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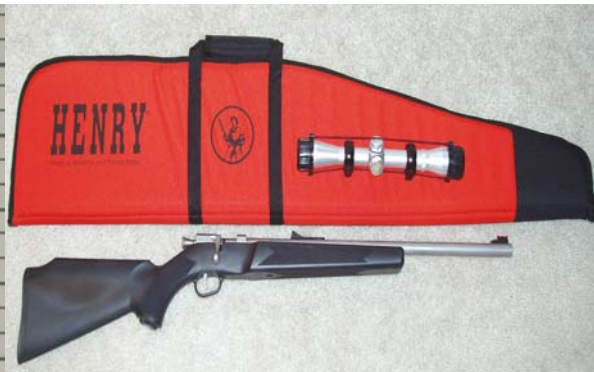
A proactive, informed group of ND volunteers who dedicate themselves to promoting quality education, who are recognized as leaders in enriching our hunting heritage with respect to safety, integrity and conservation.



Pictured above left is Rodney O'Clair, Jamestown with his bird kill of the day in the Mohall area. Thanks for the picture Rod. Above right are wild turkey at the farm home of Doug & Carol Rickford of Binford, ND. Turkey have lived at their farm for several years. Thanks for your picture Carol.



Look closely at photo of house. Apparently someone in Williston thought this house was fair game for target practice with bow and arrow. Arrow was shot into the 2nd story of this house-I was unable to find out exactly what happened.



Henry 22 cal. rifle above with scope and case will be the 2007 Membership giveaway. To be included in the drawing in February, please join today. Contact the Titus family for your 2007 membership.

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Past President Ponderings

The NDHEA is trying to make a real name for it and come out of the shell that has kept it hidden for far too many years. In the early years of the organization I was a very inactive member, mostly joining because it provided me a chance to win a black powder rifle. Like that would ever happen to me, Ya right! I liked the newsletter and still have nearly every one I ever received. I really enjoyed the Walter Turbeville fishing pointers and some of the ideas that other directors submitted.

Actions at the last board meeting pointed out the association desires to become much more visible and to give you as instructors more opportunity for involvement. There will be lots of preparation going on the next few months and lots to discuss at the annual membership meeting. For the ideas to be successful, the entire membership is going to be called on to do their parts. Please plan to attend this year's annual membership meeting and get all the information first hand.

Rod O'Clair

President's Notes

On October 21, 2006 our NDHEA Board meeting was held in Bismarck. En-route to the meeting, pheasant hunting was enjoyed by more than one Board member. Fall days in ND are wonderful and should be enjoyed by everyone. One of the main topics of discussion was youth hunting and/or mentoring youth hunters. A committee was set up and we as an association will be looking into procuring an antelope tag to raffle off and the proceeds going toward youth programs. We would like to get the mentored youth involved with landowners during the mentored hunts.

I think we should be proud of our association and your Board members. When our organization started we wanted money to keep our Districts solvent when securing teaching aids. Game and Fish has helped with this as well. As President of this association, one of my main concerns was to help recruit youth hunters and retain them in ND. At our Board meeting, each Board member brought ideas to the floor on how we should go about mentoring youth hunters as a way to recruit and maintain the youth. We start the procedure as Hunter Education instructors, and many youth have no one to turn to after class.

As an association, we should be doing more to keep youth involved in hunting and the shooting sports. Some members thought a Postal League should be set up across the state and have mentored youth involved in this as well. Your local 4-H has some shooting sports youth involved as well. Contact your local leaders and see if you can become involved with their program. This is a very rewarding experience, especially when your teams are all smiles after competition.

Another idea brought up was as an association, we could promote safety through radio and TV advertisements. Just think of all we can do as an association to promote safety and the shooting sports with our youth. This goes with our Vision Statement of promoting safe, ethical hunting and maintaining our hunting heritage for generations to come.

