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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.

North Dakota Hunter Educators Association 2008 Raffle

1st Antelope Tag plus \$750 cash (Tag ND resident only)	8th Savage 111 FCX Pkg. 30-06 cal.
2nd 1/2 day Fishing Trip plus \$250 cash (compliments of Ed's Bait Shop - Devils Lake)	9th Benelli Nova 12 gauge
3rd Ruger M-77 Mark 11 .300 mag.	10th T/C Omega 50 cal.
4th Weatherby Vanguard Sporter .270 cal.	11th Genesis Youth Bow
5th Tikka T-3 Lite .25-06 cal.	12th 54 Qt. Stainless Steel Coleman Cooler
6th Scheels Predator Bow pkg.	13th \$100 Gift Card - compliments of Scheels Sports Warehouse - Fargo
7th \$300 ND Beef Commission Pkg.	14th \$100 Gift Card - compliments of Sportsman's Warehouse - Fargo

Drawing at Scheel's • Kirkwood Mall, Bismarck, ND • June 29, 2008 - 3:00 p.m.
 Not a Charitable Organization • www.ndhea.org
 Need not be present to win • Bismarck Permit No. 3112 **\$5.00 Per Ticket**



RAFFLE IS SOON APPROACHING!!

This is just a reminder that we will need all tickets returned to Neva no later than **JUNE 13TH** so that she can get reports finished and stubs to Bismarck for the drawing. So, please **SELL, SELL, SELL** and get them mailed back to her as soon as possible. Any questions call Neva @ 572-4891

Darold Berreau, Manager of Sportsman's Warehouse of Fargo & NDHEA President Terry Fasteen at the Canada Day's event at the store. Terry sold NDHEA Raffle tickets at the store's event in Feb. 2008.



Photo on the left: A Siamese Pike caught at Cooney Dam about 30 miles SW of Billings. Photo submitted by Al Klatt-Thanks All!

Photo below right: Cavalier Instructors-Tom Simmons, Rene Arnold, Ken Schwandt, Mountain Man/Historian Lawrence Wolf and Melvin Stark. They are showing the different types of muzzles & how they work.



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April Message-Terry Fasteen-President

Spring was slow in coming to our pocket of the country side. The last two storms brought us nearly 24" of snow which are just about gone as I write this note. Two small clumps remain and the neighbors black lab is making the most of those as a site to lay and watch the Canadians, sand hill cranes and mallards that call the slough behind our house home for most of the summer and fall.

I want to thank NDGF Director Terry Steinwand for meeting with members of the Executive Board on April 12th prior to our quarterly meeting. We had an hour and one half meeting in which mainly things were discussed. Mr. Steinwand has pledged to continue the support for the State Hunter Education program and sustain the level of support to the NDHEA as well. He wishes to increase the level of communication between the State and NDHEA in order to advance both the State and NDHEA policy of education and retention of the hunting community.

We were introduced to the new Hunter Education Director Mr. Jon Hanson. Jon told us the first week on the job had been rather like a whirlwind and is realizing the effort required to keep things moving forward during his taking over his new position. He thanked Jim Carter's past effort to bring the educational program to the level we currently enjoy and assured us he will continue to support our efforts to the level we have become accustomed to during Jim's tenure.

Now we move on into the next phase of our continued development of educational support and the mentored hunt program. We are acquiring Insurance for the Association with Farmers Union Insurance of Northwood ND. Big thanks to Karl Broeren for the tip on these guys. We will post more information for you when we get the policy in hand. We are working on our brochure to hand out and hope to have it ready by the first of June. If you would like a photo considered please send me one. I would like to have a couple of group shots with game and a few of wildlife and scenery.

We really need a few instructors to volunteer to take first time hunter out on hunts. The Executive Board cannot do everything by ourselves. It would be nice if some of you could step up and provide some assistance with this effort. The hunts can be in your area, or if you would like to travel, we can make arrangements and help to pay your expenses. Currently we have land for prairie dogs hunts south of Bismarck, land for pheasant hunts in the Jamestown and Flasher area, duck hunting in the Cando area and deer hunting in the Bismarck area. Most of you have helped getting your family members into the swing of things and it would be nice if you could find your way to help another also.

