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### ***VISION STATEMENT:***

*A proactive, informed group of ND volunteers who dedicate themselves to promoting quality education, who are recognized as leaders in enriching our hunting heritage with respect to safety, integrity and conservation.*



The above photos were submitted by Al Klatt-Grand Forks. They were taken from his brother-in-law's living room window in South Dakota. He said photos don't do much justice as there are hundreds of pheasants in other parts of his yard.  
Thanks for the pics Al!!

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***Thank you.***

***Photos gladly accepted.***



*Photo submitted by Rod O'Clair-Jamestown. It is courtesy of Texas A & M Vet School. A hunter found buck with antlers in barbed wire & barely alive. Thanks Rod!!*

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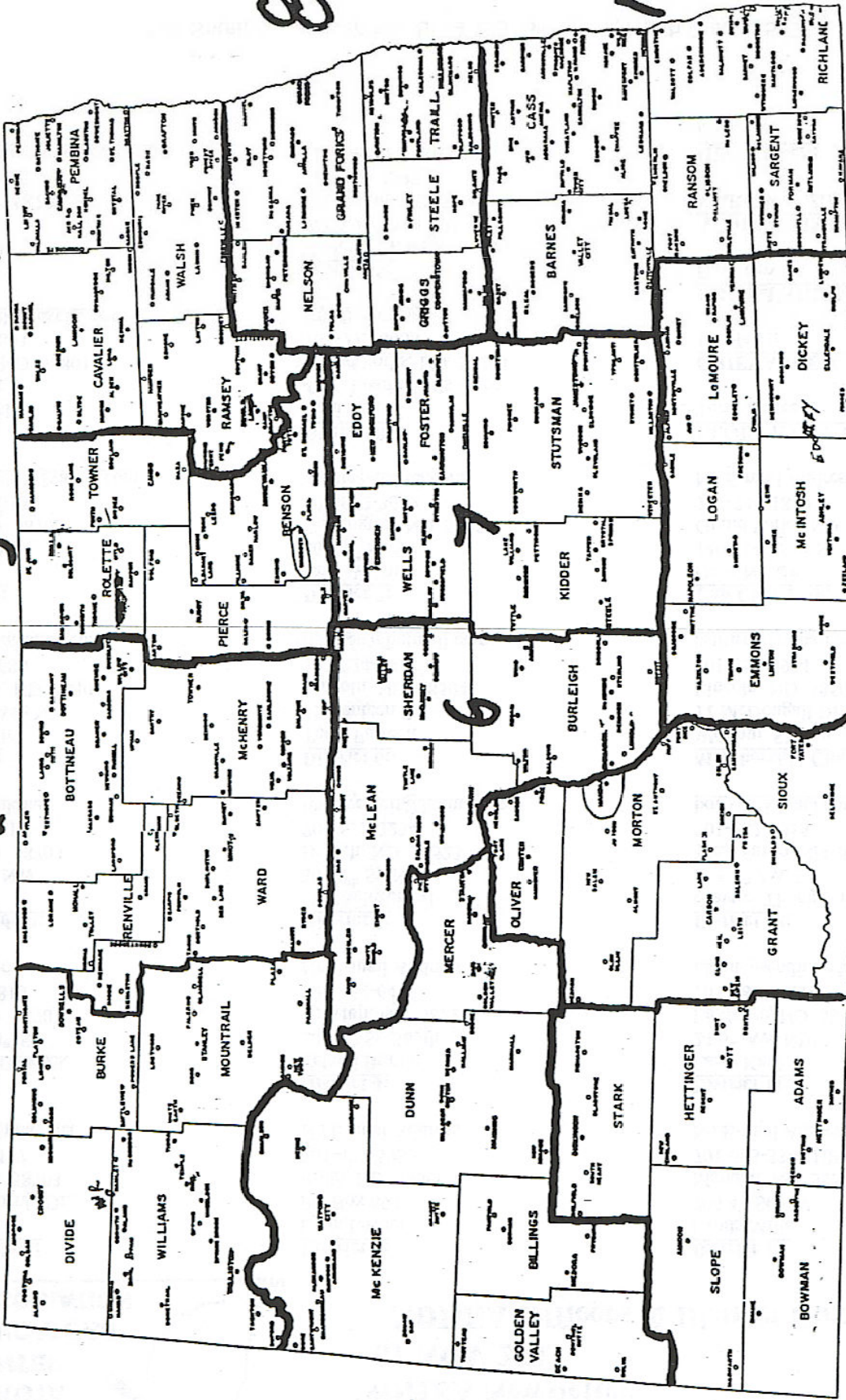
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## **Past President Ponderings**

