

South Dakota Beadle Club

-Established in 1933-

Unofficial minutes of the February 4, 2026 Beadle Club Meeting, Pierre, SD

Attendance: M. Alley, J. Bailey, B. Brosnahan, B. Gardner, W. Kindle, E. Knight, D. Kueter, C. Lee, R. Lewis, D. Martin, T. Meyer, P. Mikkonen, P. Schonebaum, S. Schultz, G. Seiler, T. Warzecha, and Guests.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Tammy Meyer, Beadle Club President.
2. Motion by B. Gardner, and Second by E. Knight to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by M. Alley, and Second by S. Schultz to approve the August 7, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Motion by D. Keuter, and Second by G. Seiler to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
5. Membership Report –
 - Current membership lists 284 members. Nominations for new membership are due at least 5 days prior to the next meeting. Nomination forms are available online.
 - All individuals in SD (men and women) engaged in the teaching profession or other allied education endeavors who have served for at least five years are eligible for membership.
 - To be eligible for membership, a person must vigorously support education and have given meritorious service to the cause of public education over a period of at least ten years in SD. Such service must have been recent and evidenced by actual accomplishments in improving conditions of public education in the state.
6. Scholarship Report –
 - Funds for the scholarship will be drawn from the SD Community Fund this year and provided directly to the recipient's university. Therefore, individuals in their last semester of enrollment prior to degree award will not be eligible. Two scholarships are presented each year for \$800 each. Scholarship applications are available online and are due April 17, 2026. Applicants must be a current SD resident with a degree in education or a related field and admitted to an advanced degree program at an accredited college or university.
7. School and Public Lands Commissioner Report –
 - Presentation from Commissioner Brock Greenfield and SD School & Public Lands staff Mike Cornelison, Justin Nagel, Caleb Finck, and Joshua Klumb. \$15.7 million has been dispersed to public K-12 schools this year from the Public Trust Fund. This equates to a payment of \$97.02 per student, which is paid to the district where the student resides, based on information received by the SD DOE. Funding is generated from leases and interest. Healthy markets have increased the apportionment, with

approximately 80% of funding going to common schools, with the other funds going to universities, SD Developmental Center, etc. The Office of School & Public Lands is reviewing public land use for hunting purposes, as there is currently no fee for this access, even though the land is leased to private individuals or companies. The Office receives calls about public hunting access to trust lands. Hunters are asked to communicate with the leaseholder, and if needed, information is passed forward to GFP or other agencies. Leaseholders pay property taxes on public land but do not receive sole hunting rights. Leases are currently more competitive due to the cattle market. The Office is also responsible for maintenance/repair of buildings found on assembled land units. These funds must come from legislative appropriations or through the Office regular budget. Artifacts found on state trust lands are considered state property. Additional revenues are also being sought to support the public trust fund.

8. Induction of New Members –

- Dan Martin – Faulkton, SD (nominated by George Seiler)
- Motion by J. Bailey, and Second by R. Lewis to approve new members. Motion carried.

9. Remembrance of Deceased Members –

- Roger A. Fritz (12.14.1938 – 10.27.2025). Roger devoted 48 years of education at the Colman and Colman-Egan Schools. He began his career as a vocational agriculture teacher, later became the principal, and in 1966 began his long tenure as superintendent, a role he held for 42 years until his retirement. Roger was honored in 1998 as the SD Superintendent of the Year.

10. Election of Officers –

- Motion by J. Danielsen, and Second by Seiler, to cast a unanimous ballot to retain current officer slate of Dr. Tammy Meyer (Sisseton), President, Dr. Samantha Walder (Tea Area), Secretary, Dr. Donavan DeBoer (Dell Rapids), Treasurer. Motion Carried.

11. Special Project Report(s)

12. Other Discussion – There is no easy communication avenue available for sharing information about the Beadle Club, especially as members retire. There is a current need for fundraising opportunities to support special one-time projects such as the publication of the new Beadle Club history book as well as continued funding for the Beadle Club scholarships. We will work to develop a Google sheet with membership names, contact information, district affiliation, etc.

13. Next Meeting: ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention; August, 2026

14. Motion to adjourn by J. Danielsen, Second by C. Lee, Motion Carried.

Beadle Club Treasurer's Report as of February 2026

Checking account Balance - \$1750.84

January 2026 Statement 1750.84

December 2025 statement – 1750.84

November 2025 Statement – 1750.84

Deposit (Credit) – 88.50

October 2025 Statement – 1662.34

Deposit – 250.00

September 2025 Statement – 1662.34

August 2025 Statement – 1412.34

Certificate of Deposit #12947 - \$2,950.00

- Maturing on 11-24-2026 (automatically renewable)

Certificate of Deposit #13102 0 \$2,499.50

- Maturing on 5-24-26 (automatically renewable)

South Dakota Community Foundation – 2024-25 Balances

- Revenue - \$1517.63
- Expenses - \$153.58
- Ending Balance through 6-30-25 - \$30,179.17