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President's Message...

It seems that spring has finally made an appearance, but I am still holding my breath...as it has been an interesting year. There are very exciting things happening in many of the districts and I will highlight some of this for you in the next few paragraphs, but first I'd like to welcome the new members to the Board, Darwin Bucholz in District 3, Keith Domke in District 7, Mike Kroh in District 2, and Jerry Rekow in District 11. Thank you!

The raffle tickets are selling well with more than \$7,000.00 turned in as of May 1, 2009. There are still some rather large events coming up that will get many more tickets sold. We are working to get into Scheels Sports in Bismarck for a couple of days and that should happen in June. There are others that are planning on selling tickets at stores or sporting events in their parts of the state. I think Terry Fasteen will be doing something in Fargo this summer. He could use help if you are so inclined to do so, give him a call.

There are several shooting events sponsored by groups around the state involving NDHEA that will be happening around the this year such as a family shoot being planned in the Grand Forks/Grafton area by Don Klatt and Leland Bratlie.

There will be a shoot in Zap, North Dakota on **August 8, 2009**. Let's see if we can get a large group of instructors to attend and make this a fun day! There will be food, prizes, and the works. There are also plans in the works for a family shoot in Devils Lake on June 27th, please contact Don Meyer for details or to be involved.

Williston is also planning a family event and you can contact Ron Swenson or Mark Walsh for more information. In addition, there will be a family shoot in Bismarck on August 15th with Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Association (MVSSA) sponsoring this event. In addition, Don Meyer and Rodney O'Clair are working with several individuals on organizing mentored hunts.

As you can see, there are a lot of things happening and NDHEA is at the center of these events. With a little help from a

number of you, great things are happening.

On the legislative front, the Non-Resident Upland Game license which would have allowed the purchaser to divide it into 3 five day outings **failed**. The legislature has mandated that Game and Fish offer an on-line course. However, there may not be much that has to be changed as that option is already being offered in some parts of the state. There will now be an apprentice license available to individuals that are at least 16 years of age and have not completed a hunter education course which will allow them to hunt Deer and small game for one season only while hunting with a licensed hunter.

The following language allows a 12 year old to hunt deer during the youth deer season:

- A. An individual whose twelfth birthday occurs on or before the opening date of the youth deer hunting season but is younger than fourteen years of age is entitled to receive a statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit but may hunt only in the youth deer hunting season.
- B. An individual hunting under subdivision a must be accompanied by the individual's parent, guardian, or other individual authorized by the individual's parent or guardian. As used in this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted visual contact and unaided verbal communication.

I also need to thank Charles Vasicek, Membership Chair. Our membership now stands at **216 members**. I cannot remember ever reaching these heights. Thanks for all the hard work Chuck!

*Hope everyone has a successful, pleasant, and safe summer.
Happy Fishing!*

Dale Patrick, President

Spring Renewal a Time for Change

Spring is supposed to be a time of renewal, a new beginning with the return of warmth and greenery. This year with all of the flooding we experienced across the State, we could sure use a change for the better.

I assisted with a class in Casselton a short time ago and visited with several 20-35 year olds who had never gotten into hunting or shooting because their families did not participate. To a person they were taking the class it now because of experiences with friends who invited them along for a day in the field.

We have several persons who have stepped forward to try and put together a hunt or a shooting day event. Currently there are thoughts of activities in the Devils Lake and Jamestown areas. I am working with members of the North Dakota Coon Hunters Association to put together a day of training and Raccoon hunt in September around the Gwinner area. We will post more information on these and other events on the NDHEA website as it gets closer and the events get more organized. We can use more activities in other locations to keep the effort moving forward.

We just experienced a tragic loss within our extended family that reminded me that perhaps I and we take too much for granted. To many times we put things off for tomorrow because we think it impacts our time too much. Time is fleeting, our days are filled with commitments with work, emails, sports, recreation and family and family activities sometimes take a back page to everything else. Perhaps it is time to reassess our time commitments. That is why it takes a large number of persons to make a successful transition to the mentored hunt over personal hunts.

This year there are more attacks on our ability to own or purchase guns, to hunt as in the past. This year we may have lost funding to the Game and Fish Department because we thought the other guy would step up and stop the effort. We all need to pay attention with what is going on in the political arena this year or the freedoms we are used to with gun ownership and hunting activities may be curtailed.

This year there is a need for more voices, more recruits to assist in keeping the hunting heritage and funding measures in place. By participating in the family shoots large or small, taking one or a bunch of new hunters, it all makes a difference. Please help by taking the step to organize an event, you will get the help to organize and make it work. The members of the executive board and district representatives need your help. Please consider taking the step to make it work.