Last thing is Neva Walsh will be retiring from the newsletter business this year and we need someone new to step forward to take up this effort. Neva has done a tremendous job for us but needs to concentrate her efforts elsewhere. We have a few months to go, but they go by quickly.

Enjoy the spring and please consider our request and extend a hand to keep the educational effort moving forward.

Vice President's Thoughts-Dale Patrick

First I need to say WELCOME aboard to Jon Hanson. For those of you that do not know it yet, Jon is our new Education Coordinator. I think Jon is a great asset to the Hunter Education Program and he has skills that will be especially important in generating renewed interest and enthusiasm. This is an opportunity to build upon the accomplishments of those that have led the program up to this point. If you haven't already done so, please return the completed survey that Jon sent to each of us a couple of weeks back. This is your chance to give some input and if you don't offer suggestions when asked, they you should have nothing to be upset about later.

On another point, I have to continually remind myself that we are Hunter Educators and that we teach many things to the students in our classes. We teach safety, ethics, sportsmanship, conservation, preservation, survival, and gun handling techniques to name only a few. Sometimes we need to stop and evaluate what Hunter Education is all about. Each time I do, I think ***"Gosh, I really am a big part of what hunters will be like in years to come! I can and I do make a difference in the type of safe and informed hunter that is going to take to the field with a fire-arm."***

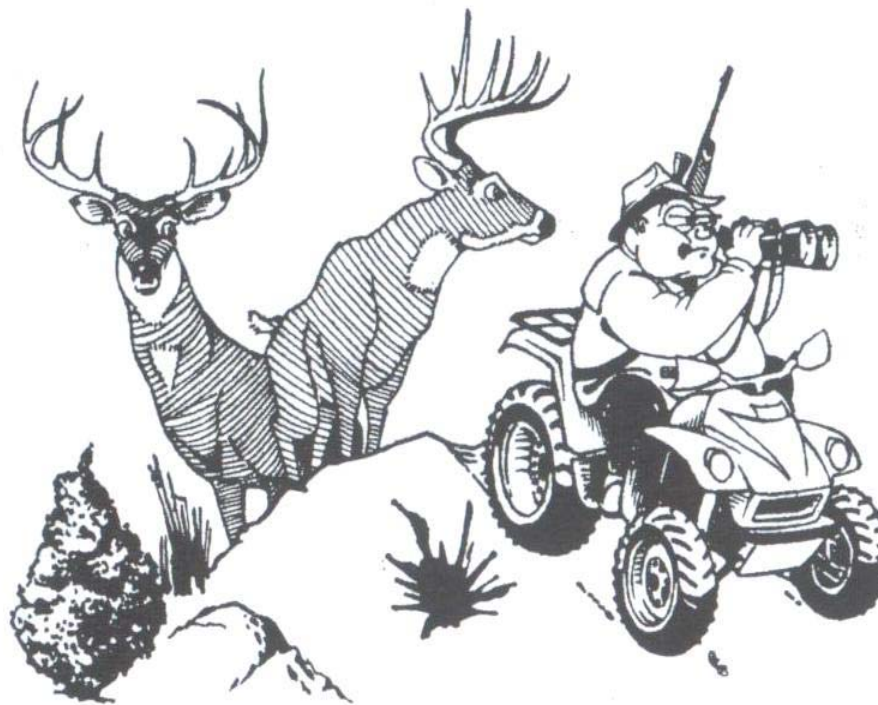
Caps for Safety

There will be a new twist to ordering caps the remainder of this year. I would like you to designate either the mesh back or solid back cap when you call or email for an order. I have ordered 300 solid back ball cap style-velcro adjustable caps and 288 mesh caps and have a remainder of 28 mesh caps on hand now.

This is still a major fund raiser for supporting the association's activities and organizational expenses. Every cap order is very much appreciated. In general, civic organizations and wildlife clubs have made special donations to provide caps to the students. The very reasonable donation of \$5.00 per cap is a bargain compared to what you would pay to buy a company cap with their advertising logo on it! When it is estimated there are 700 instructors doing classes, it seems pitiful that 17 individuals provided the blaze orange caps to students to help insure their safety.

Please make asking for donations and cap distribution a priority for your class! I can generally ship caps the day after you place a request.

