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Upcoming Meetings

Area Meetings - October 23 - 27

Annual Meeting and Commissioner Forum
January 8-11, 2018 Ramada Inn, Bismarck

****NEWSLETTER****

In order to cut costs with rising printing costs and higher postage prices, we asked for your email addresses to send you the newsletter via email. For those who have not yet signed up, we are asking you to send an email to ndwca@westriv.com and you will be put on the list. We want to continue the paper edition to those without e mail, for this year. It's a year by year decision.

Also, as weed boards get new members, please let us know, so we can update our list. We find where former members continue to receive the newsletter, and new members do not. Unless we are notified, we have no idea the comings and goings of board members.

Your association has jackets and vests and caps for sale. Order one for your entire board. See the website for pricing and size information, then send you order form and payment to Merlin and he will get your ordered processed for you.

Presidents Message

Greetings to all,

It's time for another report and update on the business from your board. First things first, I hope everyone was able to get some of the beneficial rain in August like I did. It was looking pretty bleak before then, and I was amazed at how it greened up and looked like it would in June. You never know about the weather in North Dakota. I was able to scratch enough feed together so I'm feeling better about going into winter this year.

As far as weed board news, I was unable to attend the last board meeting due to prior commitment. I was told that Katie Clyde did an excellent job taking over in my absence. Talking to Merlin he told me that there will be several points of discussion to be brought to the area meetings next month. So it's important for all of the county boards to attend. The plans for the annual convention were also gone over and finalized.

I'm sure a lot of the counties are busy doing their final spraying for the year. With the crisp air in the morning it won't last for long. So here's hoping that you wrap things up without too much trouble.

Well that's about all for now, Merlin told me that you only have to suffer one more report from me. So that's the good news for today. Take care every one.

PS. I became grandpa for the first time this month, Yahoo.

Kevin Schmidt

NDWCA 2017 President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Area Meetings for 2017 Schedule
9:00 am thru 12:00 noon local time

- October 23rd—Minot - NDSU Research Center
 - October 24th—Devils Lake - Courthouse
 - October 25th—Valley City - Barnes Co. Hwy. Dept.
 - October 26th—Mandan - Morton Co. Hwy Dept.
 - October 27th—Amidon - Courthouse
- See your area directors for more information
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Agendas for Area Meetings

All Areas:

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Update
County/Agency/Government/NDDA Reports
(Remember, bring an extra copy of your county report for the secretary)

New Business:

New Website - looking for ideas and a designer

Houndstongue - discussion to put on noxious weed list

Gravel Pit Inspections - Currently, ND Century Code does not have a provision to charge for this service.
Do we want this in Century Code?

LAP Funding - 1. Is your county receiving LAP? 2. Are you able to utilize your allocation? 3. Could you use more allocation dollars? If you answered yes to question #3, we want to know how much more can you use. We want your figures. Show us how many dollars you spent on LAP to your county producers in the last biennium 2015-17. We need to decide if we need to ask the NDDA for more LAP dollars.

Poster Contest

Other Legislative Issues

Resolutions

2nd Vice - President (Nominees eligible from Area's I, III & IV)

Areas II & III voting on Area directors & alternates (Both directors are eligible for reelection)

Also, we will have caps for sale at each area meeting. (Bring your money!!)

Some areas also have several local agenda items

ND Department of Ag. Report

Plant Protection Industries has a new division director. His name is Scott Hochhalter. Comes from NDSU, where he was a soil conservation specialist, that worked with soil conservation districts.

Chelsey reminds everyone to get their NOGAS (Notice of grant award letters) for LAP & TAG in to the department. She will see all of you at the area meetings.

DUES: Three counties have not paid their dues for 2017. You know who you are. Please have them paid before the area meetings, to be eligible to vote or hold an office!!

Industry Report

By Bill Walker, Industry Director

Dow: 3% increase on Milestone, Opensight on October 1. Tordon, not sure at this time, should know by the area meetings.

Bayer: 2% price increase on Espionage, a Bareground product. They have not said anything on their other products. Method update: EPA is talking to Bayer. Possibly individual plant treatment with Method. Modified spot spraying, instead of field spraying. At least they are talking now.

