

## NDWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan, ND

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

### Yet to be Board Approved

President Derrill Fick called the meeting to order at 9:11 am. Members present were Jim McAllister, Leon Pederson, Ron Manson, Bill Walker, Gary Hartman, Chelsey Penuel, Dan Dew, David Hirsch, Joan Lorge, Kadie Benson, Kevin Schmidt and Merlin Leithold.

Also present was Richard Weitz, NDDA, Eric Dietrich, ND Parks Rec.

**Additional agenda items were:** none

**Minutes were reviewed.** Ron moved to approve the minutes as presented, Bill seconded the motion. M/C

Merlin gave the financial report, including the check register, the budget update, and the membership list. We had a late bill from the Baymont Inn for a break from the annual meeting that they had not previously billed us for.

Three counties have not paid their memberships as of this meeting.

Dan moved to approve the financial report, Gary seconded the motion. M/C

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Education: Dan Dew**

Sprayer Schools: Timing may not have been ideal. Averaged around 20 participants at each of the three schools. Thanks to Derrill, Bill, Diane, Vince, NDSU for the training, NDDA and whoever else spoke and helped out at the schools, and also to those who attended. Have been trying to set up ATV training classes, but have not had success. Comments for the sprayer schools: Try and have them a little later, have the dates set for the spring schools by the annual meeting, so the word gets out, and because of liability, make sure that the counties where the schools are held, are the sponsors. Dan plans on starting the poster contest earlier, and by giving it a more hands on approach.

Dan and Eric Dietrich spoke to the board concerning ATV training. Eric is willing to set up train the trainer workshops, so that more people are certified trainers, as there is a need all around the state. Possibly have them in the fall, with possible locations in Valley City and in Bismarck. There is no cost for these workshops.

**NAISMA:** Annual conference is in Vancouver, BC, this fall, October 19 – 22. You do need a passport to go into Canada.

#### **Legislative: Merlin Leithold**

Merlin gave the board a final update on bills. HB1055 changes mills to percent's. 133 page bill, changes the entire tax code, was defeated in the Senate, it is dead. SB 2144, the Governor's

consolidation of mill levies. The bill was amended as we asked to add noxious and invasive weeds back into the bill. This amended bill passed, and was signed by the Governor. The language in the bill should be friendly to us. If we have issues with the language, we can try and get them corrected next sessions. SB 2009, the department budget, passed through favorably, as far as weed control is concerned. HB 1456 asks that the federal government would give access land around Lake Oahe in Morton and Emmons County back to the state. This has been an issue that keeps coming back. Originally, this bill contained language with Sakakawea, and tribal land. It did pass, but it has no authority with the Federal Government, to force them to give back the land. The Sioux Tribe is in negotiations with the Federal Government to get their land back. Our state plans on mirroring what they have done, to try and get this to work.

**Government: David Hirsch**

Flea beetles should have large numbers this season, according to early indications. They are out and about, time to set up field days. Yellow toadflax beetles: Had a tour in South Dakota and in North Dakota by Burlington. Found some at the site by Burlington, a three year old site. First time that they have been monitored to have survived in North Dakota. But, it may be several years before a collection at the Burlington site can be accomplished.

**NDDA: Chelsey Penuel**

Introduced Richard Weitz. Bio Control days: Stutsman County – tomorrow, Billings County – July 1, Grant County – July 6. The new colored weed free forage tags are here. End of the biennium is fast approaching. Vouchers are due for both LAP and TAG. The state weed board directory is updated annually. Chelsey would like to set up a list serve just for the NDWCA board, to get updates, as they come in. Chelsey mentioned the Notice of grant award (NOGA), in which a contract would need to be signed, to receive state funds. Once signed, the deadlines, etc., would have to be followed, or the county would lose their funding request listed in that contract. This would replace the acceptance and eligibility forms from last year. They did not work. Still waiting for some counties for their completed survey forms. The state noxious weed list will remain the same. New publications are being worked on, and the new pocket guides are finally here.

Attending the annual commissioner's forum at the start of our annual meeting is the law. Counties need to attend. Chelsey is working on this as well. Richard Weitz introduced himself to the board.

