

**NDWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (yet to be approved)**  
**March 17, 2009**

In attendance were Bill Walker, Judy Carlson, Kadie Herseth-Benson, Richard Anderson, Merlin Leithold, Roger Wickstrom, Derrill Fick, Dan Folske, Bruce Fagerholt and Diane Allmendinger.

President Bruce Fagerholt called the NDWCA Board of Directors meeting to order March 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional agenda items included a report from Myron Dieterle addressing the computer issues at the end of our meeting and approval of slight change in the NDWCA logo.

Becky Schroeder read the January minutes; corrections made were made on page 1 changing NDSU-NRT to NDAC-NRG and under NDDA Weed Seed Free Forage Bill to be identified as #2248; Page 2 in paragraph 1, Dan Foley should be corrected to Dan Folske; and Page 3 under SD meeting finish sentence to read Marge Rayda "offered ride".

Merlin moved the minutes be approved as corrected; Richard seconded. M/C

Becky presented the financial report with a February 28<sup>th</sup> checkbook balance of \$5,146.66. Handouts of the expenditures and deposits were reviewed by board members. Printing expenses will probably be higher as Becky has no access to "free printing" and Merlin noted that perhaps the Legislative budget should have been increased to \$3,000 due to a busier session.

Richard moved that the financial report be approved and Kadie seconded it. M/C

### **Annual Meeting Report**

An Annual Meeting Report was given by Becky. Convention expenses were presented. The surveys filled out at convention were reviewed. Suggestions were filed for the planning meeting. Overall it was felt that we had a successful event and was well attended considering the weather. Convention Expenses totaled \$13,411.61; Convention Income totaled \$15,684.44. With the auction monies of \$3,141 and refunds figured at \$276, we netted \$5,137.83.

A no refund policy was discussed, as it was noted that many of the registrations that we send in for schools and conventions have a no refund policy period, with many of these requiring a much higher dollar amount.

Merlin moved that those who were unable to attend the 2009 convention and requested a refund, be sent one-half their registration as stated on the registration form; beginning in 2010, no refunds will be given after December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dan seconded the motion. M/C

### **Banking**

Banking options were again discussed. Our main complaint is that we do not want to pay the service fee. We will see what other options other banks could offer. A motion was made by Bill Walker that Stan Wolf be appointed as our designee to make decision on banking changes with Becky. Richard seconded the motion. M/C

### **Newsletter Review**

Becky reported that the March newsletter was just about put together except for any additional news from this meeting. Addresses were reviewed. Extension addresses could be e-mailed. It was hoped that by addressing newsletter problems in this issue that people would respond to the secretary indicating that they would like to receive newsletter by e-mail or not. Our address list greatly exceeds our membership list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan moved that we initiate a **Supportive Membership** for a fee of \$15.00. This person would support the NDWCA as a non-voting member and receive the newsletter. Merlin seconded the motion. M/C

Membership dues will be discussed further in the future.

## **NDDA**

Judy Carlson reported that Roger Johnson, state ag commissioner, would be leaving office April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of things will be waiting until the new commissioner is appointed. Jim Hanson is handling the data logger info which will be available in another week. Blake will be e-mailing weed seed forage information. They are looking to do two or three Field Days. Dr. Lyn is updating a weed directory anticipated to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Data research is being done on the 2004 weevil site as to how and why they survived. Part of the project involves ways to move larvae. Rachel had a baby boy and will be back to work the first week of May. If people have complaints concerning the US Corps of Engineers, Judy advised that they be directed to the NDDA as they know where to go with those concerns.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

Merlin Leithold reported on a very busy legislative session and provided handouts of the updated proposed bills to those in attendance.

## **NDAC-NRG**

Myron Dieterle gave an update concerning the computer contract service. Myron reported that we have \$30,000 plus in unpaid services. They have agreed to provide full tech support through January 31, 2010. They want a contact person within the association to e-mail a copy of the work order number and this will generate a bill @ \$110 per hour.

There are 48 computers in the system, plus one as a floater and one for the education committee to service, for a total of 50 computers.

Computers are to be checked for virus protection now, by May 1<sup>st</sup> and again at conference time. At this point in time, there is nothing for the president to sign.

Myron suggested that a delegation meet with the new commissioner to discuss opportunities.

Merlin moved that Myron be appointed as the NDWCA contact person. Bill seconded the motion. M/C

## **Logo**

Sheyenne Printers, who print our newsletter, asked if they could slightly change our NDWCA logo to clean it up for clearer printing purposes. The board agreed, if it was put into the shape of North Dakota.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schroeder  
Executive Secretary