

NDWCA Education Committee Meeting April 15, 2008

On April 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. central time, the Education Committee met via IVN across the state. IVN sites were in Langdon, Minot, Stanley, Bismarck, Bowbells and Fargo. Education Committee members present were: Shauna Berg, Stan Wolf, Jim Hennessy, John Arlien, Blake Schaan, Kadie Herseth, Dan Dew, Dan Folske, Chuck Weiser and Derrill Fick. Rod Lym attended as a guest. The mugs are in and look good. Stan said we are getting them for a little less than we originally thought. The second dozen of women's hats ordered will have to have a color change as all the pink hats have been bought out by breast cancer groups. We will have a white hat with black trim instead. Next week is Earth Day and Kadie, Shauna, Derrill and Stan will be there promoting the NDWCA's youth program. Theodore Thistle, Lucy Loosestrife and possibly Spencer Spurge will be in attendance. Tuesday night, the winner of the first annual coloring contest will receive a plaque and a t-shirt with a short award ceremony. Then on Wednesday Theodore, Lucy and Spencer will head out to Linton and hand out t-shirts to the winner's classmates. Next the weed crew will be onto South Heart to hand out t-shirts to the top posters from that school and ending the day in Williston handing out t-shirts to two classroom's there. On Thursday Lucy and Theodore will hand out t-shirts to the top posters from Grafton. T-shirts will be on hand to buy at Earth Day as well as at the symposium and annual meeting. Shauna has contacted the newspaper in Linton and will submit pictures and information about the contest. She will also send the information to statewide newspapers to get the word out. Jim Hennessey and Dan Folske have been working on the brochure and getting timelines nailed down. Jim still hasn't heard anything from Roger Becker and will continue to try. The backup to Roger Becker will be Brian Jenks. Shauna has Peter Rice from MN lined up with his topic and Bonnie Harper-Lore is on board. Shauna, Jim, Kadie, Dan and Derrill will meet next Wednesday after they are done in Williston at Jim's office to finalize details. Dan Dew then talked about the calendar project. Should the committee choose one picture per month it will be \$5,800/100; \$6,600/500 or \$7,400/1,000. Should the committee choose to have two pictures per month it will be \$6,000/100; \$6,800/500 or \$7,600/1,000. Should the committee choose two pictures per month with a description the cost will be \$6,200/100; \$7,000/500 and \$7,800/1,000. These prices are with gloss pictures of the highest quality. Dan is still working with a corporate sponsor that could possibly sponsor the calendars for up to three years. He will update as he hears. Rod Lym was asked if he had anything to say and he proceeded to ask the committee why no weed officers were attending the Montana Weed School and all the ND slots were filled with ND Ag. Dept. people. Rod informed the committee that it is the education committee's responsibility to choose the Montana school attendees. There was discussion by the committee of what was done previous years. In previous years, the NDWCA Education Committee chooses the attendees, the NDWCA paid for the mileage and the NDDA paid the registration was what had been done in the past. Judy Carlson had informed the board of directors at a previous meeting that they were sending their new employees this year and all the spots were spoken for. Rod informed us that it is not the state's decision on who goes as it is the education committee from the weed control association that decides. The Agriculture Department initially got involved with helping defray the cost to the association by

paying the registration. He also informed the committee that if we don't use these spots ND can end up losing them for future attendees. Judy Carlson was okay with losing the four spots. Shauna discussed the idea of maybe the association will need to start funding the school on its own or possibly find a grant or sponsor elsewhere to keep the slots open as several committee members spoke up about the importance of the training and the fact that we've worked too hard to have those four slots to just throw them away. Ken Junkert offered to open up two spots immediately for any weed officers in the state to attend as the registration has been paid for. The committee wasn't sure if we'd be able to find anyone to go on such short notice as it is next week. Shauna apologized to Rod for not being aware of the responsibility and the committee assured Rod that they would make sure that weed officers that want to attend do attend future trainings.