

NDWCA Education Committee Meeting March 8, 2007

On March 8, 2007 the Education Committee met at the Pizza Ranch in Harvey at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Shauna Berg, Kadie Herseth, Stan Wolf, Dan Folske, Odin Heim, Ken Eraas, Chuck Weiser, John Arlien and Derrill Fick. First on the agenda was the weed ID clinics and Shauna had reported that all 10 clinics have been set up and she is just waiting for details before sending it out on the list serves and newspapers. The board discussed making CD's that go along with the print-out and agreed it would be a good thing, and to not date the disks per say, but to have them as disk 1, disk 2, etc. Odin has offered to ask his board to pay for the expense of the CD's, jeweled cases and labels. Next the Sprayer/ATV schools were discussed and it was agreed to have 2 this year with the first being in Valley City on May 22nd and the second being in Stanley on May 24th. Shauna will work the details out and get things going. Kadie then discussed the youth education program. She's looking at a poster contest in the spring. T-shirts would be made from the top 3 winners and possibly having them on billboards across the state. Shauna brought up that the committee should start thinking about and possibly creating a mascot. It would give the kids something to relate weed control to. Ken mentioned what Australia was doing with a weed as a mascot and recommended looking at weedmapper online. Stan then talked about the playing cards. We have 110 straight decks and 90 pinochle decks in inventory. Washburn weed school was then talked about and after much discussion and number crunching by Chuck, we agreed to continue on with the schooling even if we do not receive the RC and D grant. A brochure will need to be made. Shauna and Dan said they would work on that and have one ready by the following week. Burke County will run the funds through them as to keep a paper trail and not mess with anyone else's budgets, etc. We then came up with a name for the school as follows: Northern Plains Weed Management Symposium. It was also decided to have a June 1st deadline to register as then it would give the committee time to cancel if the funding wouldn't come through as penciled out. Derrill then brought the committee up to speed on the data logger system. If this does go through, training will be in mid-April. The next committee meeting will be in Carrington on April 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the extension center library.