

District 15, Open Term to 2028

District 16 – Open- Term to 2026

District 17 - Open- Term to 2027

JT Rickenback moved to adjourn, 2nd George Page. Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Doris Lauing

Executive Director