Everyone should be proud of the Board members and all the work they have put into this endeavor. Rod started this last year with a Vision and Mission statement. Lee kept us on track with the youth recruitment issues that are now plaguing this state. As an association we can be heard all across the state, and have some "clout" to attack some of these major issues that face us and our youth. Without our youth, we can not keep our hunting heritage as we now know it.

We are a growing organization and have grown from getting district funds to scholarships, now to helping youth with mentored hunts in the future. This organization will only continue to grow with the leadership from your District Reps.

Don Meyer
NDHEA President

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

District 1-Ron Swenson

We just finished a hunter education safety class. We had a lot of young hunters that were excited to be going on their first hunt. We will be holding an online class in November. The class is full. Good luck in the upcoming deer hunt. Some pheasant hunters have reported successful hunts.

Until next time-Ron !!

District 5-Lori Schweigert

Hello from District 5!

I still am impressed. Attending this last NDHEA meeting and hearing the thoughts and concerns of other instructors on the direction NDHEA should go and the whys, told me of the commitment to and desire of our board to stand for more than assisting fellow instructors. I think this is the direction we need to go.

Last fall we listened to Lee Bratlie talk about retention of youth in the hunting sport. This year we continued with this and expanded our concerns on topics of high fence hunting, lowering the deer hunting minimum age (to 12), an introduction of outdoor sports into the school system, a college scholarship, and a statewide raffle fundraiser for a specific purpose.

In October's meeting, we came up with many ideas of what to use the money that would come from such a raffle. I found it difficult to pick only 3 out of 15 good topics – ones that align themselves with the goals of NDHEA.

We are working toward good goals for this association. But we are only a handful of people with thoughts and ideas. We need your thoughts, your ideas, your input to strengthen the association, to guide it to where it needs to go. Talk to us – we would love to listen to you.

Hunt safe,

Lori.

THANK YOU!

I would like to say my thanks to the person who donated money to purchase the Zap Shoot plaque. Your appreciation of this sport and encouragement of the fellowship of instructors is a testament to your commitment to this program. Again, thanks. Lori.

Zap Shoot

The annual Zap shoot was held on August 5th. There were 18 people in attendance. Some of these people were here for the first time and said they would return.

The weather cooperated this year and the excitement built as shooters started breaking clay pigeons for the international trap shoot-off. After the first round it was close, as many shooters were only a point away from each other and some tied. The second round started and the pressure was mounting as scores started coming in, 5 at a time. Some shooters were consistent, some improved, and others didn't. The end result was that Dave Cox was not this year's champion. The honors went to Mike Kroh with a score of 46. Second place was Joe Heiser and his score was 42. Third place belongs to Dave Cox with a score of 41.

I do have to apologize to Mike, though. I finally got to Bismarck to get his name engraved and put on the plaque, but I gave them the wrong name as the board members saw it. So I will change that and bring the plaque to our annual meeting.

Again they played two games. Back Your Buddy was one and the team of Clyde Grosz and Tyler Schweigert came in first. The team of Mike Kroh and Noel Podell received second honors. There were three Annie Oakleys played. This is a favorite game and the shooters had lots of excitement and fun. The first game winners were Clyde Grosz first and Keith Domke second. The second game winners were Ernie Trudeau first and Noel Podell second. The third game winners are a repeat of the second game.

A steak with all the trimmings and pie dessert was served to round off an enjoyable afternoon. The Zap club members did a great job again of hosting this event and grilling the delicious steaks.

Hope to see you there next year.

Lori

District 8-Al Klatt

Good luck to all District #8 instructors in your hunting. Don't forget to be thinking about whatever equipment and supplies you might want to get for upcoming classes. Also not too early to be thinking about attending the annual meeting in Bismarck.

I apparently don't have up to date email addresses for some of you. If everybody could send me current addresses, that would be great.

Al Klatt

District 9-Dale Kilwein

Fall classes have come & gone-even an internet class-but numbers were smaller. South Heart is looking for a class early next year. Hunting support banquets are numerous yet getting strong support from the business community and good attendance at the meal and auction.

