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2007 Conference Photos



Photo above: Scott Peterson of Northwood won the Henry Youth Rifle in our raffle.

Congratulations Scott!!

Photo below: The new District 2 Rep. is Clint Baxter. Welcome aboard!!



Photo on left: Lynda & Dennis Miller were the winners of this silent auction quilt made and donated by: Lynn & Bert Lawler of Rolla.

Thanks for the kind donations from all!!

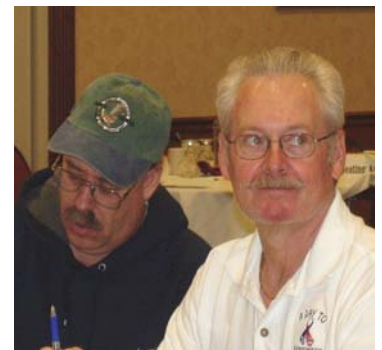


Photo above: On left is Past President Don Meyer with Mark Walsh, the new 2007 NDHEA President.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

First off, I would like to congratulate all the Hunter Education Instructors that received an award for time served as Instructors if it was 2 years or 30+ years or someplace in between and any special awards. ONE BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL, "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK".

A question for all, how do we get more instructors involved in the NDHEA????? If anybody has any ideas let me know!!!! Just a reminder, our Association is only as strong as our membership, so please "REACH OUT and TALK with a fellow instructor" about becoming a member. I think the future of our Association is just getting started and it will be getting bigger and better.

The workshop was very interesting with presentations on "Migratory Game Bird Management", "Private Land Initiatives" and "Public Land Management". Thanks to the Game and Fish Department for their topics.

I have watched and listened to the last several Presidents of the NDHEA and what an act to follow. For example, the Mission Statement or Vision Statement for the NDHEA or lists of equipment in each district being recorded and now working with the Legislative Committee on the possibility of getting an antelope tag to raffle off. The funds raised would be used to mentoring youth/adult (either sex) for a 1st time hunt, shooting opportunities and safety advertisements throughout the state. Sure sounds like an exciting year to me.

If any of you have any questions or would like to contact me, you can e-mail me at: markw4785@wil.midco.net or call me at 701-572-4891.

Until next time,

Mark Walsh-2007 NDHEA President

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MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TERRY FASTEEN

Hello again to all members old and new. This coming year the Mentorship Program will dominate the Association's effort of bringing safety to the outdoor sports community. We will push on with the plan for Mentored First Time Hunter hunts, Family Shooting Day Events statewide and a statewide advertising campaign to promote safe gun handling.

While there is a committee to see this plan get put into place, it is going to take assistance from all of the Association to make this a successful venture. Communication will be the key. We ask for your input as each of us has expertise to pass on to others. We will need places to hold hunts, Instructors to help guide hunts and help with the family shoots. We need input from an Attorney for potential liability issues as well as an Insurance Agent to discuss Instructor coverage.

The names of all Committee members were listed in the Strategic Plan. There are several of us who you can contact and we would love to hear from you. Thank you again and have a safe year and enjoy the coming change of season.

PAST PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As the Past President of our Association, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their help and suggestions this past year. Our organization has such a diverse and knowledgeable data base of people to draw from, and this makes our organization stronger.

Our goals for the next year will be exciting, and especially for the next several years to come. We will be starting a raffle and the proceeds will be put to use in assisting first time hunters with a mentoring program. Advertising on billboards and radio adds as well as assisting with family "outdoors" days with the firing of various types of weapons is anticipated.

I hope we get many new members to our organization this year to assist with the running of these programs. Our organization is something to be proud of now, but just think how it can expand from where it is now and blossom into a major part of our Hunting Heritage by encouraging first time hunters and retaining them in our hunting ranks. I can not think of many endeavors that will be so gratifying. I would like to thank Rod, Terry, Lee, and Mark for their dedicated efforts into this project. Their leadership has made this project move ahead, and made our Association stronger.

I asked that the channels be kept open and the 473 e-mails I received from members in the last year attest to the dedication of the individuals and their desire to keep striving forward. Again thanks, and remember to take someone along with you as you enjoy our great Hunting Heritage in North Dakota.