Shortly after the annual meeting, I had an opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The chapter has a good education committee and listening to some of the ideas gave me ideas about things the NDHEA should do. We really do need to get political in a non-partisan manner and admit that we are very good at what we do. The results are speaking for themselves when one looks at the decrease in firearm accidents in the homes and fields of North Dakota. Another statistic is the very real loss of young gunners and archers in the fields. (#426-you win)

Without recruitment, there will eventually be such a diluted voter base that hunters will not be able to hold their own and the non-hunters will dictate what the rest of the public does. The NDHEA needs to get out into the public eye and start educating everyone about the role of hunting in wildlife management. If uninformed legislators continue to push for legislation that locks hunters out, they are shooting themselves in the foot. These are generally the same persons that complain about over population of animals that depredate crops and run in front of cars.

There are some people out there NDHEA needs to tap and who have writing talents and the ability to get printed. We need to do more than pass out sign up rosters for our classes. Think about the educating we need to do away from the class room and pass your ideas along to the leadership of this organization.

Rodney

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## **President's Notes**

I would like to thank all the District Reps. for the attendance at the quarterly meeting. Many issues were discussed and progress was made. I would like to remind everyone that the Path Ways to Hunting is coming up July 21-29. I hope you can assist Jim with this great endeavor. The 1st time Pheasant Hunt is scheduled for Sept 23, and the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports fun day is scheduled for Aug 12. The Zap shoot is scheduled for Aug 5, at 1300 hours. Contact Lori for details. This is a great time for everyone involved. Last year the youths present received instruction on shooting trap, and you should have seen all the smiles when they started breaking targets consistently!!

Looking at the above schedules, it is great to see our youth having opportunities to participate in the Shooting Sports and have instruction and "hands on" training as well. Our association can be proud of all the volunteers that make these events possible. On this note, I would encourage everyone to become more involved with our youth and get them more and more involved in our great outdoor heritage. (#693 you're a winner) North Dakota has so much to offer, but more on that another time. I promised Neva I would keep it short.

I ask everyone to take a few minutes and think what he/she can do to recruit more youths into our outdoor heritage. I know how much I have received from hunting and the Shooting Sports, and I know that the youth that get involved will probably stay involved. Let's do what we can to get them involved.

As always, if you have a concern, please voice it. Your District Reps are there to bring your concerns to the meetings. Let's keep the lines of communication open!

Don Meyer

# DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

## District 1-Ron Swenson

Sorry to have missed the last NDHEA meeting. I could not get time off from work. Doug Crosby just completed a safety course on May 1st. Paddlefish season is in full swing. I am looking forward to help teach the upcoming classes.

Until next time-Ron !!

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## District 5-Lori Schweigert

As we gear up for the summer activities please remember the Pathway to Hunting at the State Fair. It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet other instructors and the people of ND. The banner for our organization should be made and up at the State Fair.

We had a good meeting in April and lots of discussion that I felt was beneficial to the NDHEA. It is amazing to be a part of a group of serious instructors who are so concerned about hunting and not just for themselves. Where will hunting be in 5 years, 10 years, 25 years? These are pressing questions and ones I feel we need to take a good, hard look at. Over time we need to come up with some directives that fulfill our mission and keep hunting for the future. I like what Jim Carter said at this meeting, "Educating as many people as we can who want to hunt." There is concern about our hunting future and if any of you have any ideas, thoughts, questions, or concerns, please let me know and I will bring them up at our meetings.

A study worksheet on wildlife management was handed out and I believe I will implement this in my classes. If you would like a copy, email me and I'll get one to you.

It is also time to think about making plans to come to the 4th Annual Zap Shoot. It will be held on August 5th. Again I would like to encourage youth to come and participate. We had a youth shoot-off and they really enjoyed it as well as participating with the adults. The plaque has been ordered so we should have that at the club house for all to see.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the Zap Shoot.  
Lori.

