

NDWCA Education Committee Meeting January 28, 2008

On January 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. the Education Committee met via IVN across the state. IVN sites were in Langdon, Stanley, Minot, Dickinson, Bismarck and Fargo. Education Committee members present were: Shauna Berg, Stan Wolf, Dan Folske, Jim Hennessey, Dan Dew, John Arlien, Rachel Seifert-Spilde, Kadie Herseth, Hope Mastel, Chuck Weiser and Derrill Fick. Weed ID Clinics was the first topic of discussion and whether or not we should continue these across the state. After much discussion it was decided not to continue with these as we are having a live weed ID at the symposium in Washburn. If each individual county would like to hold their own weed ID, they can contact Derrill or Shauna and they will get the CD's and printouts to them. Next we discussed the sprayer schools. Last year they were held in Valley City and Stanley, this year we are looking to hold them in Bismarck and Grand Forks/Carrington/Oakes. Shauna will set these up with the weed officers from those counties. The youth program will continue on with a second annual poster coloring contest. Kadie will talk with Ag in the classroom as well to see if maybe we could participate with youth education on weed ID and control. Kadie and Shauna will work on another weed costume this year as well. They are thinking of Lucy Leafy Spurge or Princess Purple Loosestrife. Theodore Thistle was a hit at the Minot Ag Expo and even made the news and there were requests for more weeds. Retail items discussed were women's hats and coffee mugs. A new t-shirt design will be made for the second annual symposium. Cards will be ordered by the 1,000 as that is the best price. The Second Annual Northern Plains Weed Symposium will be held August 12-14th at the 4-H camp in Washburn, ND. Some possible concurrent speakers are Jim Hanson with the NDDA, someone from NRSC and someone from US Fish & Wildlife. Other speakers that we'd like to have are Kelly Coolie from Canada, Dave Heck from South Dakota and Jerry Asher from BLM. Committee contact assignments are as follows: Shauna will contact Jerry Asher & Peter Rice; Stan will talk to Rod Lym & Rich Zollinger; Derrill will contact Celestine Duncan; Dan Folske will contact Aphis; Jim Hennessey will speak with Karen Smith & Bonnie Harper-Lore; and Chuck Weiser will contact Brian Jenks. Rachel Seifert-Spilde will check to see if Roger Johnson is available to give a welcome speech to attendees. Chuck mentioned that it might be nice to have a conference summary speaker. Vince and Mark will be available and possibly have updates for counties. It was agreed upon that Rayda come back and cook for us. Topics of discussion for the symposium are public awareness, weed free forage/gravel pits, biological, cultural, chemical, prevention & calibration. Evening events discussed were trap shoot, canoes, golf, bio-collection tent and campfire entertainment. We ended with discussion on places the Education Committee could have booths set up across the state such as Stockman's, Minot Expo, Wildlife shows, and Agricultural shows. Derrill also showed the group a weed calendar he had picked up in Montana as a possible idea for our committee to tackle. The next meeting is February 15th at 10:00 a.m. via IVN at same sites with the possibility of Watford City added for Odin.