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The Mentored Hunt Program

The NDHEA is in the process of receiving a grant from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to promote recruitment of hunters. The mentoring program is taking shape but much remains to be completed. We are in the process of getting the brochures to proof, locating a "clearing house" to put landowners, mentors and first time hunters together, selecting gifts, and of course raising funds through the raffle. The task of organizing is growing every day and interest seems to be very high. There have been several phone calls inquiring about how to help and get involved. Watch your email and news outlets for a full story when the organizing is complete.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

Hi to everyone from District #4!

Just when I thought winter had released it's grip on us I wake up to more fresh snow on the ground! We didn't get as much in Drayton as those in the SE part of the state so I probably won't get any sympathy from them! One of the reasons I like living in North Dakota is the four distinct seasons we have. Spring has always been my least favorite for some reason, I think mainly because of the mud and sloppy conditions. This year I've really been waiting for spring as all the snow and cold were wearing on me and I was ready for warm weather even if it was muddy. It doesn't help much when I leave Drayton and there's a foot of snow in the fields and the ditches are level full, then drive 300 miles to Bismarck and see motorcyclists riding around!

The NDG&F Dept. is proposing an early antlerless deer season in units 2C and 4D which encompass the NE corner of the state this fall. The season would be held late September/early October. As I write this they are still seeking comments and as yet are undecided on the proposal as far as I know. I personally hope they decide against this as I believe the negatives outweigh the positives by a large margin. Sugar beet harvest starts 24 hour piling operations during the same time period and there is a lot of additional traffic on the roads already. Anyone who lives in "sugar beet country" knows what I mean, anyone who doesn't have any idea of the magnitude of the harvest required to get 12 million tons of sugar beets out of the 500,000 acres of ground and into piles in 10 days. There is an increase in the number of deer/vehicle accidents this time of the year anyway and with hunters out it would only increase. I also believe it would be difficult to gain access to land in the Red River valley at that time just because of the beet harvest. Minnesota tried this last year and there was very little participation among hunters across the river. The farmers who hunt didn't have time, and they weren't too apt to allow others on their land with high powered rifles when they themselves were harvesting crops. I believe the season would end up having limited success on harvesting antlerless deer for the above reasons, but we'll see. I know there are too many deer in the area, however they are generally in pockets of high populations, not spread out over the entire unit and again the reason is access to the deer in the first place.

The raffle sales are going well from what I've heard and hats off to Neva for all the work she puts into this effort! She has a hard time consuming jobs with keeping raffle tickets straight and the newsletter, and she doesn't get thanked for those efforts often enough! Not from me anyway, so thanks Neva!! Now if everyone else would send her a short note thanking her she may see how much she is appreciated!

"Take a kid hunting, and never hunt for the kid"
Lee Bratlie

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District 8-Al Klatt

Summertime is approaching. I know that I am anxious for fishing and for shooting sporting clays. I encourage one and all to get out there, and if you can take a youth with you, that would be great. Sometimes mentoring a youth is nothing more than asking them (and their parent) to come along.

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Newsletter Note

Due to medical issues, I will be unable to continue with the newsletter in 2009. I ask you all to search your heart and please step forward if you would be willing to do the NDHEA newsletter. I can certainly help you through your first issue. Contact either myself or Terry Fasteen if you have an interest in doing the newsletter. And thanks to all of you for your wonderful comments about the newsletter that I have produced over the past 5 years. Neva Walsh 572-4891 or mnwalsh@wil.midco.net

District 10-Lynda Miller

I welcome the new Supervisor, Jon Hanson and look forward to working with him. If anybody needs equipment or help in Dist 10, get with me before July. So far I haven't heard anything as to help being needed.
Lynda Miller

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District 12-Clayton Thompson

Classes are proceeding as scheduled. I have helped with some of them. Some requests have been made for equipment. I will write a formal request for these items with reasons for request and location once I research best possible price. District members please turn in your raffle tickets to Neva so she can stay current. Questions or issues call me at 701-238-7897 or e-mail me at Bowshack@aol.com .
Thanks-Clayton

Photo's from previous years' Zap Shoots-Come out and join the fun on Aug. 2, 2008



6th ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP TRAP SHOOT AND FUN DAY IN ZAP, ND

2 AUG. 2008

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 26th of July, 2008.

