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2006 NDHEA WORKSHOP PHOTOS



Photo above: Leland Bratlie was awarded the 2005 President's Award by Rod O'Clair. Congratulations Lee!!



Photo below: Terry Fasten was awarded the 2005 NDHEA Board Award for his many accomplishments. Congratulations Terry!!



NORTH DAKOTA HUNTER EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

- CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS
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- Promotes SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS
- NEWSLETTERS
- Promotes HUNTER ETHICS, RESPONSIBILITY, and CONSERVATION



Photo top left: 2006 NDHEA President Don Meyer.

Photo top right: Board meeting-Left to right: Don Meyer, Clayton Thompson, Curt Walen & Rod O'Clair.

Photo 2nd row left: Reorganization meeting of the board.

Photo 2nd row right: Breakout Caucus meetings.

3rd row left: Newly elected 2006 Treasurer, Ernie Trudeau.

3rd row right: Dist. Reps. Left to right: Dale Kilwein, Larry Kaul & Leland Bratlie.

Bottom photo left: Members taking a break.

Bottom photo right: Jim Weight of Jamestown winner of muzzleloader presented by Treasurer Ernie Trudeau.

Photo above: Ron Swenson of Williston, winner of Henry Youth rifle Congratulations Ron!!

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hello to all the NDHEA members:

It was good to see the great turnout for the annual meeting in Bismarck. Many positive comments were heard regarding this years training. Great job to all the presenters!! Training aids like this will aid in better retention of what we teach in class.

I would like to thank Rod, Dave Cox and Jim Carter for their help in making the association strong. Dave has been treasurer for many years and was instrumental throughout the cookbook fundraiser for the association. Rod is the outgoing President who brought new and exciting ideas to our organization. Everyone knows how great Jim is at what he does. It's great being involved with individuals such as this, and makes me proud to be part of the NDHEA!

If anyone has property that belongs to our association, let your District Rep. know so it can be inventoried. If anyone has any concerns regarding putting on classes, contact your District Rep. or a Board member and we will try to assist you as best we can. Try to get your course roster online to assist the public in enrolling to avoid anyone missing out on a much needed class. If you have questions, I'm sure Jim can assist you.

I would like to see our association grow in numbers through out the coming years. The more you are involved, the more you realize how beneficial the organization is. The Zap Shoot is a prime example, as well as the State Fair and our involvement with the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports. These organizations along with ours promote safe and ethical hunting and the shooting sports. Youth as well as individuals who have never handled a firearm get a chance to shoot and learn how to safely handle a firearm with expert coaching. When you observe a child smile after breaking a clay target or harvest his first rooster, you feel your involvement has been worthwhile.

Every year we teach many students throughout the state and we should feel proud of the tradition we are encouraging our youth to follow. Lee Bratlie should be commended on his pursuit for the recruitment of youth hunters in North Dakota. New hunters taking to the woods, North Dakota could lose a big part of it's hunting heritage. North Dakota has a great variety of wildlife for the hunter as well as the naturalist. Lets continue to get as many youth involved in the outdoors so they can be enriched as we have been when enjoying the great North Dakota outdoors.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Meyer, 2006 NDHEA President

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VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES

First off, I would like to congratulate all of the instructors that received awards at the annual workshop. Great job!!

I continue to have success in getting businesses to donate funds for our responsible hunter orange cap project. I approach businesses like the Moose, Elks, Lions, American Legion and all area banks. The students enjoy receiving a cap and a hand shake of congratulations from their instructors. If you would like a copy of the letter that I send out asking for donations, just contact me and I'll send it out by mail or e-mail. It also helps our organization with our cap income project and is well worth the time involved. Please consider this in your district.

I would like to challenge all NDHEA members to contact your fellow instructors and ask them to consider joining our organization. The benefits are few but we are trying to make them bigger and better. What did you think about the power point slideshow at the workshop? I think it was a good start to show what we are doing and what we have already done in our organization. Great job, Neval!!