Respectively Submitted
Don Meyer
Past President, NDHEA

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FROM PAST PRESIDENT TO OUT THE DOOR

After four years of activity on the board it seems like I have been put out to pasture – but only if I let it be that way. Pursuing the antelope tag, working on a strategic plan for opportunities for member activity and keeping up to date on better ways to instruct have me busy as ever.

I appreciate deeply the support from members as an officer and sincerely appreciate being recognized by now Past President Don Meyer, as a President's Award recipient. Folks you don't know how much it means to be recognized by your peers until it happens to you.

The past year was one of the best yet for NDHEA. Good leadership, active board members, new challenges from Coordinator Jim Carter and strong committee chairpersons taking care of business make for a lot of fun and success. I look forward to being an active member for a long time.

Rod O'Clair, OTD

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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

District 5-Lori Schweigert

Hello District 5—I think we have some important topics this year. A big one that keeps cropping up is hunter retention, another is the starting age of youth deer hunting, and a third is conservation.

There have been a number of ideas we've put in past newsletters on what to do or try for hunter retention. One is mentored hunting and another is to have shooting fests. Would you be interested in helping with either or both?

The national trend to allow youth to start deer hunting is at age 12. This issue has come to ND. Should we allow it or keep the age at 14?

Conservation has become an important topic. The belief is without conservation the habitat will decrease and that means the wildlife population will decrease therefore less hunting opportunities. How should this be approached?

I also received an e-mail about the excessive elk population at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. There were some meetings held to express our views on how to handle this situation. I also read in the Bismarck Tribune that Senator Dorgan said no to using federal sharpshooters and to utilize the hunters of North Dakota.

The topics of high fence hunting and fee hunting seem to be debated a lot. Another topic that was brought up at a board meeting was what should be done about the individual district funds? Should we consolidate them and have them as part of the general fund because the districts do not need to purchase much, if any, equipment for themselves or should we keep these funds intact?

Let me know what your thoughts are on these topics so I can bring them to our meetings this year.

Lori

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District 8-Al Klatt

The Annual Meeting in Bismarck was again very interesting. Three workshops were put on by ND Game & Fish employees. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes in this organization that the typical resident doesn't know about. Very informative session.

Congratulations go out to Noel Solseng for 5 years of service, Joe Solseng for 20 years of service, Todd Thingelstad for 20 years of service and Jim Shulind for 30 years of service. I got my 15 years of service also. If I missed anybody, please let me know.

With a new year and a new slate of classes starting, please think about supplies needed and let me know. Our district has quite a bit of funds available so let's put them to good use.

Al Klatt

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District 9-Dale Kilwein

Another great session at the state workshop in Bismarck---Hats off to Jim Carter and the Game and Fish staff----Four more 30 year Award recipients---SUPER JOB GUYS--- this shows you are hooked on teaching the HE safety course; we do it for the KIDS year after year.

We are now teaching 3rd generation students as I enter my 29th year of teaching. I have an excellent team of volunteers who strive to make every course more meaningful to students of any age.. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

Dickinson team D has 46 in class now + 16 parents attending with their kids--best group ever--hope they all pass!!!!

Asked the local jail birds wood working class to make some prop shotguns for display and they did a fantastic job on three guns to use at community show, class display or state meetings.

Dale Kilwein

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District 10-Lynda Miller

So, we just finished our NDHEA annual meeting and are ready to start a new year of teaching. Several issues concern me, especially the lack of interest state wide, with the number of students taking the hunter education classes. It appears that the numbers are dropping off. A recent study in Wyoming has supported the fact that no one really understands why. Perhaps we (instructors) are not actively promoting our classes, before the general public. We could approach service clubs, school districts and church youth groups, etc. and explain why we need to support the future of hunting, or the shooting sports.

May I suggest that each or lead instructor, take the proactive approach at this endeavor to their community leaders, for more student participation. I see this as a tool rather than just taking the sign-up sheets as submitted to us. If each instructor would ask for involvement, we could increase our student numbers. Let's try this approach and see what the numbers tell us.

Your comments, feedback or suggestions will be welcomed.

Lynda Miller.

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Just a note to all District Instructors:

An updated inventory list of all District Equipment is needed as soon as possible. Please inventory all of your equipment and forward that list to your District Representative. He then in turn will provide a copy of the list to Ernie Trudeau for the Association records. Thank you.