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

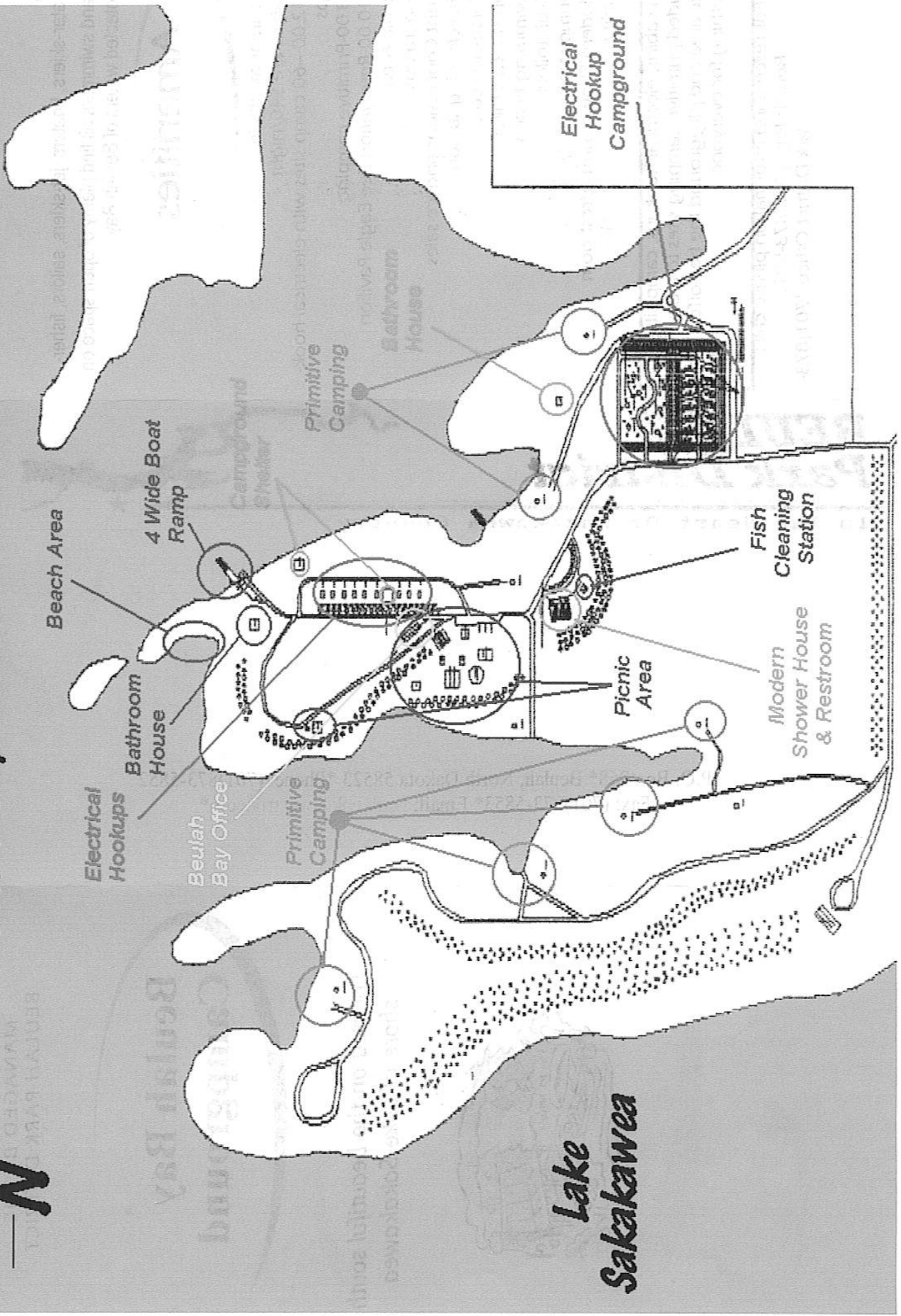
Cancellation: Please inform Lori no later than 7/26 if you can't attend.

GUEST INSTRUCTORS ARE WELCOME:

Registration will be \$25.00 for the same amenity as above. \$10.00 to be used for NDHEA membership fee.