Mark Walsh, 2006 NDHEA Vice President

PAST PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Please let me offer a huge thank you to the officers and committee chairs that helped make the past NDHEA year one I am very proud to be a part of. There were some new directions taken and working from the foundations of my predecessors, a few more bricks were put in place. I received many congratulations from the directors and general members who are proud of the association they belong to and for what they pointed out was a good year. It appears all the hard work that went into the tips, tricks and techniques presentations was worth the effort. I overheard quite a few instructors say they saw something they could use in the classroom. Roger Krueger also needs to be congratulated on an outstanding presentation. There were many comments praising his side of the presentations. I feel I really missed something by being kept busy on the Tips side of the wall.

Thank you to all the people that gathered some door prizes and brought them to the Association's general membership meeting. You had a successful fund raiser in the auctions and we can look at expanding some programs with the funds. Don't forget that the programs and functions are for you. Be sure to take advantage of the youth conservation camps, BOW camp, or first time pheasant hunt. These are the benefits offered with your membership. I learned quite a bit about NDHEA this past year and the general membership can be proud of the people they have elected to represent them. Speaking of elections, it is good when people step forward to have their names be placed in nomination. It says something good about the organization and they want to be a part of it. There is enough diversity on the board to make sure nothing goes smoothly. That is a good thing. It means most of the bugs get ironed out before the membership sees the issue. There will be some evident changes and I hope most of you like them.

Thank you for a great time and keep up the support.

Rodney

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Notes from your Newsletter Editor

I would like to take this time to thank you all for the wonderful comments and support made on my behalf regarding the past year's newsletters and slideshow presentation at the annual workshop. I am hoping that this will help you all see what other district's are doing in their classes and also help to encourage new membership in our organization. I invite any comments at any time and if anyone would like to see something added in the newsletters, please feel free to e-mail or call me at any time. I would encourage any NDHEA member to mail me pictures and information from any classes or if you have an interesting picture of some wildlife which you have taken, please mail that to me with information on when and where photo was taken. I will return your photos to you. I look forward to seeing the website back up and running. Keep a watch out for new site at: www.ndhea.org in the future. Thanks Zach!! Just another note, the upcoming NDHEA Board Meetings are scheduled for April 22, July 15 and October 21, all at 1 pm at the back door of the ND Game & Fish Office in Bismarck. Any NDHEA member is welcome to attend any of these meetings. Dates for the 2007 Annual Workshop at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck is scheduled for February 10, 2007 so mark your calendars for those dates. One last note, please note NDHEA change of mailing address at the top of page 1 of this newsletter, effective immediately. Thanks. **Also, hidden membership numbers will again be done this year and will begin in the next issue.** Keep a watch out for your number and claim your prize.

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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

District 1-Ron Swenson

We just finished an internet class and currently have a regular class in progress. I attended the annual meeting in early February. It was a good experience. We learned new tips in teaching our classes. Thanks to all who made the meeting a fun and learning experience. Great job!! Thanks to Mark & Neva Walsh for the great power point program shown at the workshop. Again, thanks to all for their hard work.

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District 8-Al Klatt

Another very successful state meeting. District 8 wants to say CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Solseng for being selected one of the Instructors of the Year. Joe is very deserving of this award and he sets standards for all.

Remember that the time to start new classes is right around the corner, so think about supplies and equipment that might be needed.

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District 9-Dale Kilwein

Time to start up classes in western ND. Dickinson began on February 16th. Don't forget to attend the mini-conference on Saturday March 18th at 1 pm at the Grand Dakota Lodge. A 'BIG THANK YOU' to the ND Game & Fish for my new 243 rifle. Several instructors from the district received yearly awards-Congratulations!! Back to basic teaching techniques at the state workshop had good comments. Enjoyable and worthy information for all instructors to take back to their community classes. Interested in joining the NDHEA?? I have sign-up cards. Give me a call.