We try to tell our students to get involved in community groups and tell others how hunters provide for their sport in many ways. So show your support when given the chance.

Time to look at dates for next years courses. Jim has an incentive for those that send in the dates.

Mark your calendar for the yearly workshop at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn on February 10-11, 2007. It's time to visit and share your thoughts and learn new teaching tips with other state Instructors.

District 10-Lynda Miller

I have spoken with other district instructors and nothing new stands out to be spoken about at this time. I'm sure everybody is thinking about hunting and just glad that all the teaching responsibilities are over.

A quick recap of the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports events that the NDHEA helped make possible.

The Family Shooting Camp on 8/14/06 had 103 registered shooters. That number included Moms, Dads & young students. There were 25 certified instructors to pull this event off. Fortunately, the day wasn't too hot.

The First Time Pheasant Hunt on 9/23/06 had 22 registered, 3 young ladies and the rest were young boys. We also had 2 no shows. This was the first time that this has happened, so we had 20 actual shooters. We harvested 20 pheasants & 17 chuckers. It was a really good day, but windy & chilly. It had rained the night before, therefore probably the reason for the no shows. We all thank you for your generous support. I will be sending a DVD to Neva on both events & anybody can view it at the annual meeting.

I came across an article in Ultimate Outdoors, no author given on Sept. 2005 page 49 & 50, see www.permissiontohunt.com "Why Teach Me to Hunt". That says it all-why I feel the above event's are so important to the future of hunting. The article states, Hunting teaches responsibility. Maturity is gained by learning and practicing safety. Next comes the wood skills of tracking, using game calls, learning to hunt with the wind blowing in your face, shooting when the time is right and a thousand more things. Many of these lessons can be learned by experience.

So why teach your boys or girls to hunt? Because you owe it to them. Share a beautiful fall woodlot instead of playing computer games. Introduce them to a fall duck blind instead of hanging around a shopping center. Let them hear an approaching gobbling turkey instead of joining a gang. Let them feel snow hit their cold cheeks while stomping out brush piles for rabbits instead of trying their first taste of marijuana or some other illegal drug.

The future of this country requires that more of our youth learn to hunt. The importance of this sport cannot be ignored. Take that kid hunting. He or she will thank you later.

Lynda Miller

A Report From The Treasurer

As your new treasurer, I want to report that we are having a good year. As you all know our income is derived from four sources; direct donations, memberships, sales of caps and raffles at the annual meeting. To date, our income is up from last year but so are our expenses. We have made large donations to North Dakota Wildlife Federation's Camp for youth and to the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports for a family fun shoot held annually to provide a hands on experience in safe gun handling for graduates and their families.

We have a unique opportunity to get our message to the public on safe gun handling and hunter safety through the distribution of the caps we give out to students upon graduation. The caps are optional as gifts and are available to instructors for \$5.00 ea. I have seen these in use in my travels while hunting and are a great and recognizable safety item for hunters to use. I would like to see all graduates use them.

I would like to have all instructors arrange to give all their graduating students a free cap as a reward. To cover the nominal cost, contact your local business's that benefit from hunting in your area for donations to cover the cost. Other sources may be fraternal organizations, financial institutions or wildlife organizations. Even the local elevators or seed distributors might be interested. Sources are out there for the asking and all they want is recognition. This would be a terrific way to help our organization promote the many new ideas that will be discussed at the annual meeting and found elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all of you for your support and dedication to NDHEA.

Ernie Trudeau, Treasurer

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WHAT IS A RESPONSIBLE HUNTER

**A Responsible Hunter...strives with all their might to always be safe,
Be lawful, kill cleanly with one shot, fully utilize
the waterfowl harvested and practice fair chase.**

A Note from your Editor

Hi everyone. I hope that you all have enjoyed this year's newsletters. I have enjoyed working on them again. Just to let you know who the hidden prize winners were in the last edition: Chris Hansen-District 6 and Dale Bren-District 10, both found their hidden membership numbers in the newsletter and received their prize. The following people missed spotting their numbers: Allen Giese-District 12, Anneus Meester-District 12, Kevin Lech-District 10 and Tom Kempf-District 2. Better luck next time gentlemen!!