District 12-Clayton Thompson

Just a few words to all instructors in my District which consist of Cass, Barnes, Sergeant & Richland counties. I hope you all made it to the annual workshop/banquet @ Bismarck, on Feb. 10, 2007. Great material was presented by Game and Fish personnel on migratory birds, plots programs and wildlife management areas. Looks like a pivotal time in acreage in all programs, please lean on your landowner friends to keep their land in program , or better yet increase acreage.

Classes are brewing across the district, if you are holding class and need assistance with teachers or equipment, please call me @ 701-282-2955 and talk to me or leave a message. Email also works to bowshack@aol.com - please identify yourselves and or topic as hunter ed related so I make sure I get right on it..

Please look at the NDHEA website at all the exciting stuff going on our webpage.

Good hearing from you
Clayton Thompson

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A Note from you Editor

Hi everyone. It was so nice to see you all at the 2007 conference. I want to personally thank all of you who purchased raffle tickets for the Henry Youth Rifle. It is one of the NDHEA fund raisers for the year and your support is much appreciated.

I also want to thank everyone who commented on the newsletters that they have received and also on the website changes that have been made this past year. We are always looking for new information to use in these two areas of communication, so if anyone has anything that they would like to see posted to the website or in the newsletter, please let me know.

I have been discussing some new ideas for the website with Ernie Trudeau's son Ryan, who has offered to assist me with the website. So keep checking the site for bigger and better changes soon. Go to: www.ndhea.org Also posted to the site will be some upcoming events so keep in touch.

I also want to remind you that if you lose a copy of your newsletter or want to find a name and address for any Board member, you can also find that information on the NDHEA website.

Neva Walsh, Editor

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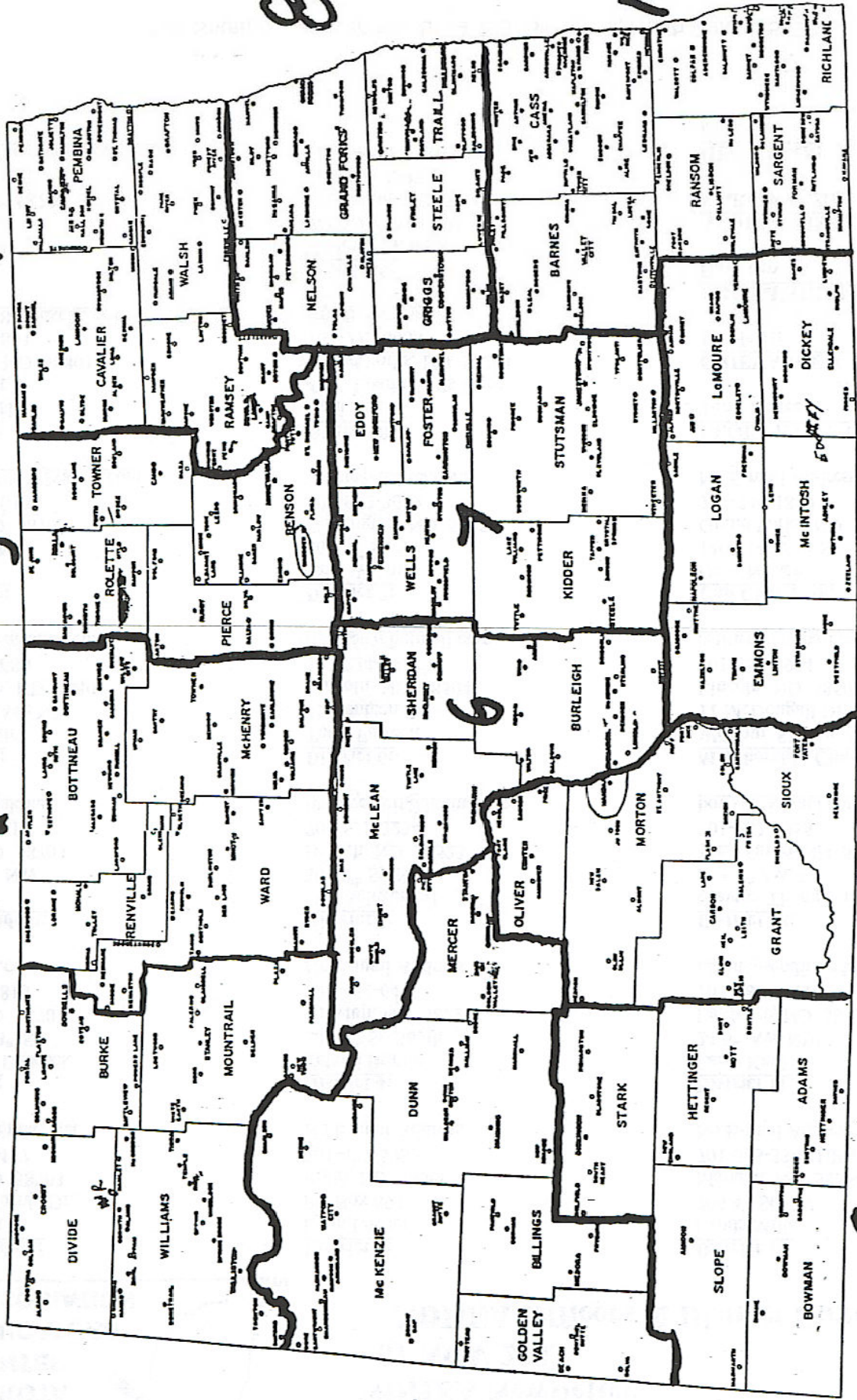
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North Dakota Hunter Education Association Districts

