

## **NDWCA Education Committee Meeting February 19, 2009**

On February 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. central time, the Education Committee met via IVN across the state. IVN sites were in Langdon, Minot, Bowbells, Bismarck and Fargo. Education Committee members present were: Shauna Berg, Stan Wolf, Dan Folske, John Arlien, Blake Schaan, Chuck Weiser and Derrill Fick. Shauna reviewed the youth program with the poster winner out of Drayton. T-shirts will be made in Bismarck with the winning poster as the design. Stan will get the plaque made again this year. Shauna & Kadie will work on a presentation date and time.

Sprayer schools will be held in Minot & Bismarck this year. Possible dates are May 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Shauna will work with Andrew Thostenson to get those set up. Blake will check to see if the ND Department of Ag. would be able to sponsor the meals for the trainings. Blake will also give a 20-30 minute presentation on the WSFF at the trainings. Montana short course attendees are Roger Wickstrom, Tim Milinem, Steve Eckart & Cheri Weyrauch. The association will pay for the registration and mileage costs for attendees.

The laptop and projector are in Cass County with Stan. Stan has also purchased a generic remote for the laptop to make presentations easier. Derrill has the sound system in Ward County and Shauna has the case for the sound system in Cavalier County.

Discussion on having ATV's, spray trucks and sprayers at the symposium this year was discussed. Honda & Action Motor Sports will be asked again if they'd like to bring models for attendees to check out and possible try. We'll order t-shirts for the symposium through Dakota Screen Arts. There will be some left over from youth contest that we will be able to use. The design is already set up and ready to go.

Derrill will check out a book on native wildflowers, Blake said the state is working on something that could be a possibility as well and Stan will check with Zollinger on a book too. Everyone was in agreement to keep the cook we had before. Shauna will check with Jim to see if the cook and building are booked.

Derrill is working with RC&D on the grant for the symposium. Everyone is to keep track of their hours, mileage, etc. for the grant. We'll be looking for sponsors for the symposium. We need to make sure all sponsors are listed and make sure we give US Fish & Wildlife credit for helping sponsor this year's symposium. Speakers are at the top of the priority list. Shauna has sent an email off to Steve Dewey in MT asking if he'd be interested and she has not heard back from him yet. Chuck will check with a possible speaker in Canada. Shauna asked that everyone review the skeleton schedule she emailed and make notes of what needs changing, etc. Stan has saved 60 mugs for the symposium and we are good with hats and cards. We won't need to order anything new for retail as of right now. Next meeting will be in two weeks via IVN.