

NDWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND

June 28th, 2016

Board Approved

President Leon Pederson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Members present were Leon Pederson, Joan Lorge, Stan Wolf, Bill Walker, Gary Hartman, Brent Nelson, Terry Volk, Kevin Schmidt, Katie Clyde, Derrill Fick, Lane Kozel, Chelsey Penuel and Merlin Leithold.

Additional agenda items were: none

Minutes were reviewed. Brent moved to approve the minutes as presented, Kevin seconded the motion. M/C

Merlin gave the financial report, including the check register, memberships paid so far, and the budget update. Six counties have not paid their 2016 dues. Leon asked area directors to check with their counties that have not paid their dues, to encourage to get them paid. Merlin will be resending statements soon. Joan moved to approve the financial report, Bill seconded the motion. M/C

Committee Reports:

Education: Derrill gave the education report. Sprayer schools went very well. Over 150 attended the three schools, with Dickinson being the largest. Andrew Thostenson would like for us to set the dates for the sprayer schools earlier, so that he could advertise them. Leon stated that we should set them in January, at the board meeting, before the conference, so we can announce the dates at the annual business meeting, and let Andrew know as well. The PPE training was well received, and will be expanded next year. The ATV training is left up to individual counties to do. Will work on grants for display boards with the NDDA this fall after spraying is done.

Outreach: Leon visited with three counties, Griggs, Steele and Eddy. Each have their own unique programs. Having county commissioners as the weed boards raises concerns, especially when it comes to noxious weed enforcement proceedings. Gary visited with 7 out of 11 counties in his area. Each county is considerably different.

Agency Reports:

Government: No report.

NDDA: Chelsey Penuel gave the NDDA report. LAP and TAG vouchers need to be submitted for reimbursement for the first half of the biennium. TAG expires at the end of the biennium. LAP will be reviewed at the end of the year; at that time we will be reviewing and reallocated funds. Please let us know if you will or will not be using LAP or TAG funds
Need to get the older Forest Service grants in, and there will be new Forest Service grants available, as well. Good discussion on what criteria necessary to receive a Forest Service grant.

***At this time, we were joined on the phone with Jeff Mostad. Jeff is an insurance agent from Langdon. Leon has asked him to call with price quotes for liability and directors insurance for the association. The insurance would be through Liberty Mutual. A \$1 million policy for liability, per occurrence, 2 million annually, would be \$250/year/no deductible. Directors insurance, covering lawsuits for decisions by the board, etc., \$1,000/year/250 deductible. Board decided to table until September meeting.

NDDA cont.: Lane Kozel said he attended 4 bio control field days, 2 in Billings Co., 1 in Grant Co., and 1 in Stutsman Co. He estimates over 1 million beetles were collected for redistribution. Yellow toadflax beetles were released in Ward and Barnes counties. Knapweed beetles were released in Golden Valley County. Weed Free forage sign up is completed, with 7 private inspectors and 4 counties with joint powers agreements in place. (Cass, Bowman, Emmons, McKenzie) Lane mentioned when asked, that last year there were 18 inspectors in total.

Industry Report: Bill Walker gave the industry report. Industry is rather quiet. Bayer is looking at possibly phasing out Perspective, in favor of the liquid form Method. Method may be packaged in quarts next season, as well as 2X2 1/2. BUT, it still carries a 1 year haying/grazing restriction. Method, by Bayer, less grass damage than Perspective, because of the SU chemistry, no telar or escort, Vaslan is now registered. A mirror label of Garlan3A, 3 to 4#. Garlan3A is being phased out. DOW has Graslan L, the Picloram/Amine premix. The price structure/acre is rather higher than using Tordon and Amine, and tank mixing yourself. Dow will be looking at the pricing. Manure statements on chemical labels are becoming a common line. Look for more to come to other chemicals, possible including Tordon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dues to NAISMA: Derrill stated that he has done some checking on whether we should remain in NAISMA. There are more industry groups joining again. NAISMA seems to be on the right track again, and getting stronger. After much discussion, Kevin moved to pay the \$100/annual dues to NAISMA, Katie seconded the motion. M/C This year's convention is in Utah, September 26 – 29.

