

NDWCA Education Committee Meeting July 20, 2007

On July 20, 2007 the Education Committee met on IVAN at the Minot, Langdon and Fargo sites. Present were: Shauna Berg, Kadie Herseth, Stan Wolf, Dan Folske, Odin Heim, Jim Hennessey, Chuck Weiser, John Arlien and Derrill Fick. Purpose of this meeting is to fine tune symposium details and make sure everything is ready to go. Jim has a cook for the weed school. We have 35 registrants not including our speakers or committee members. Not sure if Brian Jenks will be available to speak for us. Bonnie Harper-Lore may need a room in Washburn. Craig Hultberg needs to be contacted to make sure he's still on to speak for us. We start at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14 with committee members coming Monday to help set up. One display board for the whole group will need to be brought. Menu for the 3 days was decided on. Tuesday evening will be burgers and brats, chips, potato/macaroni salad. Wednesday morning egg bake, muffins, fruit; lunch is a soup and sandwich tray; dinner will be steaks, baked potato and salad. Thursday morning pancakes and sausage; lunch will be sloppy joes and chips. Breaks will be coffee and bars, cookies, muffins or fruit. There are 3 cabins on site, two will be used for men and women will have one. Total men attending are 24 and women are 11 to date. Approximately 5 from USF&W, 16 from NRCS and 7 county. We went over Days events that will be going on. Day 1: Ken and Chuck have been working on the live weed ID plants for the weed hunt and ID clinic. The weed hunt will consist of 15 GPS coordinates and the teams will be pairs. Weed Jeopardy questions need to be created. We have a liquor permit to have alcohol on premises and the socials will be bringing your own. Day 2: Polaris and Honda will each be bringing a machine. Counties will be bringing other ATV's anything that is different for weed control. There is a table for new safety equipment available. When registering the first day, they need to register for golf. Golf course needs to be talked to for openings. Jim is in charge of trap shoot. Derrill is in charge of bio-collection activities. Day 3: Bill Walker will be working with calibration. Dave Borlaug and Marv Baker will be talking about public awareness and writing the right message. Next the committee talked about any other issues needing to be ironed out. Shauna will talk with Ken about the weeds of the prairie books and the possibility of an oil company donating them. All speakers will get a t-shirt and a book. Registrants will receive a t-shirt, book, and koozies. We will have extra t-shirts to sell as well as cards, hats and koozies. We will purchase 100 t-shirts and Shauna will work with someone locally on these. Stan will order 250 koozies and order hats. Welcome at the beginning will hopefully be Roger Johnson and we are hoping Richard Tokasch from Mandan can close. Dan will create an evaluation. We need name tags. Dan, Shauna and Kadie will work the registration table. The total RC&D grant is \$10,245. Meeting ended.