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District 10-Lynda Miller

It was so good to see so many instructors at the annual conference. Financially, Dist. 10 has \$689 in the account. Remember to collect donations, sell caps and other innovative ways to promote our district. If you need information regarding any fundraising or need help throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call me. If anybody missed the annual Game & Fish teaching tip seminars, you really missed a great day. Everybody giving the presentations gave it all that they had and pulled out all the stops. It was outstanding!! It puts us on a unique, professional playing field.

Collectively, we can make a difference for the future of our hunting heritage. Have a great year, good luck with all the classes & hopefully when we converge back at an annual meeting, we'll have new experiences to share.

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District 4-Leland Bratlie

First I'd like to thank those responsible for my receiving the Presidents Award at the NDHEA meeting Sunday morning. It was quite an honor, and is very much appreciated when considering all the qualified individuals there are for this award.

At the Sunday morning meeting I gave a presentation on hunter recruitment, or more accurately the lack of hunter recruitment. If you were there I'd like to thank you for listening, if you weren't there I'd like to fill you in on this information which is very vital to the future of our sport.

A study was recently done by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, Southwick Associates, and Silvertip Productions. This study examined the recruitment rate of new hunters and compared that number to those leaving the sport. The results were alarming to say the least, and pointed out the majority of hunters are between 35 – 54 years of age; this group making up 45.8% of all hunters. As the age of hunters decreases, so does their percentage of the total makeup of hunters. The age of all hunters was statistically analyzed and the results show that the national recruitment ratio (RR) is .69, which means for every 100 hunters who leave the sport of hunting 69 take their place. North Dakota's recruitment number was a sad .53. If we continue down this path by the year 2050 hunting will no longer be the sport we know it as today, it's very possible there will be so few hunters by mid-century that hunting will no longer exist. I've had many comments since my presentation, some very flattering, and others not quite so nice. But the cold hard fact remains that hunting is statistically dead in the water if we don't reverse the current trend. Less than 5% of children aged 6 – 15 currently hunt, so when the 35 – 54 age group drops out of the sport there is nobody to take our place.

There are states that enjoy a better recruitment ratio than North Dakota, some are as high as 1.16 meaning their number of hunters is increasing every year, but they are by far the minority. One thing the proactive states that enjoy a better RR do to recruit youth hunters is lower the age restrictions on big game hunting. Some states such as Ohio have no age restrictions at all on youth big game hunting, instead choosing to let parents make that important choice. In fact North Dakota is one of only 4 states that still require big game hunters to be 14 years of age, and the other three are currently looking at changing their laws. Yet I've been told 12 year olds shouldn't be allowed to hunt big game in North Dakota because they aren't old enough, or mature enough, or whatever reason someone wants to give. What really disturbs me is when this reaction comes from a Hunter Education Instructor. If you feel this way, I must ask you what it is that you aren't doing, or what it is you feel the program isn't doing, to keep you from being comfortable with the thought of a 12 year old with a rifle in their hands in a largely unpopulated, open state like North Dakota? I have a good percentage of my students who routinely hunt deer when they reach the age of 12 years, I see pictures every year of a former student with their first trophy. Drayton is on the ND/MN border so the kids from ND typically hunt with friends or family in MN until they are old enough to hunt in ND. The same thing probably goes on in Montana and South Dakota as those states also allow hunting at 12 years of age. And none of the 3 states have a higher accident rate involving those 12 year old hunters I might add.

But lowering the age requirements by itself won't be enough to turn the tide. There are many small things that are going to have to be done to recruit new hunters. I don't have all the answers, actually I don't know if I have any answers. But I do know this is too important for me to look the other way. I have kids I hunt with, and grandchildren whom I hope to hunt with some day, and I hope they get that same chance to hunt with their grandchildren. We need to forget about our preconceived notions of what's right and what's wrong and realize there is a problem, because believe me there is one. Then we need to work on fixing it before it's too late. You're either for continued hunting or against continued hunting, there's no in between on this.