***At this time, Tom Bodine, Deputy ND Ag. Commissioner, joined the meeting. Question by Leon: On the state apiary site, the map shows the bee site in the middle of a quarter section of land, instead of on the actual spot. Tom responded that the state is working on a new map, by which the bee keeper will be able to go on the map, and move the spot to the exact location. This will help a lot. This will be a requirement for beekeepers to do. When the new map is implemented, beekeepers will be able to send a text, stating whether they have placed bees on a site, or removed them. The department will be replacing Carrie's position very soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Direction of NDDA Noxious Weed Department:

Tom stated that the direction of the noxious weed department will not be affected by budget cuts, and should remain on its present course of direction.

Merlin asked if there would be a way to add an FTE to the noxious weed department, and to utilize that position for an outreach person. Merlin mentioned that currently, noxious weeds have one and a half FTE's. They don't have the time for much if any outreach. Tom stated that due to budget cuts, it would be impossible to add an FTE, especially when the department plans to cut 3 FTE's from their budget. Possibly in the future, when the state's economy stabilizes.

Specialty Crops Mapped:

Stan asked whether hops could be added to the states crops specially map, as another layer. Tom said that it is in the discussion to do so.

Leon thanked Tom for taking time out of his schedule to come to the meeting this morning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weed Officer Pamphlets: Leon will continue to work on it. Chelsey has worked on it. Should have something going by winter.

Jackets: Merlin passed around a catalog with various styles and prices, from Bulldog Embroidery, Flasher. Discussion, whether we need to do this, why we are doing this, would people want jackets from NDWCA. Merlin said that the discussion in January was to allow people to buy, if they want, not to inventory them. Merlin will get more details, pick out two varieties of jackets, NDWCA emblem on front, instead of on back, and initial set up fee. Also, check on prices and styles of vests and caps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual meeting location: Merlin mentioned that in June we usually set the next convention dates and location. Dates would be January 8 – 11, 2018. Bill moved to have it again in Bismarck, at the Ramada Inn. Katie seconded the motion. M/C

Other: None

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie seconded the motion. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Merlin Leithold

Executive secretary

Convention Planning Meeting
June 28th, following board meeting

Those present were Katie Clyde, Leon Pederson, Stan Wolf, Derrill Fick, Bill Walker, Chelsey Penuel, and Merlin Leithold.

Katie chaired the meeting. Group decided to look over the facilities again. After visiting with Ramada Inn office staff, there seemed to be a mix-up on meeting rooms booked. After a lot of discussion, group decided that we will make it work. Possibly do a tour again on Wednesday afternoon.

Speakers: Stan will check with Peterson Farm Seeds, on drone use. Merlin will check with a climatologist, possibly have someone like Dave Hirsch follow that with effects of biocontrol on warmer winters, or possibly someone on effects of noxious weeds as well.

Other names under consideration: Kevin Sedivic: Poisonous plants – effects on livestock, Rod Lym, Bill Walker – ROW Aquatics, ATV Training – why to do it, Andrew Thostenson – bee labeling and EPA rules updates, possibly Brad Brummond – organics, vendor presentations as well.

Schedule: January 9-12, 2017

Monday evening: board of directors meeting

Tuesday: NDDA Commissioner Weed Forum

Tuesday Afternoon: Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday Evening: Beer and Brat social (and wine and cheese)

Wednesday Morning: Speakers

Wednesday Noon: luncheon with speaker and ladies luncheon

Wednesday Afternoon: Either a tour or three room breakout sessions, 45 minutes in length, with a vendor break somewhere in the middle.

Wednesday Evening: Banquet with social and entertainment

Thursday Early Morning: Vendor Breakfast.

Thursday Morning: Speakers until noon then adjourn conference

Thursday Noon: board of directors meeting