As one former member said "Take a kid hunting and you will never wonder where they are."

Terry Fasteen, Historian and
Communications Chairman

Mentored Hunts Should Be a Priority

Your efforts to raise funds through the antelope tag raffle have been very successful. The process of recruitment and retention of hunters with your help is our next goal. The funds from the raffle are to be used by instructors for covering cost to mentor first time hunters. I would ask you to make every effort to recruit students from your classes and take them on a hunt.

The hunt can be for game or non-game wildlife in the state. During the summer months, some predator seasons are open as well as there being no season on the variety of gophers or ground squirrels and rabbits found in the state.

These are great opportunities for one on one mentoring. If you are not up to the task for any reason, contact me and I may have another instructor in your area who is able to take your student or mentee to the field. You can and should refer students looking for a chance to be mentored to contact NDHEA at the following email

address: ndheamentor@gmail.com. This mailbox is monitored and a reply will be sent to the applicant.

Please file a "request for participation" (RFP) with me so the mentored hunt committee can set aside a budget for you. After your hunt, file a brief evaluation of the hunt and turn in your expense voucher. These two small pieces of paperwork are needed for the report that is filed with the director of the Game and Fish Department.

The RFP was posted to the www.ndhea.org webpage for downloading and was also sent to all 2008 members.

Should you need help or have questions, contact your district director, one of the executive board or me. Our points of contact are on the homepage and in the newsletter.

Rodney O'Clair, Mentored Hunt Chairman

Youth Deer Season Questions and Answers for 2009

During the 2009 session, North Dakota’s legislature lowered the minimum age for hunting deer with a firearm (centerfire rifle, handgun or muzzleloader) from 14 to age 12.

However, the bill, SB 2165, created restrictions on when and what 12- and 13-year-olds could hunt. Following are some questions and answers to help clarify the issue.

Important note: nothing has changed for ages 14 or 15.

What license is available for a 12- or 13-year-old?

One antlerless whitetail license, valid statewide.

When can 12- and 13-year-olds hunt deer (antlerless whitetail) with a firearm?

Only during the youth deer season, Sept. 18-27 in 2009.

What is the application deadline for 12- and 13-year-olds?

The license application deadline for 12- and 13-year-olds is Sept. 1.

How do I apply?

Until approximately July 1, only paper applications are available through the Department and vendors. Additionally, you can print an application from our website. The online application feature will not be available for these licenses until after July 1 because of the need to make software programming changes.

What is the application deadline for 14- and 15-year-olds? For the regular deer gun season lottery and for the youth “T” license that allows taking of a mule deer buck in several southwestern units (3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E or 4F), the license application deadline is **June 3**. For the youth “H” license, good statewide for any deer except mule deer bucks in 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E or 4F, the application deadline is **Sept. 1**.

Is the license my 12- or 13-year-old receives considered a youth season license?

No. A youth season license is defined as a deer gun license for 14- or 15-year-old first-time deer hunters that is valid statewide for any deer, with the exception of antlered mule deer (issued by lottery) in select southwest units.

If my 12- or 13-year-old receives an antlerless whitetail license, will he/she remain eligible for a youth season license at age 14?

Yes, 14- or 15-year-olds will still be eligible for a once-in-a-lifetime statewide any-deer license if they received an antlerless whitetail license when they were 12 and/or 13.

Can hunters ages 14 or 15 use additional concurrent season antlerless licenses within the youth deer season?

Yes, but only in conjunction with their youth season license. 15-year-olds who had a youth season license are not eligible to hunt during the youth deer season.

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Can hunters age 12 or 13 purchase additional concurrent season antlerless licenses to use within the youth deer season?

No, 12- and 13-year-olds are limited to a single antlerless whitetail license valid only during the dates of the youth deer season. However, they can still purchase concurrent licenses for use with a bow in the archery season.

When is the earliest my son/daughter can apply for a youth season license?

The year when he/she is age 14 on opening day of the November deer gun season.

My son/daughter turns 14 after the youth season opens but before the November deer gun season. Is he/she eligible to apply for and hunt in the youth season?

Yes, this was a recent change by the state legislature. (Side note for staff—there's a possibility that an individual could qualify for a 12-13-year-old antlerless whitetail license and a youth deer license. Only one of these will be issued, not both. If the hunter chooses the antlerless whitetail/youth season only option, he or she will still be eligible for the any-deer youth season license the following year

Caps for Safety also Support NDHEA

NDHEA has been selling the blaze orange caps that have been our main stay fund raiser for these many years. I have placed new orders for mesh and cloth back caps and should have plenty in inventory shortly.

This fund raiser supports 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! I will be asking the board to raise the price of caps to \$6.00 due to the increases in costs from the supplier. NDHEA purchase cost on the last order is just under the selling price.