If you weren't at the meeting Sunday morning and would like a copy of the handouts explaining hunter recruitment numbers email me and I'll send them to you. If you don't have email send me a note and I'll send them through the mail. A good source of information is on the www.fishingbuddy.com website. If you look under articles you'll find an article I wrote last summer which is titled "Pathways to Hunting." I'd recommend reading it if you're even vaguely interested in preserving our sport. If you'd like to help on this or have any ideas on how to get the ball rolling contact me through either email or U.S. mail.

Oh, and don't forget, when you take your kid hunting you won't be hunting for your kid.

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MINUTES FROM THE NDHEA BOARD
MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2006

NDHEA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2006
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 9:03 AM
BY PRESIDENT ROD O'CLAIR

Present: All present except Dist. 1-Ron Swenson
& Cap Chairperson, Ruth Hubbard.

Guests: Zach Lindemann

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by President Rod O'Clair. President O'Clair called for agenda approval and asked for addition on website to be added into new business. It was also noted that NDHEA property labels be listed under old business. Motion to approve agenda was made by Dale Kilwein, 2nd by Don Meyer. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: In following President O'Clair's agenda no secretary or treasurer's report was given.

- Preparations for Presentations: These have been sent to Jim Carter and printed with extra equipment on hand if needed.
- Budget Review: The projected budget for 2006 was handed out by Treasurer Cox. He was short several copies so not all attending received copies. President O'Clair commented on what fundraisers may be needed in the future. Review of budget and treasurer's report was done. Treasurer said he compared budgets turned in, to last years budget and the numbers on the budget forms came up. We discussed what xb3 entry was on audit and it was found to be expendable items like ammo, ear plugs and clay pigeons. There was a bank mistake on check blanks and deposit slips so Dave had to reorder. We looked at the interest amount on CD's and savings accounts. Cookbooks have been paid for and should be all profit now on future sales. Donations to the ND Wildlife Federation, Missouri Valley Shooting Sports and camp scholarships were discussed. Treasurer Cox apologized for the poor report with so many amounts showing mistakes in budget. He wasn't worried about income and didn't check it and stated he did not know where all the numbers came from.
- President's Award: Two nominations were received.
- Board Award: Winner was chosen at last quarterly meeting.

- Labels: Treasurer said that he mailed them out to all districts. District #1 requested 5 more of each label large and small, since he received none in the mail. Labels are needed only if property is listed as NDHEA property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All committees are to submit written reports to the Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership turned in a written report. In 2005, we had 152 members with 4 being life-time members. We have a fundraiser for membership & received a Gary Miller print and a Henry youth rifle. A Knight muzzleloader will be given away to the membership only on February 5 at the membership meeting.

CAP REPORT: Committee chair person was absent and sent no written report to the secretary. Report was given by Treasurer Cox that 14 orders were received with a total of 425 caps sold in the amount of \$2,145.

NEWSLETTER: Discussed and presented written budget report for 2006 which was passed out to all board and committee members present. Neva asked District Reps. for newsletter notes and pictures and also any photos that they may have in 2006 for future power point presentations for the next annual workshop and website. Discussed if hidden numbers in newsletter was cost effective or not. The Board agreed that the numbers should continue in the newsletter. Website assistance was also added to newsletter editor. She will assist Zach Lindemann with any help that she can offer. Zach Lindemann was introduced to the board and he discussed the website and said that he has a friend that will give the NDHEA 10 free hours to help set up the new website. There will be a lot of options to add to the web page such as adding sponsor names, topics listed that we teach and possible links on topics and it will explain that particular item more in detail. There is also a possibility of adding different links to businesses or companies.

LEGISLATIVE: No report given.

GRIEVANCE: Absent and no report given.

AUDIT & FINANCE: A written audit report was presented to the secretary. Having many concerns discrepancies were discussed. A further review of audit with committee members will take place after the meeting.

FINANCE: Treasurer Cox discussed discrepancies that were questioned by pre-meeting audit. He explained the receipts and commented about receipts for donations received. Discussed 501(c)3 tax status and whether we need to spend more funds for our tax status or not. Also discussed that a copy of original tax paperwork is to be held by secretary according to bylaws and that the office currently does not have that in his possession.