**Industry: Bill Walker**

Perspective: Still on target for a possible August release date, without the one year haying and grazing restrictions. Amine 2-4D has been deemed safer to use for now. The World Health Organization (WHO) is opposing Glyphosate, due to residuals, causing cancers, etc. Monsanto is on the defensive. WHO has no data to back their claims, just a fear factor? The United States is a small user of Glyphosate. Many foreign countries use many more gallons than the United States uses. The rest of the industry is pretty stable, and no real chemical shortages have taken place so far this season.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FSA:** Ronda Mozer, from FSA was invited to this meeting, as she had originally indicated that she would. The changed at this time, and that the state is following the national guidelines at this time. Merlin will contact the Fargo office, and have either Ronda or someone from that office come to our September meeting.

**IRS:** Merlin passed around a copy of the seizure notice from the IRS. Attached to that was a letter from the Tax Team of Valley City, and a copy of a check from them made out to the IRS to cover the fees and penalties that have incurred since 2010. Hopefully this matter is resolved. The NDWCA board is not casting blame to anyone, as we do not know all the facts, just what is printed, by the tax team and the IRS. Thanks to Jim for doing some foot work, to help get this matter resolved.

**Research Funding:** Merlin talked to Stan Wolf and he indicated that NDSU has not taken the proposal and moved forward, so by all indications, this idea is dead in the water.

**Education Grant:** Derrill indicated that not much has been done at this time, but he and Dan will get together and draft a proposal to the board.

**Gravel Pits:** Leon discussed the three forms that the board had in front of them. He felt that they are generic enough for any county to be able to use. Counties can either use the forms as they are, or build off of them to create their own unique form. Some counties are already using their own forms, and that is okay. We need something for counties to use if they so desire. Joan moved to accept these particular forms, Kadie seconded the motion. M/C Merlin will put these on the list serve, and also have Terry put them on the web site. Thanks to Stan Wolf for preparing them for the board.

**Annual Meeting Site for 2017:** Merlin is still working on it. 2016 will be held at the Baymont in Mandan. Merlin will try and get a hotel representative from another hotel to come to our September board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Other:** Ron – Working on a sprayer rodeo. Trying to set something up towards the end of July around Bismarck.

Being no further business, Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, Kevin seconded the motion. M/C

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

Next meeting is September 22 at the Baymont in Mandan.

Respectfully Submitted:

Merlin Leithold

Executive secretary

Annual Meeting Planning Meeting

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Yet to be approved:

2016 Annual Meeting Chairman Kevin Schmidt called to meeting to order. In attendance were Kevin, Derrill, Dan, Ron, Joan, David, Chelsey –NDDA, and Merlin.

Entertainment: Kevin will check with Roger Hilly as a speaker for the Wednesday noon luncheon.

For the banquet, some felt that we should try and piggyback with Prairie Knights Casino or the 4 Bears Casino in New Town, to see if they have entertainment at that time. We could possibly get them cheap, and have a big time entertainer. Other suggestions were magician, Mylo Hatsenbueler, comedians, or use local students from high schools, like a drama club, or a high school music group. Merlin will work on it.

Meals: no menu's or prices yet. Consensus was to leave the banquet the same if possible, and Merlin will select the other meals.

Speakers: Suggestions: Tim Johannsson – Warne Chemical – How to winterize and store your equipment. NDDOT – Safety. Kevin Sedivic. Rod Lym. Keep speakers to 30 minutes, unless they request more time.

Tour the Heritage Center: Buss the attendees over and back. Have a signup sheet with the registration form. Kadie will get prices on bussing, and let Merlin know.

Tuesday business meeting: Will have it immediately following the NDDA Commissioners forum. Chelsey wasn't sure if they were planning an all-day session. Derrill suggested that we have it after they are through, and if need be, move the beer and brat social later.

Beer and Brat Social: Yes, definitely have it. Merlin suggested that he could get a photo booth to come in for free. Will have it Tuesday evening.

We will also advertise in the September newsletter and fall area meetings, that we applicants for the Weed Warrior award and the Lifetime Achievement award.

We will meet again in September following the board of directors meeting.

Kevin adjourned the meeting.

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