MINUTES FROM THE NDHEA BOARD
MEETING AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2007

NDHEA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2007
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 8:40 AM
BY PRESIDENT DON MEYER

Present: All present except Cap Chairperson, Ruth Hubbard.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by President Don Meyer .

SECRETARY'S REPORT: President Meyer asked if members had read the minutes in the newsletter and asked for a motion to approve minutes as printed and skip the reading of them. Motion by Walsh, second by Kaul. Motion voted on and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ernie Trudeau presented the treasurer's report to the group for review and discussed the effort that went in to the record keeping system that Dave had used to keep track of things. Ernie stated that he had purchased and is using Microsoft Money as the record keeping system from now on. He showed the hand written ledger book that Dave had used and explained how the new system would track deposits and withdrawals. Stated that while he did not favor keeping the district accounts, he had rebuilt them the best he could and that all the money was in the general fund account, but that each district could be tracked separately. He stated that he had some confusion over Dave's naming of accounts, and how he had moved money into the association operation fund to keep the association running. He felt he and Dave might discuss those issues if Dave was at the meeting this weekend.

Ernie mentioned that he had virtually no records for the year 2005. Dave sent a copy of the records to him, but when the package was open the disk was broken. He contacted Dave who sent another copy to him, but this one also was damaged. Ernie said he had his son try to pull information back off of the disk without success. At some point he called Dave again but was told the records had been deleted from his hard drive while moving things to a new computer, so the records were lost.

Ernie explained that all of the accounts were now in Jamestown, that there is new deposit slips, checks and checkbook. Ernie changed the checkbook size and

style as the old book would not fit into the fire safe bought to protect the records.

Ernie said that he had not received a listing of NDHEA owned firearms-equipment-supplies during the transition period. He suggested asking each district to again question their members to see what they own. Several District Reps. said that they had not gotten anything back from when they had originally turned in the lists to Dave. President Meyer and Vice President Walsh said they would talk with Dave to see what information he had.

Discussed again association donations and if it was necessary to keep separate district accounts. Ernie stated again that he has difficulty with assigning donations as quite often they are sent with no information as to what district they come from or if they have specific uses. He thought that perhaps it was time to do away with the individual accounts as it seems that every district has everything they need for teaching or perhaps they can get it from the ND Game & Fish Department. Discussion was again voiced by several District Reps. that the accounts are needed and that they do not want to see them done away with. All agreed to disagree with eliminating the accounts. For now the accounts will remain in place, but the District Reps. were once again reminded to pass on the requirements for providing specific information with all donations turned in. Mark Walsh made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lori Schweigert. Motion voted on and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Neva Walsh stated that she had not gotten any assistance from Zack Lindeman and got things done by trial and error. Discussion was had that Ryan Trudeau was approached and that he would try to give a hand this year with the site. Discussion was had and President Meyer appointed Ryan to help the website committee with problems. A thank you to all those business and individuals who helped support the NDHEA will be added to the site also.