HISTORIAN: No report given.

GUEST REPORT: Zach Lindemann gave report on website which is detailed in with newsletter report. No other guests were present to report to board.

NOMINATIONS: The nomination committee will meet after the Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion about a motion to change age requirement on new hunters to agenda for membership meeting, motion changed to add topic of age requirements to hunt. Motion made by Al Klatt, 2nd by Lee Bratlie. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Further discussion followed with change to motion to add youth recruitment, motion by Lee Bratlie, 2nd by Al Klatt to amend motion to change to youth recruitment information only. Motion made by Dave Cox, 2nd by Mike Kroh, amendment to motion carried. Motion by Lori Schweigert for Zach Lindemann to update website, 2nd by Dave Cox. Discussion followed and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Dave Cox at 11 am to adjourn meeting.

/s Mark Walsh, 2005 Secretary

**NDHEA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2006
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY
PRESIDENT ROD O'CLAIR AT 8:39 AM**

Present: District:
#1-Neva Walsh (Newsletter Editor)
#2-Mike Kroh
#3-Lynn Lawler
#4-Leland Bratlie
#5-Lori Schweigert
#6-Wally Titus (Membership Com)
#6-Sharon Titus (Membership Com)
#6-Bill Titus (Membership Com)

#6-Scott Fasteen
#7-Curt Walen
#8-Al Klatt
#9-Dale Kilwein
#10-Lynda Miller
#11-Larry Kaul
#12-Clayton Thompson
Rod O'Clair-Past President
Don Meyer- President
Mark Walsh-Secretary
Dave Cox-Treasurer
Ruth Hubbard-Cap Chairperson
Zach Lindemann-Website Coordinator
Jim Carter, NDG&F HE Director

Absent: #1-Ron Swenson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President O'Clair at 8:39 am. The treasurer's report and meeting agenda was passed out at the front door. President O'Clair also mentioned that the membership table was set up if anyone needed to register and that a fundraiser board was full and a silent auction table was set up in the back of the room.

AGENDA APPROVAL: In New Business section D-please add hunter recruitment. President O'Clair called for a motion to accept the revised agenda. Motion was made by Terry Fasteen, 2nd by George Babcock. Motion carried.

SECRETARY REPORT: Secretary asked that minutes of last meeting be approved as presented in newsletter and if not, he would read the minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as published in newsletter by Tom Reiten, 2nd by Dave Cox. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was given by Dave Cox. Discussion followed. Inquiries were made regarding door prize purchases and amounts in district funds. Treasurer replied by stating that door prizes were purchased for this annual meeting and that each District Rep. has the print out of their District balances. Motion was made to accept treasurer's report by Jerry Rekow, 2nd by Lynn Rose. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP COIMMITTEE: Report was given by Wallace Titus that we had 152 members with 4 of those being lifetime members in 2005. For 2006, we have 110 members with 4 lifetime members and 5 family memberships. A written report was presented to the secretary.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Report was given by Audit and Finance Chairpersons Mark Walsh & Lynda Miller. Walsh reported review of checkbook and bank statements and completed audit Feb. 4, 2006. Entries matched for the most part. Discussed some discrepancies and Treasurer Cox was able to answer all questions. Motion was made to approve audit report by Dennis Miller, 2nd by Dale R. Motion carried.

GRIEVANCE REPORT: None given.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: None given.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: It was reported by Dave Cox that Zach Lindemann will be taking care of updating the website in the future.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Neva Walsh stated she hoped that everyone has been receiving their quarterly newsletters and asked if anyone had pictures or information that can be used in newsletter to please send them to her. She also mentioned that she had done a power point slideshow this year and hoped that everyone enjoyed it. Crowd responded with applause. Presentation will be added to the website in the future with applause following again by members.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Dave reported that he has a lot of information and pictures in his files and if anyone needs information to let him know and he'll get it to you.

