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Wednesday July 16, 2025
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ramkota Convention Center
Rapid City, SD

8:45 am MST President Tom Costello Call meeting to order

Prayer given by Chuck Willard outgoing President & Pledge of Allegiance led by President Costello

Welcome of New Officers – Tom Costello President, George Kenzy Vice-President, Ray O'Day Region 2 VP, Charles Maude District 4 (Replaced Brent Fox resignation), Jeff Hunt District 7, Alva Wiley District 14 (replacing George Kenzy open seat)

Directors Present – Tom Costello, George Kenzy, TW Schalesky, Ray O'Day, Bill Paulton, Raydelle Sperle, Brian Fox, David Uhrig, Charles Maude, JT Rickenbach, Austin Risty, Jeff Hunt, Ryan Vig, Mark Krogman, Chris Hutchinson, Bryan Hanson, Alva Wiley, Bill Kluck, Scott Edoff, Vaughn Meyer, Chuck Willard

Directors Absent – Gene Fortune

Scott Edoff moved to appoint Gary Auch to the open seat District 17, JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

George Kenzy nominated Raydelle Sperle as Secretary/Treasurer, 2nd Chuck Willard. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Agenda – Additions to agenda was recognition of Mark & Caroline Krogman for donation, Chuck Willard asked for By-Law changes and research of Past President Terms.

Previous Minutes Regular Board of Directors June 9, 2025 was read by Executive Director Doris Lauing. JT Rickenbach moved to approve minutes, 2nd Ryan Vig. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report – Was given at previous day at Annual Meeting July 15, 2025. Discussion was held regarding current balances. ED Lauing would email that to all Board. Further discussion was held on certain accounts and answered by ED. Vaughn moved to approve financial report, 2nd Brian Fox. Motion carried unanimously. Bryan Hanson moved that financials be sent to all of Board, 2nd by Chris Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Old Business – Directives of membership from previous day

Hiring Jeremiah Murphy as lobbyist that was directed from Annual Membership Meeting July 15, 2025. Dusta Ismay has removed herself from shadowing. No action taken.

JT Rickenbach moved to allow the Executive Committee to determine the details of the 135th Annual Convention and return to the Board with the decision. Bill Kluck 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Raydelle Sperle Brand Committee Chair asked for Board input regarding possible legislation including audit. No action taken.

New Business

Chuck Willard moved to approve New Members (attached), JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously

Recognition of Mark & Caroline Krogman generous contribution at the auction the previous evening. After their name was drawn for the Titan Chute Raffle, they donated it back and it was auctioned off Bringing $28,600. Raydelle Sperle moved to gift Mark & Caroline with lifetime memberships, 2nd Brian Fox. Motion carried unanimously.

George Kenzy moved to give JT & Kelsey Vig a lifetime membership for purchasing the chute, 2nd by Ryan Vig. Following discussion, Ryan moved to amend the motion to a free 3 year membership to them and send a letter of appreciation. Amended Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Nominating Committee – As per the By-Laws, Immediate Past 2 Presidents; Chuck Willard & Vaughn Meyer one person from each region: Ryan Vig (region 1), JT Rickenbach (region 3) and someone will be appointed from region 2 at a later date.

Fund-Raising Ideas/Raffle – Following discussion, it was decided not to invest in a chute this year due to cost. Several ideas were discussed. Bryan Hanson moved to purchase a Henry Gun, a Revolver, $1,000 gift certificate to Wall Meats and $1,000 gift card to Running Farm & Fleet that would be drawn at the 2026 convention. Ryan Vig 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. Further suggestions was to include language on the raffle ticket disclosure if the winner of the guns were unable to hold a firearm, the gun(s) would revert back to the SDSGA. No Action was taken.

Following discussion holding a quarterly meeting in November that would be incorporated with a Fund-Raiser on a Friday or Saturday, JT Rickenbach moved to schedule a meeting and fund-raiser in November, 2nd Vaughn Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Willard moved to reappoint Randy Volmer to the Beef Industry Council, JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the SDSGA Developmental Foundation. Direction was given to research with Attorney Bloom and return to Board with direction.

Discussion of By-Laws and parts that need reviewed and changed.

11:46 Enter Executive Session
12:29 Exit Executive Session

Vaughn Meyer moved that the Executive Committee gather and conduct an annual review of Executive Director with direction of the Board. Brian Fox 2nd. Motion carried unanimously

Vaughn Meyer moved to Adjourn 12:40, 2nd Scott Edoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Doris Lauing
Executive Director

Tom Costello, George Kenzy, Raydelle Sperle, Ryan Vig, Executive Director Doris Lauing and employee Jessica Kammerer prepared deposits from the convention.