If you enjoy the hidden membership number game in the newsletter, please let our Board know at the annual meeting. Any questions or comments are always appreciated. Also, if any of you have photographs of game taken (deer, birds-etc) or classroom photos and would like to see them on a slideshow at the conference, please mail them to me along with a description of the photographs and I will be sure to return the photos to you. I need them by the end of December to give me time to prepare a slideshow. Mail the photos to: Neva Walsh, 624 11th St. East, Williston, ND 58801. Or e-mail them to me at: mnwalsh@wil.midco.net **(be sure to put NDHEA in subject line of e-mail please)** It would be nice to see photos from all district's this time.

Also be sure to view the website at: www.ndhea.org. Check the site for updated calendar events.

Your Newsletter Editor-Neva Walsh

NDHEA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2006
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.
BY PRESIDENT DON MEYER

Present: Don Meyer-President
Rod O'Clair-Past President
Mark Walsh-Vice President
Terry Fasteen-Secretary
Neva Walsh-Newsletter
Jim Carter-NDGF-H.E. Dir.
Lynn Lawler-District 3
Leland Bratlie-District 4
Lori Schweigert-District 5
Bill Titus-Membership Chair Dist. 6
Scott Fasteen-District 6
Curt Walen-District 7
Al Klatt-District 8
Dale Kilwein-District 9
Lynda Miller-District 10
Larry Kaul-District 11
Clayton Thompson-District 12

Absent: Ron Swenson-District 1
Mike Kroh-District 2
Ernie Trudeau-Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Don Meyer. President Meyer presented the tentative agenda for additions or deletions. No new items were added to the agenda. President Meyer told the gathering that Rod and Clayton were on the way but would be a little late. They also had the treasurer's report, as Ernie could not be here today. Agenda was approved, meeting began.

SECRETARIES REPORT: President Meyer asked if members had read the minutes in the newsletter. Secretary Fasteen presented copies for anyone needing a copy. President Meyer then asked for a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Schweigert, second by Walsh to accept minutes as presented in newsletter and skip the reading of them. Motion was voted on and passed.

Secretary Fasteen mentioned that he had trouble sending out e-mails to some of the board members this past week. He asked that he get current addresses from those members so that the database could be kept updated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ernie Trudeau was absent so report was presented by Rod O'Clair. Rod handed out the reports produced by Ernie for all to review. It showed a

balance of \$2,764.34 in the Association checking, \$14,881.70 in District accounts, future CD savings \$1,009.99 and two Scholarship CD's of \$2,565 and change each. The accumulated total of funds would be \$23,786.50. Reports showing activities this year compared to last year are available for review upon request. Ernie submitted his desire to eliminate district accounts moving money into interest bearing accounts to be set aside for association goals. If large donations were earmarked for use within the district, separate accounts could be set up for that fund and tracked by the district rep. However, after nine months all monies would be turned over to the general fund. Motion by Rod to approve report, second by Schweigert. Also stated his opposition to high fence hunting and spoke in favor of antelope raffle previously proposed. Motion voted on and carried.

WEBSITE INFORMATION: Neva Walsh stated that she had tried to contact Zach Lindeman about making changes to the website but was not able to get a response from him. Neva said she had been able to get a few things taken care of after talking to "Duffy" and that she has taken on the role of trying to keep things updated. She mentioned that she would like to be able to add more to the "calendar" portion of the site if information is out there that can be used.

Jim thought that perhaps we might want to consider adding some of the class dates that will be offered beginning the first of the year. He thought it might be an overload to try and list them all, but perhaps a few of them would be ok. Discussion also followed about posting the mini-conferences, but Jim brought up that members of the general public thought the meeting was open to the public rather than hunter ed instructors. He said it lead to problems and requested we do not list them on the website. Decided to again solicit information and ideas from the association members to see if anyone would e-mail their thoughts or topics in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: There were a few responses resulting from the NDG&F mailing of our last newsletter with theirs. It resulted in six new members with two families included in that total. Cards and information is to be sent to association treasurer shortly. This brings the membership up to 140-142 at this time. A more accurate count will be provided at the next meeting.