MEMBERSHIP: There were eight new members signed up from the solicitations that were sent out by the Game & Fish Dept. The new membership cards for regular and life members have been printed and received. Bill Titus mentioned that he and Sharon might have to give the membership chair position up due to their purchasing a business and lack of time to do the committee position. He will let us know as the week-end proceeds.

CAP REPORT: Ruth was not present but will make a presentation at the Sunday morning meeting. No report given.

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE: Rod O'Clair spoke on the experience that he and Lee Bratlie had testifying before the Legislature. He was surprised on the response that was given by those in attendance. The only opposition to the bill was by the United Sportsman Group and the ND Wildlife Federation. The Senators were all very supportive and appreciated his testimony. Lee voiced the same feelings. Lee commented that those opposing the bill did themselves more damage because their testimony was weak without substance. Lee also said he was disappointed that the bill was amended to restrict the hunt to ND residents only. He felt we could potentially generate thousands of dollars more by selling to out of state persons. Lee stated that if we continue to think small we will end up being small and we could do more with more money.

Mentorship Committee Chairperson Terry Fasteen explained how the bill was amended. He said that Rod had gotten word through contacts that both sporting groups were going to come out against the bill unless we restricted it to residents only. After talking about it, Terry contacted Senator Joel Heitkamp and asked him to revise it because of this opposition and thus the bill was changed. Terry stated that the intent is to make the three programs proposed a big deal. However, there is no structure in place and it will take some time to get a function system in place. Once we have a system in place, then we should review it again and if need be, the law, if it is passed, could be amended. Terry stated he felt it might not be the best idea to have tons of money without a tested Mentorship program of how to allocate the funds.

Rod and Terry discussed the draft of the Strategic Plan for the Mentorship Program. They stated that it was a composite of input from various sources and that it was work in progress and that until all Committee members agreed to what was proposed, nothing was cast in stone other than all hunts will be fair chase only.

HISTORIAN: No report given.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Rod said a lot was going on in the sessions at this time. Most bills with youth hunting are moving forward with little resistance. Mostly wording changes and dates. Our bill 2201 with the antelope tag for raffle to generate income for the Mentorship Program passed unanimously. Other

bills, high fence hunting ban failed, ban on baiting failed, youth pheasant and turkey season passed.

GRIEVANCE: Nothing to report.

AUDIT AND FINANCE: Mark Walsh reported the books look good, but Ernie had forgotten the check register so they could not sign off on it at this time but will at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed the registration tables and raffle table set up and needs. Bill Titus said that he had two other people besides himself who could handle registration but would like a little more assistance. The Directors said they would cycle through and assist when they were needed. Neva Walsh said she had a power point presentation and raffle board to set up to sell chances for the Henry Youth Rifle. She said she would begin about noon and run until about 1 PM. She felt she did not need any help but suggested people stop by. Ernie said he had brought change to be used by each group so they did not have to use any of their own money.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: It was discussed that if the bill got passed and authorized the Association an antelope tag, we would need a committee to handle that process. Ernie Trudeau suggested that the current Mentorship Committee handle that also. With no surprise, the rest of the District Reps. agreed. The Mentorship Committee accepted the suggestions and will handle that raffle if the bills pass. The Mentorship Committee consists of: Terry Fasteen, Don Meyer, Mark Walsh, Lee Bratlie and Rod O'Clair. Lynda Miller stated that the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports would offer their services on how to handle a family shooting event similar to the one they have been running for years. Their support was accepted with thanks from the Committee. Lynda also stated that Dennis Miller had just been given a seat on the Wildlife Federation Board, so he would be passing information back and forth for the benefit of both groups.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1-Had to cancel an online course because of lack of participants. All other Districts had no reports to present.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Schweigert at 10:30 am, second by Bratlie. Unanimous vote to adjourn and meeting was closed.