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.

Rod O'Clair, Cap Chairman

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.



June 3rd Deadline for Dear Applications.

Visit <http://gf.nd.gov/licenses/apps.html> to download the form.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

DISTRICT #4

President Patrick conducted his first meeting. The meeting went well with a wide variety of subject covered. President Patrick wants everyone to become involved with our endeavors into the Mentored Hunts and with the Shooting Events. I spoke with a large number of instructors during our Mini-Conference this Spring. It is my intent to post the shooting events on our web page when the dates are cast in stone. Keep a close eye out for upcoming events. If you get a chance, also plan on attending the Zap Shoot this year. This is a great way to meet other Instructors form around the state and receive pointers on the range.

Keep up the good work with the raffle ticket sales. It is great to see everyone selling for the good of our project, and the youth and first time hunters as well. I will be calling several of you to see what your schedules are, and try to get a Shooting Event set up in Devils Lake towards the end of June. Let's keep up the good work!!

If anyone needs any help with anything, let me know and we'll set something up for you!

Respectively submitted,

Don Meyer

DISTRICT #5

I am really excited by the interest in mentoring first time hunters on the different venues. I have tried since 1993 to see this come to a reality. It is such a great way to see students actually excel in the various disciplines being taught in the class room. An additional benefit is to have more than one generation participating in an event together learning gun handling in a controlled environment.

Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Association event days are scheduled on August 15th. The first time Pheasant Hunt will be held October 19th. Because of our commitment for those two days we will not be able to help you if schedule any other events on those days.

Our instructor's base in the area are willing to help on other days with the events that other instructors set up, but might be assisting in another event. If anyone in my district needs help with an event just email or call me. Remember this is a team effort, no one instructor can do this alone, so please lend a hand.

Lynda Miller

The 2009 Antelope Raffle is still going strong. Thank you for past and continued hard work. We've sold over 1,400 tickets, let's make it 2,000!

Raffle tickets are still available for you to sell or purchase. Please contact:

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Phone: 701-250-2866 OR Email:

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
City of Bismarck Permit #3223

North Dakota Hunter Educators Association 2009 Raffle

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| 1st Antelope Tag and \$750 Cash | 10th Savage 98R17FV 17 HMR |
| 2nd TIKKA T3 LITE 900WSM | 11th "Spot" Satellite Messenger |
| 3rd TIKKA T3 Syn Blue 25-06 | 12th \$150.00 ND Beef Certificate |
| 4th Savage 111 Pig 270 Win | 13th \$150.00 ND Beef Certificate |
| 5th Weatherby Vanguard 270 WSM | 14th Scheel's Gift Certificate |
| 6th Scheel's Predator Bow Package | 15th Scheel's Gift Certificate |
| 7th Magellan Triton 500 Hand Held GPS | 16th Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Certificate |
| 8th CVA Optima 50 Cal | 17th Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Certificate |
| 9th Ruger 10/22 Pig with Scope and Case | |



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NDHEA Quarterly Board Meeting

April 25, 2009

President Dale Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM at the ND Game & Fish Headquarters auditorium. Following a welcome from Dale, the Agenda was reviewed for Additions/Changes. It was noted that the NDWF Triangle Y Camp issue is on the Agenda; the Membership Committee report was moved to an earlier time; sale of an old Grand Forks TV-VCR was added; Agenda approved. It was decided that the Executive Committee would act on the appointment of Mike Kroh as District 2 representative following the regular meeting.

Roll Call was taken. With liberties taken for the change in start time from 1:00 PM to Noon, all District Reps and Officers were present, except Vice President Rod O'Clair and District 5 Director Lori Schweigert. Secretary Curt Walen read the Minutes of the January 24, 2009 NDHEA Quarterly Board Meeting and the Minutes of the January 25, 2009 NDHEA Reorganization Board Meeting. No additions or corrections noted. Treasurer's Report was given by Clint Baxter. We continue to hold 3 Certificates of Deposit (totaling over \$13,000), in addition to the Money Market account (over \$10,550) and the regular Checking Account (over \$22,000). Clint received notice that the organization's 501(c)(3) status is approved. The Treasurer's Report was approved as given. MSC (motion, second, carried): Klatt, Meyer.