President O'Clair made a comment that he would like all committee's to submit a written report to the secretary.

CAP REPORT: Ruth Hubbard reported that in 2005, she had 14 orders for a total of \$2,145 and sold 425 caps. She currently has 96 caps on hand.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: President O'Clair announced that there were two nominations for the secretarial position, them being Dale Patrick and Terry Fasteen. He also said that nominations for treasurer at present were Ernie Trudeau. He also asked for further nominations from the floor for either position. Lori Schweigert nominated Dave Cox for treasurer and no further nominations were heard for either position from the floor. Motion was made from the floor to close nominations. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: President O'Clair introduced both candidates. Members cast ballots. Wallace Titus and Don Meyer collected and counted secretary ballots. The new 2006 secretary is Terry Fasteen. Motion was made by Dale Kilwein, 2nd by Gary Lindemann to destroy ballots. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF TREASURER: President O'Clair introduced both candidates for the treasurer's position. Members cast ballots. Chris Hanson and Clayton Thompson collected and counted the ballots. The new 2006 treasurer for a two-year term is Ernie Trudeau. Motion to destroy ballots was made by Don Meyer, 2nd by Chris Hanson. Motion carried.

Fundraiser print was drawn at this time and winner was John Dannenberg.

Breakout for District caucuses was held at this time with the even number District's voting for their District Representatives.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 am. The following results were announced regarding District Representative positions for 2006. They are as follows:

District 2-Mike Kroh
District 4-Leland Bratlie
District 6-Scott Fasteen
District 8-Al Klatt
District 10-Lynda Miller
District 12-Clayton Thompson

Break for silent auction bidding and door prizes were drawn. Lori Schweigert and the Titus family participated in handing out door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The annual budget was discussed regarding how much funds were available or grant amounts that we sponsor for the Outdoor Woman, ND Wildlife Federation Camp, Missouri Valley Shooting Sports, First Time Pheasant Shoot, among other things that help get kids involved to promote the sport we love. We can nominate kids to attend these camps and also bring students to any of these shoots. If anyone needs equipment for classes, contact your District Rep. and turn in your request for funding.

NDHEA REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD
MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2006
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY
PRESIDENT DON MEYER AT 10:40 AM

2. Lori Schweigert talked about the membership shoot and the NDHEA plaque that she would like to present to the Zap Gun Club for its many years of help with the shoot. Discussion followed regarding the Zap shoot in August. It was decided to have an NDHEA plaque made up to thank the club and each year have the name of the International Shooter who won, engraved on the plaque which will be placed in the Zap clubhouse. The Zap club supports the area hunters education class. Dave Cox has won the shoot for the past three years and he asked for more competition.
3. ND Wildlife Federation Camp presented the NDHEA with a plaque containing a picture of students attending the camp.
4. Silent Auction winners were announced. President O'Clair thanked all involved for their support.
5. President O'Clair thanked Dave Cox for his 11 years of service to the association as treasurer. Applause followed.

BOARD AWARD: Don Meyer presented the Board Award to Terry Fasteen for his years of being on the legislative committee and help throughout the years.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: President O'Clair presented the President's Award for his long time as Instructor and Board member and also for defending his hunting heritage and principals to improve the hunters education program to Leland Bratlie.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT: Rod O'Clair introduced Don Meyer as the new 2006 NDHEA President. Don thanked Rod O'Clair for a job well done and also commended the Board for their work this past year. He commented that if anyone has any concerns take them to your District Rep. and they will follow-up with the Board. He encouraged that we keep the lines of communication open.

Drawing was held for the membership muzzleloader with Jim Weight of Jamestown being the winner. All door prizes were given out at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Wayne Stanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Dale Kilwein. Motion carried and meeting adjourned. Next year's conference will be held on February 10, 2007. See you there!!