/s/ Terry Fasteen, 2006 Secretary

NDHEA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2007
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY
PRESIDENT DON MEYER AT 8:32 AM

Present: Don Meyer-President
Mark Walsh-Vice President
Terry Fasteen-Secretary
Ernie Trudeau-Treasurer
Rod O'Clair-Past President
District:

#1-Ron Swenson
#1-Neva Walsh (Newsletter Editor)
#2-Mike Kroh
#2-Ruth Hubbard (Cap Chairperson)
#3-Lynn Lawler
#4-Leland Bratlie
#5-Lori Schweigert
#6-Scott Fasteen
#6-Bill Titus (Membership Com)
#7-Curt Walen
#8-Al Klatt
#9-Dale Kilwein
#10-Lynda Miller
#11-Larry Kaul
#12-Clayton Thompson

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Meyer called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. President Meyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Motion by Fritz Hirschhorn to approve agenda, second by Ron Swenson. Vote called for and motion carried.

YOUTH GUN RAFFLE: Secretary Fasteen drew a number and Scott Pederson became the owner of the 22 caliber Henry Youth Raffle donated by Henry Firearms for our NDHEA fundraiser raffle.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Fasteen began reading the minutes and then entertained a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Dave Cox, second by Larry Kaul to accept the minutes. Vote called for and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ernie Trudeau presented the Treasurer's report and apologized to the Association members for not having enough copies. He explained the report and how he had taken what Dave Cox had done before him and how he felt the new computer software would help in keeping things or-

ganized. He showed the membership the hand written ledger book that Dave had used and explained how the new system would track deposits and withdrawals. Ernie said that while he felt he understood how Dave managed things, he was unsure of how Dave moved money between district accounts into the general account to keep the Association liquid. Ernie stated that he had moved some of the funds into higher interest bearing accounts rather than leave them at the level they currently were.

Ernie went through the pages of information presented and explained expenditures, donations, CD's, transfers and balances. He explained how he arrived at each District's separate accounts and how difficult it was to track and keep them straight. He appealed to the membership to supply more information with every donation so that he is able to put funds into the correct account and while he did not favor keeping the District accounts, he had rebuilt them the best he could. He stated all the money was in the general fund account, but that each District had their own account.

Ernie mentioned that he had virtually no records for the year 2005, so that year reports may appear incorrect. He said that the two times the disks of information were sent to him by Dave there were problems. Dave sent a copy of the records to him, but when the package was open the disk was broken. He contacted Dave who sent another copy to him but this one also was damaged and did not contain any information. Ernie had his son try to pull information from the damaged disk without success. When Ernie called Dave again, he was told the records had been deleted while moving information from one computer to another so the records no longer existed.

Dave Cox asked to be recognized and began to question Ernie about some of the accounts and how they were set up. Dave mentioned that he had been using a "Quicken" software program and that he had set up five accounts under one heading. General Checking-Scholarship-CD-Savings and ???. Dave said that he had never taken funds out of the District Accounts in the past five years to run the Association. Dave made a comment about the scholarship funds being set up by the membership at a general meeting for one purpose, which was to fund scholarships. That the one account was under the \$2,500 cap so the money had not been used to buy another CD because of it. However, once the balance in that account reached \$2,500, another CD should be bought unless the membership decided not to.

Comments between Ernie and Dave to try and clear

what the accounts were and how they were managed started to escalate and it was clear that neither person was hearing what the other had to say. President Meyer took the podium and tabled any further discussion and directed that they go into another area and work these misconceptions out.

President Meyer also called for a motion and second to the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion by Carter, second by Bratlie to accept report. Motion called, voted on and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Sylvia Brockman mentioned that they had 89 renewals filled out this weekend, of which three were family memberships. There were 9 new memberships this weekend and 13 renewals earlier by mail for a total of 111 members at this time.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Neva Walsh stated that things had gone ok this past year, but she had to do the website updates on her own as she did not get assistance from Zack Lindeman. Neva asked for more pictures, articles and ideas from all members to be added to the website.

LEGISLATIVE: Rod O'Clair said a lot was going on this year as the Legislature was in session. He stated that most bills with youth hunting are moving forward with little resistance. The bill to authorize a raffle ticket for the NDHEA had passed and was headed on to the Legislature for their review.