President's Report by Dale Patrick included topics: 1.Scholarship program funded by two \$5,000 CD's. 2.Three new NDHEA banners have been printed with changes. Dale Patrick has two of them, Rod O'Clair has one. 3.District budgets are due. Clint Baxter distributed examples that could be modified/adopted. 4.Sports Fest events and Mentored Hunts are to be promoted. Funding is readily available. Dale Patrick, Chuck Vasicek and Linda Miller can help with event planning; Linda will put a planning guide together. 5.A letter expressing concerns about inadequacies at the NDWF Triangle Y Camp was sent to David Brandt in February. Dale received a reply, no changes forthcoming. Membership Report was given by Charles Vasicek. Full rosters and District pages were distributed. Presently have 177 Individual memberships, 15 Family memberships, 9 Life memberships for a total of 216 Members. Three Life memberships have been added. Life Membership Cards were discussed. It was moved that Chuck pursue obtaining personalized Life Member cards. MSC: Klatt, Thompson . We should continue to promote membership in NDHEA. The significant increase of 38 memberships from prior year was noted. Jerry Rekow inquired about getting a complete list of certified instructors; it was suggested that he contact Jon or Stephanie in the Hunter Education office of NDG&F.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Newsletter submissions will be coordinated by Rod O'Clair and Terry Fasteen, with Terry being the primary contact. As the newsletters are posted on the website, copies will not be mailed out.
- B. Website issue – Terry will take the “test review” off the site. Noel Ison , new site manager has had some issues with access, has done some work at ½ the allowed rate.
- C. Legislative report – this year's session had no major impact on our objectives.
- D. District Budgets – discussion ensued clarifying what should be included in the district budgets drawing from the general fund vs shooting events & mentored hunts funded by the annual raffle. By end of meeting, most of the budgets had been submitted; all are due within 30 days.
- E. Equipment inventories – Terry Fasteen will collect the lists of NDHEA-owned equipment from each district. Individuals wanting a silkscreened NDHEA patch to put on vest, blinds, etc can request the logo template from Terry, Dale or Rod. Terry will work on obtaining adhesive patches. Jon Hanson has requested assistance in getting inventory lists of Game & Fish equipment held by instructors across the state. The executive committee approved turning over an old/unused TV-VCR to Al Klatt, in exchange for a \$50 donation to NDHEA.

Don Meyer addressed Mentorship and Shooting Sports Events issues. A number of communities have range access problems with the wet spring. Where events have taken place, either indoors or out, participant reviews have been very favorable.

New Business:

- A. Terry Fasteen received the renewal of NDHEA's insurance policy from Nautilus Insurance Company and recapped the coverage for shooting events. It was moved that the \$1,221.00 premium be paid by Clint. MSC: Rekow, Miller.
- B. Terry Fasteen commented on contact he has had with the ND Coon Hunters Association. They are seeking sponsors, financial support for a September 2009 event. Terry will submit an event proposal for board approval at the next quarterly meeting.
- C. Dale Patrick gave the Raffle report. \$5,900 has been turned in so far for the 2009 Raffle. There are approx 1,400 tickets left. A discussion was had about NDHEA's position regarding who can win a firearm and who is responsible for title transfer. A motion was made that anyone winning a firearm will have to coordinate his/her acquisition from the supplying sporting good establishment and that NDHEA will pay the transfer fee if necessary. MSC: T Fasteen, Thompson.
- D. Mike Kroh related that District 2 needs to purchase firearms in 3 action types and a gun cabinet. This initiated a review of general fund cash by Clint Baxter and his assessment that sufficient funds are available for district expenses and equipment purchases. A motion was made to approve all District Budgets that have been submitted to date. MSC: Rekow, Bucholz. The Secretary is to record the approved budgets.
- E. Dale Patrick related a request that a laptop computer be purchased for the Treasurer. Clint responded that the topic should be tabled until the need is greater.
- F. Ron Swenson talked about the Otis Technologies program, providing gun-cleaning brochures and teaching aides to instructors.

Committee Reports:

- A. Rod O'Clair's Caps Report was submitted. Recapped the profit made since January 1 and showed a balance of 156 caps on hand.
- B. Grievance – nothing to report.
- C. Historian – Terry recommends email submissions. In a related matter, Terry talked of the great support and cooperation that he received from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson the past year, particularly in producing the NDHEA Newsletter. A motion was made to obtain and have Terry present a 'Thank You Award' to KLJ. MSC: Bucholz, Meyer.

District Reports were given, highlighting spring class activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM. Next meeting July 11 at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Walen, Secretary



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who participate, sponsor, and volunteer for the NDHEA.

Upcoming Events

- **Activities**

July 11—12 Noon @ Game & Fish Building

July 12—Raffle Drawing! 3:00 p.m. Scheels

August 8—Zap Shoot

October 17—12 Noon @ Game & Fish Building

- **2009 Legislation Watch**

Websites to view bills and to read blogs:

www.nodakoutdoors.com

www.gf.nd.gov

www.northlandoutdoors.com.

North Dakota Legislative Council:

www.legis.nd.gov/information/bills .

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