CAPS: Ruth Hubbard mailed a report that was presented summarizing the year's activity to date. Report shows that

this year there have been 11 purchases totaling 196 caps as of 8/7/06 at a price of \$1,490. There was a purchase made in March of 597 caps with no value of purchase listed as Ruth does not get the invoice for purchases. Cap report was approved as presented. Discussions regarding receiving receipts from Ruth for cap purchases was had. Persons purchasing caps were asked to contact Ruth and let her know that they need receipts for their donator's records.

It was decided not to pursue the offer to let the Game & Fish Department handle future cap issues for us. There are currently three offers from persons who are willing to take over the cap position if it is necessary. No decision was made on the previous discussion as to making changes in the chairmanship of this committee at this time, but to handle it as part of the membership meeting in February.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Neva discussed items she had received and again requested members to mail in photos of classes and other items of concern with hunting or associated articles. Discussion followed about adding teaching tips, stories about hunting trips, shooting gatherings, items related to hunting or fishing, other association meetings and gatherings. The association is looking for suggestions from its members. Jim Carter pointed out that perhaps we could utilize information from the International Hunter's Association tip area (Jim Wentz's go hunt instructor bonus? Section?), perhaps using some information from the Wildlife Federation website on area meetings and such.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Rod O'Clair presented an article that outlined a Federal Judge ruling on use of property that was located within the high water mark on rivers within the United States. The ruling was handed down in the State of Louisiana as a result of persons hunting on "private land" once the water level receded. Persons were arrested and contested the fine. Hence the Supreme Court conclusions:

#1-American public has no federal law right to fish or hunt on Mississippi River or other navigable waters of America.

#2-American public has no state law right to hunt or fish on Mississippi River or other navigable waters of America.

#3-Any person who fishes or hunts on the waters of the Mississippi River, outside the main channel is subject to arrest for trespassing on the water.

District Judge James declared that if you are fishing on the Mississippi River anywhere other than the main channel, the Sheriff has probable cause to arrest you for trespassing.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

HISTORIAN: No report.

GUEST REPORT: Jim mentioned that certifications dropped below 5,000 for the first time as a result of decline in population dynamics. He stated that this has potential long-term effects on Game & Fish budgets and Wildlife management budgets as few people mean less revenue.

Jim mentioned that Jeb Williams has taken a new wildlife management district position in the G&F Department thus leaving the outreach sector. A replacement has been brought in, but will take a little time getting through the learning curve. He mentioned that the Henry Rifle Company donated two guns to the state to be given away at the yearly conferences, but no black powder guns will be available this year. He got another membership in the mail this week and turned it over to Bill Titus.

Jim talked about his approaching the ND Outdoors people about the potential to do a piece on the NDHEA on one of their future shows. Shooting range funds are used up until the next fiscal year beginning in June of '07' but he is still taking applications.

He mentioned that he had gotten some applications for new instructors who stated that one of their main objectives was to rewrite the course teaching manual.

He also stated that this past year he saw internet classes up to between 200-300 students. He mentioned there was a site "huntcourse.com" that lists at home classes across the nation. It is possible that the NDG&F may link into this site also. It was founded by efforts of the guy who started Silvertip Productions, the maker of the new videos and course material.

Jim told the group that he had found a couple of instructors from up north who held a class and tried to certify students even though the class requirements for time and information had not been met. Basically, a coffee club type gathering. Students were not certified and instructors were decertified. Another incidence of a so-called course was held as part of a school curriculum by non-certified instructors and did not meet the

state requirements. Those students felt they should be certified and their parents also felt that they should be certified. It was decided that those persons would never be allowed to teach and that a course would not be certified down there again because of their violations.