Other bills, banning high fence hunting-failed, ban on baiting-failed, youth pheasant and turkey season-passed. Mentioned bills on keeping section lines opened, no shooting off of roadways, asking for allowance to carry hand guns while bow hunting, settling the budget for habitat management, were all being worked on.

AUDIT AND FINANCE: Mark Walsh reported the books were reviewed by he and Lynda Miller and that everything looked acceptable.

CAP REPORT: Ruth Hubbard made a presentation on caps bought and sold during the year. She stated that currently she had 248 caps left in stock and that they would not last through the year.

NEW BUSINESS: President Meyer took the podium and opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary. Two nominations were made from the

floor, Rod O'Clair & Dale Patrick. Motion from the floor to cease nominations was made by Clyde Grosz, second by Melvin Birkholz. President Meyer offered to award time to both candidates to say something about themselves if they chose to. Both men stood up to be identified but both declined to speak on their behalf. Rod O'Clair did speak on behalf of Dale Patrick, recommending him, as Dale had not yet served on the Board. Ballots were passed out for everyone to vote. President Meyer asked for a short break for each District to caucus after the ballots were collected. He reminded the membership that this was the year for the odd number Districts to choose new Representatives. The meeting was rejoined and Dale Patrick was announced as the Secretary elect for 2007. President Meyer then asked each District to report if they had any changes in the District Representatives for the upcoming year. All Districts announced that the current Representatives would remain the same with the exception of District 2. Mike Kroh resigned from the position and gave President Meyer the name of Clinton Baxter who was recommended by their caucus. Clinton was appointed to the position by President Meyer to fill the vacancy.

President Meyer reminded the Association of the silent auctions taking place and suggested that at some point each member might wish to do a little investigation of what is being offered.

ZAP SHOOT: President Meyer asked Lori Schweigert to make a presentation on the event. Lori informed everyone that more people attended the event this past year but that the shoot was for all members and encouraged participation. She stated that there were several shooting games as well as regular trap shooting taking place. She showed the new plaque that the Association has in place at the shooting club. This year there was a new winner with Mike Kroh of Minot winning the event for the first time. Lori reminded everyone that there is a steak supper for all participants and camping available in the area as well as a motel. She invited all present to come and enjoy as the event is getting larger every year.

BOARD AWARD: President Meyer gave a small presentation on what the person being awarded the honor this year had done to achieve the award. Lee Bratlie expended a lot of personal time and effort to promote the recruitment of youth hunting in the media and to the Executive Board throughout the year. He met with Senator Joel Heitkamp who carried the bill to the floor of the Legislature to award the

NDHEA an antelope tag to raffle off with the proceeds going to the proposed Mentorship Program being developed. Lee also took time off to go to the Capitol to give testimony on behalf of the bill. Lee was brought forth and gave a short acceptance speech and was given a round of applause as appreciation for his effort.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: President Meyer made a presentation on the effort that the person receiving this award had given the past year to achieve this award. Rod O'Clair spent a lot of his time coordinating with Lee and others to draft the Strategic Plan being developed to run the Mentorship Program. Rod had visitations with the Wildlife Federation members about our efforts, sent e-mails to concerned supporters and gave testimony at the Capitol on behalf of our goals. Because of his combined efforts, the bill has passed and is moving on. Rod came forth and made a short acceptance speech and was given a round of applause as appreciation of his effort.

NEW OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION: President Meyer thanked the Association for their patience through the past year and spoke on his wishes for continued growth of the Association this coming year. He said he was happy to be a part of the Mentorship Program and how it helped revitalize his commitment to the NDHEA. President Meyer introduced and passed the podium on to the new NDHEA President, Mark Walsh. Mark introduced Terry Fasteen as the new Vice President and Dale Patrick as the new Secretary and welcomed all to the NDHEA Board. President Walsh said a few words on his goals for the coming year with the continued effort to get more recognition for the NDHEA and its efforts in promoting safety in the state. He also briefly discussed the new Mentoring Program and its three goals.

NEW MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE: Rod O'Clair and Lee Bratlie made a presentation on behalf of the new committee and what the proposed mentorship program was. Rod pointed out that everyone should have a copy of the Strategic Plan that was being developed and would like all persons to read it. He spoke on the Mentored Youth Hunt, Safety Advertising Campaign to be run during the hunting season on radio, TV and billboard advertising and Family Day Shooting Events. He outlined a few of the key points and the problem areas that needed to be

dealt with. He stated that it was a composite of input from various sources, that it was work in progress and would appreciate input from all persons. He pointed out that on the back page were names of Committee members and that contact information was available on the website.