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## District 12-Clayton Thompson

Just a quick note to request feedback from District 12 instructors on how class enrollments, topics & requests are going. Please email me at [bowshack@aol.com](mailto:bowshack@aol.com) with input/concerns. It would help if you labeled e-mail NDHEA or something to catch my attention.

Deer deadlines are not to far away (approx. 2nd week June) it never hurts to try to generate land access now for new hunting spots.

If you have issues, email the above address or call 701-282-2955.

Thank you,  
Clayton Thompson

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## District 4-Leland Bratlie

Hello everyone from District 4. The water is finally going down in Drayton and highway #66 going into Minnesota is open after being closed for nearly a month again this spring. This water business is getting old every year, but I guess we can be thankful ours goes down again, unlike Devils Lake.

I just finished up a class and was really impressed with the group of kids this year. (#644 you're a winner) It seems like even in a small town, you get at least one in class that gets disruptive, but not this year. They were a great bunch of kids who breezed through the test like no class I've ever had before, a very attentive bunch! I had a Dad sit through class with his son and daughter which is always nice to see also.

I was in the Minneapolis airport this past week and picked up a copy of an outdoor newspaper called "Outdoors Weekly." They carried an article that was a synopsis of the study conducted by Silvertip Productions, Southwick Associates, and the U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance for the National Shooting Sports Foundation regarding the lack of recruitment of our youth into the shooting sports in general, and hunting in particular. The Editor of "Outdoors Weekly" must have realized the urgency of the situation as they had devoted 5 or 6 pages to articles regarding increased efforts by states and organizations to provide additional opportunities to youth hunters.

For example, did you know that the organization "Pheasants Forever" has now created a "National Youth Leadership Council"? 19 youngsters aged 10 - 16 were nominated by various local Pheasant Forever Chapters from across the country to sit on the council where they will serve as advisors and spokespeople for their age group on issues related to the outdoors, conservation, hunting, and the future of Pheasants Forever.

Another article told of Minnesota's recent lowering of the age limit for spring turkey hunters to 12 years of age in an effort to involve more kids in that activity. For many years the firearms age limit for big game such as moose, bear, and deer in Minnesota has been 12 years of age, so the lowering of the turkey age limit was a natural for them. There was also an article in the paper that told of the state of Wisconsin's proposal to create a youth turkey hunt, similar to their youth waterfowl and youth deer hunts. Also, South Dakota is expanding the opportunities for youth deer hunters by extending the youth season through January 31st this year. (# 716 you win) Both South Dakota and Wisconsin allow big game firearms hunting at the age of 12 years.

And yet another article was about the fact that 1/2 of the states don't have any age restrictions on youth firearms big game seasons, and that those states enjoy the same low accident rate that other states have. In short, there is no evidence to support some people's misconception that lowering the age limit for firearms big game hunting will increase the accident rate. North Dakota is one of only two states that still require big game hunters to be 14 years of age to hunt. We discussed this at the April 21st board meeting and someone asked if by lowering the age limit in North Dakota we would somehow magically turn the low recruitment rate around and the answer to that question is "No." If that were the case it would be easy to fix the looming problem low recruitment rates are sure to have on the future of hunting. But it's a small part of a big puzzle that needs to be solved soon if we are going to see hunting survive into the next century. And I don't know about you, but I think we owe that much to our children and grandchildren.

District 10-Lynda Miller

Classes have been well underway since February and classes seem to be filling up on the internet system. It seems as though “sign-ups” are increasing. Still the public calls to get into classes. At our last meeting, Jim Carter made it known that if students cancel, they must release their own name (s) on the website, thereby opening spots for other students. This makes the public responsible for their own actions. I really like the idea. This seems much more interactive.

A few weeks ago, Chuck Vasicek called me regarding the death of Clarence Sauer of Langdon. I always check the obituaries , but not much of the statewide deaths. I missed him at the last annual meeting. He will be missed by all. I left a message for Jim Carter regarding the notice in the obituaries. Sometimes, notices go unnoticed. District 10 sends a sympathy greeting to his family and friends.

**For Your Information:** Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Association is hosting 2 events again this year.

8/12: Family Shooting Camp at McLean Rifle Range from 9-4 pm

9/23: The First Time Pheasant Shoot at Ring Necks Unlimited in Flasher from 7:30 am—4 pm

Any instructor willing to help or bring a student, please call me at 701-391-6303. We'd love your help.

