

## **NDWCA Education Committee Meeting February 15, 2008**

On February 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. central time, the Education Committee met via IVN across the state. IVN sites were in Langdon, Minot, Bismarck and Fargo. Education Committee members present were: Shauna Berg, Stan Wolf, Dan Dew, John Arlien, Rachel Seifert-Spilde, Kadie Herseth, Chuck Weiser and Derrill Fick. Kadie updated the committee on the youth t-shirts. They will be ordered in the next week. She has been waiting for the names on posters Diane had. Everybody participating in the coloring contest will receive a t-shirt as well as the class of the winning poster. Shauna & Kadie are working on the next weed costume. Lucy Loosestrife will be Theodore Thistle's next sidekick. Sprayer school will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shauna is waiting to hear from Bismarck & Grand Forks locations. Stan talked about caps and options for the ladies of the symposium. He's also found stainless steel mugs for \$4.00/each with the logo printed. Chuck spoke with Brian Jenks who recommended Becker from CO as a speaker for the symposium. Shauna spoke with Jerry Asher awhile ago and he isn't able to come and she is waiting for Peter Rice to get back to her. Dan Folske had spoken with someone from Aphis and they do have someone that would be able to speak for us. Derrill is waiting to hear from Celestine Duncan from MT and Hennessy has talked with Bonnie Harper-Lore and she is thrilled to come back and speak for us. He is still waiting to hear from Smith. The camp is booked. The cook is coming back and has offered to entertain us for an evening with music. Right now as the RC&D grant application looks we could be reimbursed up to \$9,800. On top of that we have \$6,000 from US Fish & Wildlife to put towards a laptop, projector, tent and portable P.A. system. Everyone is to turn time/mileage/etc. into Shauna and she will keep track of in-kind monies spent that are to be put towards both these grants. Chuck will ask Ken Eras to come and help with the live weed ID at the symposium. Other areas we need to start informing about the symposium include: Grazing Association, Stockman's Association, Sheep Producer Association, Nurseryman's Association, ND Quarter Horse Association, NDDOT, Wind Tower Companies, Power Plants, Indian Reservations, Mining Companies and Gravel Companies. It was felt that a personal phone call to these groups would spark interest followed by information being sent. The committee agreed to raise the max attendees to 50 this year. Books that will be given to attendees was discussed and if there is nothing new and exciting out there we should use the same books. Sponsorships and donations were discussed. Shauna will speak with the Florida Power Wind Tower company in Cavalier County as well as GE to see if they'd be willing to put money towards the symposium. Wayne Carter from Morton County had emailed Shauna asking about a New Weed Officer School/Training. After much discussion the committee felt that if there was training needed, it would be done at the annual meeting. Shauna is currently working on updating the Weed Officer Manual and will be asking for committee involvement. Rachel was asked if she is the Ag. Dept. representative for the Education Committee. She informed the committee that the new hire will be the representative and she is filling in until they are hired. Dan Dew brought up the weed calendar discussed at the last meeting and is now our calendar man. He will look into the cost and has found a possible sponsor to pay for the calendars to be made. The thought being weed officers across the state will take pictures of state noxious weeds in their county and submit them to Dan. The committee will pick the best pictures for the calendar and have the counties recognized for submitting the picture. Next meeting will be March 18, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. central time via IVN. Shauna will set up the IVN meeting sites.