Rod spoke on the experience that he and Lee Bratlie had testifying before the Legislature. He was surprised on the response that was given by those in attendance. The only opposition to the bill was by the United Sportsman Group and the ND Wildlife Federation. The Senators were all very supportive and appreciate his testimony. Lee voiced the same feelings. Lee commented that those opposing the bill did themselves more damage because their testimony was weak without substance. He said he was surprised at the objection raised by the two Sportsman's groups on our efforts and would not have believed it if he had not heard it himself.

President Walsh asked for any other new business, but none was brought forth. He reminded the District Representatives that the reorganization meeting would be held immediately following this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion was made by Dave Cox to adjourn, second by Dennis Miller. Vote was called and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

/s/ Terry Fasteen, 2006 Secretary

**NDHEA RE-ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2007
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY
PRESIDENT MARK WALSH AT 10:25 AM**

Present: District:
#1-Ron Swenson
#1-Neva Walsh (Newsletter Editor)
#2-Clint Baxter
#3-Lynn Lawler
#4-Leland Bratlie
#5-Lori Schweigert
#6-Scott Fasteen
#6-Bill Titus (Membership Com)
#7-Curt Walen
#8-Al Klatt
#9-Dale Kilwein
#10-Lynda Miller
#11-Larry Kaul
#12-Clayton Thompson
Rod O'Clair-Outgoing Past President

Don Meyer– Past President
Mark Walsh-President
Terry Fasteen-Vice President
Dale Patrick-Secretary (elect)
Ernie Trudeau-Treasurer
Jim Carter, NDG&F HE Director

Audit & Finance Committee: Lynda Miller
Ernie Trudeau
Lori Schweigert

Historian: All District Reps. will collect history with the records to be held by the Vice President, Terry Fasteen.

Cap Chairperson: Rod O'Clair

Absent: Ruth Hubbard-Cap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER President Mark Walsh called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. He asked for an introduction of all Board members and the District or position they held on the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's report was presented by Terry Fasteen. Terry Fasteen moved acceptance of the Secretary's report, second by Lori Schweigert. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Ernie Trudeau. Ernie stated that the District accounts as received from Dave appear to be in order. There was discussion regarding moving \$15,000 to a CD to earn more on the funds. Ron Swenson moved, second by Lynda Miller to table this discussion at this time. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: The following meeting dates were discussed and approved for the future Board meetings to be held at the ND G&F Bldg.-back door at 1:00 PM CST. The meeting dates are:

April 21, 2007
July 14, 2007
October 27, 2007

The next conference date has been scheduled for January 19-20, 2008 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck.

OLD BUSINESS: Plans for a raffle are tentatively planned hopefully after the passage of HB 1149.

President Walsh appointed new Committee members for the 2007 term. They are as follows:

Membership Committee: Bill & Sharon Titus &
Sylvia Brockman
Legislative Committee: Rod O'Clair
Grievance Committee: Mark Walsh
Newsletter/Website: Neva Walsh-Assisting with
website will be Ryan Trudeau.

The Board discussed new letterhead. It was decided that since no one had any current letterhead and that the address was no longer valid, that Ernie Trudeau should order new letterhead with our current logo and new mailing address being printed on it.

Jim Carter suggested a training workshop for next year and said it could be sponsored and presented by the NDHEA.

Donations for this year's silent auctions were discussed and it was mentioned that the current Secretary should mail out thank you notes to the sponsors for their donations and support.

Lynda Miller had a question about new members getting their NDHEA pins.

Also discussed was if we could allow a single membership to clubs or associations and if allowed, who would have a voting privilege for their association or how we could go about deciding this. This was tabled.

Ernie Trudeau would like the District number written on any donation card so that he will be able to properly record the information for each individual district.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: President Walsh made a motion to adjourn, second by Lee Bratlie. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

/s Dale Patrick , 2007 Secretary

We hope to see you all again next year.

Happy Hunting!!