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Beulah Bay Recreation Area



**Lake
Sakakawea**

Here are more pictures from the latest Cavalier Class

Thanks to Melvin Stark for submitting class photos. Course was completed 4/3/08 in Cavalier. It was a fairly small class this year. What was interesting, half the students were female. There were only four 12 year olds, the rest were adults.



Mountain Man explaining the life of a mountain man & how important muzzle loader & other survival equipment was, stressing safety. (Cavalier class-2008)



Cavalier Instructor Ken Schwandt giving a student the practical test.



Cavalier Instructor Rodney Stark working with a student.



Cavalier Instructor Patricia Stark correcting the final tests. Thanks to you all for your hard work.

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Wisconsin Debates While Michigan Recruits Young Hunters

(MADISON, Wisconsin) - When it comes to recruiting new hunters, Michigan's aggressive new law to empower parents to pass on their hunting heritage to the next generation is paying off with nearly 31,000 new hunters. Similar legislation in Wisconsin remains mired in the legislature for the second session in a row, leaving sportsmen wondering why their Senators will not stand up for the future of hunting in their state.

In 2005, the state of Michigan passed an apprentice hunting bill, which allows experienced sportsmen to take a newcomer hunting before the completion of a hunter education course. In 2006, the first year of the program, Michigan had 14,558 apprentice hunters. In 2007 the program grew to 16,389 participants.

The apprentice, or mentored, hunting concept is part of the national Families Afield program created by the National Wild Turkey Federation, National Shooting Sports Foundation and the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. Since the program's launch in 2004, 24 states have passed laws similar to Michigan's.

Wisconsin remains a top priority to both state and national sportsmen's organizations, including the National Rifle Association, Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association, Wisconsin chapters of Safari Club, Wisconsin state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and more.

Comparisons between Michigan and Wisconsin occur on many fronts from college football to farming and timber, and of course hunting and fishing. Michigan has attacked concerns over declining hunting numbers head on, while the Wisconsin Senate is only hours away from killing similar legislation once again.

"Hunting is very important to the people of Michigan. When it came time to pass legislation we knew would ensure the future of hunting, we did not let politics get in the way, as sometimes happens," said former State Representative, Sue Tabor, of Michigan, who for years chaired her state's House of Representatives committee that handled hunting and natural resources issues.

In Wisconsin, state representatives understood the importance of the legislation, and approved it on a voice vote, with no controversy.

"I simply can't understand why the Senate won't just pass this important bill," said Bill Torhorst, former national president of the National Wild Turkey Federation, who lives in Oregon, Wisconsin. "After all the hard work sportsmen have done on this legislation, they deserve to see a vote."

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen's organization that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, www.ussportsmen.org.

NDHEA Quarterly Board Meeting
12 April 2008
North Dakota Game and Fish Headquarters
Bismarck, ND

1:06 PM Meeting called to order by President Fasteen

Agenda (MSC=Motion, Second, Carried)

Add Hunt of a Lifetime

Mike McEnroe – High Fence Hunting

Sporting Chance

Motion made to approve agenda with additions, Bratlie, Kilwein MSC

Roll Call: Present

Clint Baxter, Lori Schweigert, Jon Hanson-ND G&F, Dale Kilwein, Dale Patrick, Scott Fasteen, Al Klatt, Don Meyer, Terry Fasteen, Ron Swenson, Curt Walen, Lynda Miller, Leland Bratlie, Charles Vasicek, Rod O'Clair

Absent: Larry Kaul, Clayton Thompson, Lynn Lawler, Ernie Trudeau, Mark Walsh, Neva Walsh

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve minutes as presented in the newsletter.

Committee assignments corrected to show Ernie and Clint on the Website committee and remove Terry. MSC – O'Clair, Kilwein.

Treasurers Report – Rod O'Clair presented a summary in Ernie's absence. A formal numbers report was not given as an error cannot be located and Ernie and Clint are working to find it. Ernie suggests that each District representative be allowed to expend \$200.00 without requiring approval by the Board. Expense items larger than this will require approval by the Executive Board.

Unfinished business:

The majority of tickets are with sellers and returned stubs now total over \$10,000. See the report Neva sent to all board members.