/s Mark Walsh, 2005 Secretary

Present:

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Rod O'Clair-Past President
Don Meyer- President
Mark Walsh-Vice President
Terry Fasteen-Secretary (elect)
Ernie Trudeau-Treasurer (elect)
Jim Carter, NDG&F HE Director

Absent: District #1-Ron Swenson
Ruth Hubbard-Cap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Terry highlighted the previous years minutes. Dave Cox was to talk to Zach Lindemann about assistance with the website. Dave agreed to do so. Rod O'Clair told Dave he would assist in setting up the computerized treasurer's books. Dave and Rod to meet on that. Mike Kroh offered an associate of his to help Dave with the association taxes for no cost. Discussed the yearly donation of funds to help with operational expenses of the Wildlife Federation kids camp. There was discussion on the association paying for the board members Friday night motel room which was agreed to. Dave Cox handed out association ownership labels to each district. The 2005 proposed meeting dates were discussed and set. Gene Masse, ND State Game and Fish Warden talked about proposed changes in hunting and fishing laws. Neva Walsh talked about changes to the newsletter. A motion was made by Clayton Thompson to accept the highlights from the secretaries report as read and 2nd by Larry Kaul. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Lori Schweigert to accept treasurer's report as read at the association meeting, 2nd by Lynda Miller. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Don Meyer brought forth the conversation for setting the quarterly meeting dates. All meetings to be held at the ND Game and Fish building in Bismarck at 1:00 pm central time. Dates for the 2006 Board meetings are as follows: April 22, July 15 and October 21, 2006. The annual conference date is set for February 10, 2007 at 9:00 am at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck.

President Meyer introduced the new executive board members to the group: Ernie Trudeau as Treasure elect, Terry Fasteen as Secretary elect, Mark Walsh progresses to Vice President and Rod O'Clair as Past President.

Dave Cox raised comment about the transfer of the Treasurer's position and responsibilities. Dave is under the opinion that both he and the new Treasurer Ernie Trudeau need to be in the bank at the same time to sign the official documents in front of a notary to legally transfer the authority to sign checks before it can be done. Dave made a motion that the association pay for his expenses to drive to Jamestown to meet with Ernie to transfer the records and sign the appropriate documents. Discussion on the motion was asked for. Rod O'Clair mentioned that he had approached his bank and asked this question and was told that if Dave had his signature notarized in Minot, that anyone could transfer the documents to Ernie and he could sign on the same form in his bank and it would be legal to transfer the documents. Dave then reiterated that he had a similar conversation on Friday with his bank and he understood that he had to be present when both signatures were placed on the form. President Meyer asked if there was a second to this motion and Leland Bratlie seconded the motion. Additional discussion called for. President Meyer asked Rod if he had additional information to offer. Rod said the bank gave him a form to fill out and asked him to bring a copy of the minutes that state who the new officers are and who will be signatory to those offices. Additional discussion was that perhaps the best way to handle this question was to have Ernie Trudeau ask these questions of his bank officials when he goes to meet with them. Once he knows what the bank requires, he can communicate with President Meyer and Dave and a

decision will be made. It was requested by Rod O'Clair to amend the motion made by Dave Cox in regards to driving to Jamestown/Minot. The amendment to read "that if any board member make the trip between Jamestown and Minot for the sake of transferring the association's treasury records and signatures, they would be reimbursed for their mileage for doing so". Dave agreed to the amendment as stated, the vote was held and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: President Meyer asked for old business and none was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS: President Meyer asked Jim Carter if by chance the state had set up the next Game & Fish Annual Training Seminar meeting at this time and Jim stated that he had already made the arrangements but the dates were at his office and he would get back to us so they could be added to the association newsletter.

Secretary Fasteen brought up that last year at this meeting the board decided to send money to the Wildlife Federation Camp for their operational expenses. Last year at this time there was a motion and a second to again send \$500 for their operational expenses. Secretary Fasteen then made a motion to send \$500 for operating expenses for the 2006 Wildlife Federation Youth Camp, 2nd by President Meyer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the district reports being submitted for the newsletter within ten days of any meeting. It was questioned if there was a time indicated in our bylaws. It was researched and no definite time frame was indicated in the bylaws. President Meyer then stated that all reports need to be submitted within 10 days of any meeting held so they could be published in the newsletter.