Until next time-Lynda Miller

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**From Your Editor**

Just a note to all of the NDHEA members. Take a look at your **2006** membership card and memorize your card number. We again are hiding membership numbers in the newsletter. In this issue, will be 6 hidden membership numbers. “Find yours and contact me at **(701) 572-4891** or e-mail me at: **mnwalsh@wil.midco.net** and you will receive a prize. If you can't find your number, contact myself or Sharon Titus for your number. **HAVE FUN LOOKING FOR YOUR NUMBER!!** This is just another incentive of becoming an NDHEA member. (# 713 you win) **Note: You must claim your prize before the next issue comes out. Also, anyone having any wildlife pictures to share, please forward them to me and I'll use them in the newsletter and return the pictures if you desire. I'd appreciate a description of what photo is about or where and when it was taken.**

**Thanks for your support & Have Fun!!**

Your Editor-Neva

**4th ANNUAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP TRAP SHOOT AND FUN DAY IN ZAP, ND**

**5 AUG. 2006**

**12 PM TO 4 PM—MOUNTAIN TIME**

**1 PM TO 5 PM—CENTRAL TIME**

1. Zap Gun Club is located 6 to 7 miles west of Beulah on Hwy. 200. It is at the west entrance to Zap and on the north side of Hwy. 200.
2. Camping and Motels are available for stay over if needed.
3. A steak supper with dessert will be served following the fun shoot.

**COSTS: NO MORE THAN \$10.00 PER PERSON FOR MEALS AND/OR SHOOTING. ADDITIONAL COST WILL APPLY FOR ANNIE OAKLEY & OTHER SHOOTING GAMES.**

4. Some ammo will be supplied by the ND Game & Fish.
5. A limited supply of shells will be available for purchase at the Gun Club, feel free to bring your own if you wish.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED (to make sure we have enough food):**

**Deadline to register is the 29th of July, 2006.**

**Contact: Lori Schweigert @ (701)873-2234 or e-mail: [ljschweigert@hotmail.com](mailto:ljschweigert@hotmail.com)**

Cancellation: Please inform Lori no later than 7/29 if you can't attend.

**GUEST INSTRUCTORS ARE WELCOME:**

Registration will be \$15.00 for the same amenity as above. \$5.00 of this fee will be re-funded if the guest joins the NDHEA at this function. (# 641 you win) \$10.00 to be used for NDHEA membership fee.



**NDHEA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 22, 2006**  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1:05 P.M.**  
**BY PRESIDENT DON MEYER**

Present: Mike Kroh-Dist. 2  
Leland Bratlie-Dist. 4  
Lori Schweigert-Dist. 5  
Curt Walen-District 7  
Al Klatt-District 8  
Lynda Miller-Dist. 10  
Larry Kaul-District 11  
Clayton Thompson-District 12  
Jim Carter-NDG&F-HE Director  
Don Meyer-President  
Mark Walsh-Vice President  
Ernie Trudeau-Treasurer  
Terry Fasteen-Secretary  
Sharon Titus-Membership Chair  
Neva Walsh-Newsletter

Absent: Ron Swenson-District 1  
Lynn Lawler-District 3  
Scott Fasteen-District 6  
Dale Kilwein-District 9  
Rod O'Clair-Past President  
Ruth Hubbard-Cap Chair  
Zach Lindemann-Website

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Don Meyer. President Meyer asked for agenda approval. Motion to approve by Kaul, second by Bratlie. Motion carried.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Secretary Fasteen read the minutes from the Feb. 4, 2006 board meeting. Motion by Kaul, second by Bratlie to approve minutes as read. Motion carried. Minutes were then read from the association meeting on Feb. 5, 2006. Lori asked that the minutes be amended to read that the plaque for the Zap Gun Club would remain at the clubhouse and not be a traveling plaque. Motion by Bratlie, second by Schweigert to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried. Secretary Fasteen asked that the minutes of the organizational meeting held on Feb. 5th be accepted as presented in the newsletter. Motion by Schweigert, second by Kaul to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ernie passed out a typed treasurer's report to all persons present. He pointed out that there were no glaring errors in his review of the records. He commented that there was some trouble up to mid-March getting materials from Dave. Information transfer was somewhat difficult. Copies of records provided by Dave were very poor quality and could not be read. Discussion followed on the treasurer's reports regarding the computer program, CD's, accounting of donations and deposits, etc. The Board discussed that any supplies the Treasurer is in need of, he should use his own discretion and purchase what he needs without Board's pre-approval. The Board discussed that current policy states that 10% of all donations goes into the general fund and 90% goes into the individual Districts. All mail to the treasurer should go to the new address listed at the top of the newsletters. Jim Carter commended the efforts to the new Treasurer for a job well done in taking over his new duties. Ernie will have new letterhead printed with the new address. Ernie will be gone for medical reasons in late June so communication from him may be a bit slower than usual. Terry Fasten agreed to make changes to the old donation receipts and get new ones printed. Lynda Miller stated that she has been dealing with the IRS on prior tax information. Through discussion it was found out that Clint Baxter from Minot did last year's tax return and has information to also do the current year's return. Mike Kroh agreed to get a copy of the last year's return for our files.