Jim also commented that if you are teaching a course that is registered on the internet site, that the instructor should not just assume that the materials will be sent out for the class. He would like a personal contact as a reminder to make sure class materials and all items required are being sent out in time. He would like a 4-week reminder if possible to get materials together and mailed out to the instructor.

OLD BUSINESS

WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP: Secretary Fasteen mentioned that the topic was brought up at the last meeting and that it was discussed again at this meeting whether or not we wished to seek sponsors for our website to help defray the cost of upkeep by providing links to them through our website. No discussion was brought forth so the topic was dropped.

Pro-ration of life memberships based upon age of the association member was discussed. Current policy is membership is \$150 for lifetime. It was discussed that while this is not a large amount, if you are over the 60 years of age, it is a little much especially if you are on a fixed income. A motion was made by Bratlie, second by Kaul, to reduce the cost of lifetime membership to \$75, if an association member has reached the age of 62 or older. Discussion was had about the recruitment of new members, that is was not going to have a real impact on the budget if change was made at that date.

Klatt brought forth discussion on the elimination of the membership fee for any association member who has been actively paying dues for 30 years. Klatt made a motion, with a second by Bratlie, to wave membership fee for association member who has been teaching for 30 years and has been an association member for the entire time period. Discussion was had if we had records to document years of membership, if they had to be a full-time member, what to do if a certified instructor asked for benefits, loss of income, how many people would decide to join if we opened up to non-members with nearly the amount of time required. It was decided that an applicant had to be actively teaching and dues paying for a full-time

period to qualify for free lifetime membership. Motion voted on and passed.

ZAP HUNT: Schweigert showed the new shooting plaque and said she was submitting another bill for engraving which completes the cost. She said it will be mounted on a wall at the Zap Gun Clubhouse for publicity. She stated that she had some new members this year at the shoot and all had fun. There was not enough youth to have a separate shoot this year so requested more publicity for the event.

STIPENDS: No discussion.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

#1-Currently hosting a class and has an internet class next month.

#2-no report.

#3-no report.

#4-no report.

#5-Class started in August-numbers were down for the class-none using the internet.

#6-no report.

#7-no report.

#8-Added a class last month and had persons coming all the way from Fargo to attend the class.

#9-Commented that they had just finished two classes, but people had called asking to start another one. Said that another person had scheduled a class and that instructor did not show up, so other instructors stepped in and took care of it. Commented on the lack of communication with certain instructors and the difficulties to schedule things.

#10-No report on classes. Pheasant hunt had 20 kids shooting and they had great fun-current owner has decided not to run any hunts due to personal reasons. Family shooting day had 103 registered shooters & 25 staff members this year with people coming as far away as Moorhead to participate. Both TV stations covered the event.

#11-no report.

#12-Commented on the quality of the newsletter produced by Game & Fish.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Door prizes-Discussed whether to have everyone bring door prizes to the annual membership meeting or to have just one person purchase things with an established budget. President Meyer went around the room and asked each district rep. to give their opinion on the issue. The majority suggested that each person should come up with something and bring it to the annual membership meeting.

It was discussed that in the past Dave had taken care of the whole thing and purchased several items for the association from the association account and that he had done a good job. Others commented that it was a lot to expect one person to do, so it was decided that everyone was to get two or three items to give away. President Meyer asked that all members e-mail him what they are bringing so that the committee (Meyer-Thompson-Miller) can decide if they need to purchase additional items or not.

Registration-Will be taken care of by membership committee along with Lynn Lawler.

Hospitality Room-Schweigert-Klatt-Titus-same room-same games.

Board Award-President Meyer asked for nominations, but no one had any at this time. President Meyer asked for nominations to be e-mailed to him by December.

President's Award-President Meyer will coordinate this with Past Presidents.

Raffle Board-It was decided to use a Henry Youth Rifle to generate income at the meeting. Motion by Bratlie, second by Terry Fasteen to sell chances for \$5 a square for fund raising. Neva will prepare the board. Motion voted and carried.