President Meyer discussed the committees and their heads for the 2006 year. They are as follows:
Membership Committee-Titus family
Cap Committee-Ruth Hubbard (President Meyer will check with Ruth to verify if she plans to remain on in this position)
Newsletter-Neva Walsh
Legislative Committee-Rod O'Clair & Lee Bratlie
Grievance Committee-President Meyer
Audit Committee-Treasurer Trudeau, Vice President Mark Walsh & Lynda Miller
Historian-Dave Cox (President Meyer will ask if he will remain in the same position)

Communications-Neva Walsh, Zach Lindemann and current Association President Meyer

Discussion was held on this committee as the bylaws state that this committee will be responsible for publication of any matter of the association and to further the aims of the association including publication of the newsletter. Clayton Thompson made a motion that the communication committee members should be the existing newsletter editor, Neva Walsh as well as Zach Lindemann, website coordinator and current NDHEA President Meyer. The motion was 2nd by Al Klatt. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on how cash donations are handled, how much money goes to the association, how much money goes to the district, how it is determined, can it be tracked, etc. It was suggested that all cash donations are turned into a check into the association by that hunters education instructor rather than submitting cash to the association. Discussion that district reps inform all instructors within their district to note on the bottom of the donation form who the instructor is, where the class was taught, and how to deposit the funds from his class. Discussion that the problem seemed to come from anonymous donations sent to the Game & Fish headquarters and forwarded on to the association with no indication as how to handle those funds. It was suggested that perhaps the association should set a written policy on how to accept and handle donations and get it out to the membership including the non-association instructors throughout the state. After the roundtable discussion, it was decided that perhaps there is no correct way to handle this situation other than to bring it up in the individual class that any donations given should have the class instructors name and the location of the class be included in writing with any donation submitted.

DEBIT CARD: It was brought to the association's attention that Dave Cox had gotten a debit card recently and was using it to conduct transactions rather than writing checks. Some members were concerned about what they perceived as an irregularity in choosing to obtain this debit card and use it. Other board members brought up that it was the treasurer's decision as to how he was to operate the association's business as he was elected to do so by the association's body. And that the use of a debit card was becoming more common place than writing checks. It was discussed that if the new treasurer

chose to use a debit card to pay for expenses, that it would be his decision as those expenses could be tracked just as easily as writing checks.

ASSOCIATION MAILBOX: Treasurer Trudeau stated that he would set up a new box and address in Jamestown during the coming week and then notify Neva to get the new address into the newsletter for all association members.

Bill Titus brought up the question as to whether or not the association can provide written documentation of district expenditures of money. One of the organizations that routinely donates to District 6 has asked that they receive written notification as to where the money that they donate is being spent. This is based on a request from the gaming commission for better documentation that this money is indeed being spent for the use of the kids within that community.

Jim Carter commented that it would be nice to put the new A CHUM SPORT on our website. He then commended all the instructors who helped in that afternoons presentation on teaching tips. He felt it was very beneficial that the other instructors receive insight from those association members who offered up suggestions that they routinely use in their classes to instruct the students. He stated that he received a lot of feedback from people after the sessions were over. President Meyer thanked Past President Rod O'Clair for all the time and effort he spent during the past three years for the betterment of the association.

Mike Kroh asked Mr. Carter if it was possible to display a banner advertising the NDHEA at the shooting sports location at the State Fair. Jim didn't think it would be a problem and would do some checking. Mark Walsh suggested that district reps. think about this and contemplate what should be on this banner and bring forth some suggestions to the next meeting. Jim Carter suggested that we put the mission statement up as a banner as it speaks to what the association's goals truly are.

After asking for any further issues and being brought forth, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Lee Bratlie and 2nd by Lynn Lawlar to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

/s/ Terry Fasteen, 2006 Secretary