Monsanto: Glyphosate pricing, could be going slightly higher, but it may not. 2-4D is the same way. Possibly higher, possibly not.

Dicamba Issues: Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri have banned the use of Dicamba this year, due to drift complaints. Because of the Dicamba resistance beans. Weed Boards need to be careful, farmers are looking for anything and everything due to commodity prices and weather-related issues. Be careful when spraying right of ways. Sonic issues have not helped. Remember, Overdrive has Dicamba in it, and it can drift.

I plan on seeing all of you at the area meetings later this month.

Government Report

By David Hirsch, Government Director

2017 Field Season Highlights:

Budget: APHIS Biocontrol funding for APHIS was stable for the 2017 fiscal year. The 2018 Federal Budget has not been finalized. It's hoped PPQ will be able to participate in field day activities again in 2018.

Hound's tongue biocontrol: No further news on when the permit for this biocontrol agent will be issued and materials become available for ND. Biocontrol scientists are using extra care to make sure the application is complete and host specificity studies are well documented. This will help the chances of the agent application being approved.

Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol: One year ago, PPQ released a foliage feeding beetle for the control of purple loosestrife at a large infestation along the Missouri river in Morton County. Insects were obtained from the South Dakota Dept. of Corrections from insect rearing ponds at Yankton, SD. The harvested insects were containerized and transported to the Morton Co. site by canoe. Plans were to augment the sites with additional insects in 2017 but production at the SD insectary was low and they were not able to supply ND. The loosestrife infestation at the site remains high and future releases will be needed. An order of insects for next season has already been made.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol: PPQ participated in 4 flea beetle field days. In general, the average flea beetle population across ND would be considered "good" this season. The number of Field day events and opportunities remain relatively low across the state with notable exception in a few counties. Demand for beetles remains high. An informal survey of random spurge site I conducted show spurge beetles occur in nearly all sites checked however many sites had low numbers and would benefit by additional releases. Several sites I monitored show good spurge control from beetles.

Yellow Toadflax Biocontrol: Insect populations at several toadflax sites near Minot were evaluated. A growing population of toadflax stem weevils was noted at several sites. Insects appear to be well established. Further releases are planned to help the sites continue to develop into harvestable populations over the next few years. A major milestone could be achieved if agents could be harvested locally. Locally grown insects would be better adapted to the ND climate, their lifecycle would be in sync with local weed development, and establish better following redistribution.

September Weed of the Month



Name This Weed
Could not be ID by NDSU
In Fargo
Found in
Morton County
By
Cody Schnabel
Weed Officer
Last week



For those of you receiving the newsletter in paper, please go on the association website at www.ndweeds.homestead.com to view the weed in color.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

It's already October. Before you know it, the 2018 conference will be here. Your conference planning committee has met twice, and the conference planning is coming along rather nicely. If anyone has an idea, for a speaker, or topic, let Jamen or myself know. Only a couple of slots open. I will have more at the area meetings. Look forward to seeing many of you at the area meetings

Legislative Report

This report is not so much about last session, but next session. If you read the agenda for the area meetings, there are two ideas that possibly will have to go before the legislature. One is gravel pit inspection fees. According to an attorneys opinion, it was removed from state law in 2009, and not put back into law. That was the year we added the weed free forage program. We were adding weed free gravel, but other groups forced us to remove that portion in the bill. Therefore we were left with nothing. We have to decide whether we want to pursue this. We need your input, that is what area meetings are for, your local input.

Another possible legislative item is LAP funding. Do we need to increase LAP dollars to counties? I have heard from many of you that have said, yes we do. We need to know from you, how much do we need. Simply, either e mail me the figures or bring them to the area meeting. How much cost share did you pay out the last two years to your producers? Would you have paid more to them if you would have had more allocation from NDDA? Once we have those figures compiled, we can take them to NDDA, and show the need. Then, with NDDA, we can decide what avenue to take to get more LAP funding. We are not looking at changing TAG.

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