OLD BUSINESS: Donations to the Wildlife Federation Camp as well as other organizations were discussed. President Meyer asked for ideas of what we can do for the camps this year so we can establish a budget for donations. At this time, no phone or written requests have been applied for from these organizations with the exception of a standing request yearly from the Wildlife Federation to help with operational costs. Terry Fasteen commented that at the last meeting it was authorized to send \$500 for these costs and said we have also donated for two student scholarships in the past for summer camp. Lynda Miller speaking on behalf of the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports, reminded everyone that last year it was made a part of the budget to fund a portion of two events, their being the First Time Pheasant Hunt and Missouri Valley Shooting Sports at the rifle range south of Bismarck. Lynda asked for \$500 for the pheasant hunt. Lynda stated the dates for the hunts are Aug. 12th for the Missouri Valley Shoot and Sept. 23 for the First Time Pheasant Hunt. She stated that anyone wishing to come out and help assist or bring their students are more than welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Sharon reported that we have 135 members with 4 lifetime members at the present time. She said she had sent letters out to all past members who had not renewed after the annual meeting. She requested a change in the membership cards to change the address and also lengthen the mail & e-mail address lines on the card as well as change district and phone number space. Motion by Schweigert, second by Trudeau to get new membership cards made up without address on them. We will print address labels and put on cards to save costs. An amendment was made by Thompson, second by Walsh to allow membership chairman to redesign cards with changes as discussed with costs to be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried. Sharon also mentioned lifetime member cards. Would like to laminate special cards for these members so they look more permanent. Discussion followed about printing up computer certificates to go with the laminated cards. Motion by Schweigert to add a certificate with each lifetime member card, second by Trudeau. Motion carried.

**NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE:** Neva Walsh stated that she will start putting hidden membership numbers back into the upcoming newsletter because the Board discussed that at the last meeting and decided to go with it again this year. She also stated that she will be gone for a couple of weeks due to medical reasons so newsletter may be out later than normal. The website is in the process of being reformatted and should be up and running very soon. Neva will pass on various comments from Board members to Zach Lindemann so that their changes can be made prior to getting new site up. Further discussion followed regarding the website. A motion was made by Bratlie, second by Schweigert to allow Zach to make updates as he sees fit and to also include the new vision and mission statement. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**AUDIT AND FINANCE:** Trudeau asked for more time to review the records he has so he can get additional information from Dave to fill in the gaps. He will report at the July or October meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Jim Carter said he has two checks made out to the NDHEA that should go into our general account. He gave the checks to Ernie suggesting that thank you notes be sent out. Jim discussed the hunter ed instructional objectives. Instructors need to

be reminded that they are required to teach the objectives mandated by the State, not to what they as instructors seem to be interpreting. There are instructors that have up to 20 years of service that aren't in sync with teaching what the intent of the program is. He stated we like to ask instructors to cooperate, but really we are telling you now today there are 44 learning objectives brought to the national level and approved. There are some who don't know the difference between preservation and conservation and it is all in the book. The current fail rate isn't huge but it has increased so people are blaming what they seem to feel is a change in the department's objectives. In the past, the department was even chastised by fish and wildlife groups for not teaching enough towards the management sciences. Jim passed out a worksheet that has helped some instructors as a tool. He mentioned his department is trying to upgrade their hunter education game and fish newsletter and he presented our board members with a draft of it.

Jim mentioned that there are over 100 shooting ranges in this state and he figures about \$2,000 will create a nice range. There are currently shooting range grants available. Contact Jim for more information if you are interested.