Membership Sign-up Prize-Prize will be Henry adult 22 cal. rifle. Motion by Bratlie, second by Terry Fasteen to give away as membership prize. Motion voted on and carried.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

ASSOCIATION FUTURE DIRECTION/GOAL:

President Meyer lead the discussion that perhaps it was time that the association develop a set of goals to follow for future years. This will help us to define objectives to provide additional educational opportuni-

ties, recruitment of youth and promotion of wildlife management and shooting sports. It will enable the directors to set a budget and better show the public what we are trying to do and why. President Meyer and Secretary Fasteen acted as moderators with Rod O'Clair throwing out lots of potential ideas as to what events could be considered. Discussions proceeded with all Board members being quizzed as to their thoughts. All ideas were listed on a board with a total of 15 potential issues for consideration. After a lengthy discussion as to potential drawbacks and additional liability concerns, it was decided to try to pick the top three ideas out of those listed. Each person was to vote on their top three items they felt should be considered for development into a year goal with financial and physical commitment.

The items listed for consideration were as follows:

1. Statewide youth shooting league
2. Statewide wild game/bird shoots similar to First-time Pheasant hunt.
3. Mentoring of youth.
4. Portable trap machines that could travel around the state for district use.
5. Supply orange safety vests to graduates.
6. Regional shooting days offering all facets of shooting sports.
7. Offer gun cases with chum sports imprinted on them.
8. Purchase laser shooting/hunting simulators to travel statewide.
9. Work to provide a liaison between graduates and landowners to provide hunting opportunities.
10. Provide quality waterfowl identification teaching aids-sight-flight-sound.
11. Provide eye and ear protection to students with NDHEA imprinted on them.
12. Promote hunters safety through TV-radio-billboard advertising prior to and during the hunting seasons.
13. Produce educational tips-safety items for the Community Service Channels.
14. Help provide firearms for youth shooting ranges.
15. Hire an executive director to follow through on issues developed by the Board of Directors and Association members.

A silent vote was held with all persons present voting on the items listed above. The final outcome of what was felt to be the top three items today was as follows:

1. Develop a liaison between graduate students and landowners for hunting opportunities.

2. Promote hunting safety through advertising in all media sources prior to and during hunting seasons.

3. Statewide first-time hunts throughout the state similar to First-time Pheasant hunt.

These are preliminary ideas for potential goals that will be brought up during the annual membership meeting. Secretary Fasteen will chair the committee to develop issues dealing with these topics along with O'Clair-Walsh-Bratlie. As drafts are prepared, they will be e-mailed to Board members for input and clarifications.

SEPARATE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS: Discussion as to whether to keep the separate accounts or eliminate them and put all donations into one account for the entire association was had. Pro's and con's were discussed as to record keeping issues, keeping funds in the communities where the donations are raised, that certain communities gather no donations or don't turn them in but are constantly looking for funds. A straw vote was asked for with only four members voting to eliminate individual accounts. There was no further discussion.

Discussion on whether or not to purchase a black powder gun for the raffle was discussed. It was decided by a show of hands not to purchase one but to stay with the Henry adult 22 as the membership door prize.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 4:30 pm by Leland Bratlie, second by Terry Fasteen. Unanimous vote to adjourn and meeting closed.

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Ramkota Inn –Bismarck with the Association Membership meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 8:30 AM. Please plan to attend

/s/ Terry Fasteen, Secretary

A Chum Sport
(word association for the Ten Commandments used in North Dakota Hunter Education)

1. ALCOHOL – Avoid the use of alcohol or other mood altering drugs before or while shooting. 

2. CLIMB – Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm. 

3. HARD – Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. 

4. UNLOAD – Unload firearms when not in use. Leave actions open. 

5. MUZZLE – Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. 

6. STORE – Store firearms and ammunition separately. 

7. POINT – Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. 

8. OBSTRUCTION – Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only the ammunition of proper size for the firearm you are carrying. 

9. RESPECT – Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm. 

10. TARGET – Identify your target and what is beyond it. 

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