Clint is preparing the Association's taxes. He and Ernie are trying to find an existing error to complete the forms prior to the May 15 deadline for filing.

Website – Ryan Trudeau will continue to work on it and has hinted some payment would be appreciated, but it has not been requested. Ernie reports other interests have distracted Ryan from keeping the website current. A motion was made to seek quotes for hiring a website manager and to present them at the next meeting. This will give the board some control to pay or not pay the manager for performance. MSC Bratlie, Schweigert

Insurance –

Quotes from Farmers Union Insurance, agent in Northwood, ND - \$1221.00

Outdoorsinsurance.com from West Virginia presented a quote of \$870.00

Gillingham Insurances provided a quote of \$3252.00

A motion was moved to purchase insurance from Farmers Insurance Group, as long as further inquiry assures the insurance is adequate to meet the needs of the mentored hunts. MSC: Patrick, Klatt

Policy for Donations: A motion was made for the Executive Board to draft a policy on donations received on behalf of the NDHEA. Each board member will prepare a draft and circulate it via email for edits and a draft will be presented by Terry for final review at the next meeting. MSC: O'Clair, Swenson

Policy for Donation Requests: A Funding Request policy will be drafted by Dale Patrick and submitted to Executive Board members for suggestions.

O'Clair announced the cap committee approved the purchase of a new cap style which has a Velcro size adjustment and modern bill shape. A motion was made to have Rod investigate adding the NDHEA logo to the cap. MSC – Bratlie, Walen

A motion that cap stipend go away was made. MSC – O’Clair, Bratlie

A motion to bring membership fee schedules to the general membership meeting in 2009 for review was made. MSC - Patrick, Bratlie

It was moved to increase mileage to .40 per mile effective July, 2008. MSC – O’Clair, Swenson

A motion was made to pay up to \$75.00 per night for expenses to travel to raffle committee meetings. MS – Patrick, Bratlie Discussion regarding compensation for attending committee meetings followed. An amendment to the motion was made to change the word “raffle” to “all”. MSC – O’Clair, Kilwein – by show of hands vote
The amended motion will read-“Pay up to \$75.00 per night for expenses to travel to all committee meetings. Motion carried. It was added in discussion that any abuse will be dealt with by dismissal of the violator through the grievance committee.

Committee reports:

Finance –NTR (Nothing To Report)

Caps – A new style will be added and both styles will be available. Sales for 2008 are at 193 with 178 caps in stock as of this meeting.

Grievance – NTR

Historian – No additional records recovered and a request for past newsletters was made.

Legislative – NTR

Membership – Membership is at a high of near 150. (see hand out materials)

Newsletter – Written report from Neva

Raffle Committee – as of 4-8-08 \$10,400.00 has been collected on raffle tickets. There will be a meeting on 4-8-08 after this meeting

Jon Hanson – Jon introduced himself as the new Hunter Education Coordinator and discussed things he has been asked to address early on, including the final exam as it coincides with surrounding states.

Mike McEnroe was invited to make a presentation to the board. Mike is seeking a letter of endorsement supporting an initiated measure to prohibit “high fence hunting” in North Dakota. The board heard his presentation and turned down the request for the letter. The board did not feel it could speak for every member regarding high fence hunting. The board said it would write a letter that stated its support for the North American Model of Wildlife Management if desired. Mike felt the way the endorse-ments would be used, the letter would not have the same meaning so passed on the offer. Dick Monson had also contacted the NDHEA about such a letter.

District Reports:

1 – One class done, starting another soon

2 – Classes ongoing

#4 – Class starting 4-29-08

#5 – Class starting 4-29

New instructor may begin a new class

#6 – Purchased 3 guns for Wilton

#7- Classes going on now – Family Shooting events inquiry made by Bowdon to work with an October duck fest.

#8 – Class going now – audio visual equipment purchased due to loss of equipment in the Northwood tornado – classes going on in Grand Forks

#9 – A Home study class was scheduled with 50% no shows. Oil field demand for classes is strong but scheduling is difficult.

#10- Numerous classes ongoing throughout the district

#11 – No report

#12 – Cass County Wildlife Club is starting their large class 60-90 possible students

There are a bunch of classes as well as home study classes being held.

Motion to adjourn. MSC Patrick, Kilwein At 4:06 pm