**Web signup:** Jim stated that we are all still learning as its only been a year but is going quite well and is apparently what the public wants.

**Home study training:** Jim stated there are people trying to run the home study courses without any training. Unless they are trained in teaching already, they won't be able to unless they meet with Jim for instructions. Currently there are about 22 courses a year with about 10 students per year over the last two years in existence.

**Potential for changing the deer hunting age from 14 to 12:** Jim researched the national hunting accident reports and sees no differences in deer hunting incidences in the 12-14 age range as opposed to any other age range. He questioned what position this association might have in terms of legislative activity, safety, support, etc. Discussion followed. Lori commented that as an association, we are not allowed by our by-laws to testify as a group before the legislature. Further discussion was tabled until further research could be done and presented at the next meeting.

President Meyer presented Leland Bratlie with the President's award plaque and the Board award plaque to Terry Fasteen. Both were congratulated.

Lori discussed the plaque for the Zap Gun Club. She has a logo but it will cost an extra \$15 to create it but we can access it anytime we need it. The cost will be about \$100 for 24 nameplates. She'd like to make a

motion to pay the balance of that bill and to pay the additional cost of the plaque for the logo work. There was a second and motion carried.

Mike Kroh discussed putting up an NDHEA banner at the state fair grounds and the costs he had gotten. He presented a draft from Bacon Signs who have donated two banners in the past. He asked for a price for a 3' x 6' banner with grommets and color. They quoted \$55 which was over half off the normal price. Discussion followed as to what should be printed on banner. It was decided to have the mission statement printed on the banner with our logo. Motion by Kroh to purchase banner as stated above, second by Schweigert. Motion carried.

Lori invited everyone to the yearly Zap Trap Shoot fun day. The cost won't be anymore than \$10 for the shooting and meal. It will be held Aug. 5th beginning at 1 pm ct in Zap, ND on Highway 200.

Lynda Miller questioned the three checking accounts for the association. Ernie stated the main checking acct. is #018, the 2nd is money market checking which is made up of district funds and the 3rd is #507 for \$1,000, which is money set aside to purchase another CD. Ernie stated it helps for record keeping or accounting purposes. Fasteen stated when accts. were set up, it was to more clearly track where donated money went, in case a group or assn. wanted to know where their donation went. The CD acct. was set up so that when it reached a certain dollar amount, the treasurer knew it was time to purchase another CD. It was also pointed out that each district would like to keep a separate account of their funds and Ernie said he would try and set that up. Further discussion followed regarding the accounting of funds. It was decided to leave the three accts. existing at this time.

Lori made a motion to get a portable fireproof safe to be held with the current treasurer to put important documents in such as tax records, backup computer copies, etc. with a second by Miller. Trudeau to purchase safe of his choice. Motion carried.

#### District Reports:

District 1-Mark said there is a current class ongoing with no problems.

District 2-Mike No report.

District 4-Leland No report.

District 5-Lori Had classes in January—March but no internet signups. One more class in August or Sept.

District 6- Sharon Had a second class in Lincoln due to large request.

District 7-Curt There is a home study class going on at this time. Not aware of any problems.

District 8-Al Nothing to report

District 10-Lynda Two classes reported so far with no problems.

District 11-Larry He talked to some old members who stated that they just forgot to renew their membership but will pick it up again next year. Area has several classes going in full swing.

Fasteen discussed the potential of starting a yearly scholarship to a ND student attending class at MSU-Bottineau in the field of wildlife management. He would like all to consider and will present additional information at the next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Fasteen made a motion to adjourn, second by Walsh. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on July 15, 2006 at 1 pm at the Game and Fish Building in Bismarck.

/s/ Terry Fasteen, Secretary

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**A special thanks to Jim Carter for the donation of newsletter prizes for our incentive project. Thanks Jim!!**

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#### Hunting Humor

Two guys were hunting in the forest when they unexpectedly came across a very large brown bear. Immediately, they both took off running. After a few minutes, one guy abruptly stopped running, took off his backpack, and pulled out a pair of running shoes.

The other guy saw this and was wondering what was going on. So he stopped, ran back to the first guy and asked, "Why are you putting on your running shoes? Do you really think you are going to be able to out run that bear with those?"

The other guy replied, "I don't have to out run the bear, I just have to out run YOU!"