



## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All

The year has flown by again and at least I wonder where the time went and why hunting seasons seem so much shorter. Time moves more rapidly each year instead of slowing down as I was led to believe would happen. Since it's Christmas and we have had fun hunting - how about a thank you to those landowners who provided you a place to hunt this past season?

There is still some late season opportunities to hunt out there. The muzzle loader season wrapping up, archery through the month and upland and migratory bird hunting to partake in. We have included a little summary within the newsletter to get you thinking about one more day in the field. Predator hunting is an activity I have never taken an active part in, but for those who do it

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## Hunter Education Report

Greetings Board Members,

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to attend this meeting as a result of a previous engagement. Things have been moving at an incredibly rapid pace at the Game and Fish offices since the last meeting in July! This has been a hectic time of year for the other side of this position, Range Grants. Fortunately, I think that side of things seems to be slowing down and I have been shifting my focus towards the annual conference and the New Instructing Training Course, which we are dead-set on having this winter! I will touch on a few key items, including the issues discussed at the previous meeting.

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should be a good year for you. It seems like there are a lot of coyotes to pursue and not many persons out chasing them anymore. This might be a good reason to try something new this year, extend the hunting season, take a few coyotes, help the deer population, and get yourself off the couch.

Ice fishing has begun, but you need to be careful out there. It's too early to be driving and in some spots too early to be walking. The ice thickness is not consistent and the warm weather has made the ice weak in some locations. There are some ice fishing tips contained within this newsletter and on the Game and Fish Website. Please read them and take heed to the suggestions being presented to you. With the water being so cold, going through the ice is a very dangerous situation.

Hope Christmas and the Holiday Season is a good one for all of you. If you can try and share some of the seasons bounty family friends and some of those older hunters who may have mentored you in the past. They may not get out with like they used to, but I bet they would still enjoy the taste of a fresh pheasant or venison steak.

Lee Bratlie ways liked to say "take a kid hunting and you will never have to wonder where they are at". I think its a good new year's resolution to remember when planning this coming years hunting.

Merry Christmas to all,

Terry Fasteen

## **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

*(Hunter Education Report, Continued from page 1)*

As discussed at the the previous meeting, the NDHEA bard requested financial support from the NDGF to send at least one representative from the NDHEA membership to attend the upcoming IHEA conference in Texas. I have received the approval for at least one person to accompany me to the event. One idea that was brought up in the discussion I had with my supervisors was the possibility of sponsoring one NDHEA member, and one non-member to attend the conference. The idea behind this approach would be to try and open the eyes of non-member instructors across the state and hopefully boost membership by showing them first-hand what a great asset membership in NDHEA/IHEA can bring to their local programs. The catch is that we are winding down to the end of the biennium, which means our funds are going to be limited until next July. I am hopeful, yet cautious about the Hunter Education budget and will need to do some more research to see what we will have for spending next spring. I would love to hear the board's feedback on the possibility of sending a non-member instructor as a second ND representative if funding is available. Do you think it will help boost membership, or will it just lead to the selected individual and maybe one or two buddies to join/ Lastly, I'm not sure how this was done in the past, but we will have come to a decision on which NDHEA member will be chosen to represent us at the conference. I'm ok with staying with the old system (whatever that was), or coming up with a new one if that is what you would all like to do. Is the next meeting in February too late to decide? The upcoming conference is April 2-6, 2012.

The second item discussed at the last meeting was for me to get the word out about the NDHEA newsletter to as many instructors as possible. I am sorry that I have dropped the ball on this so far, but I promise that I am working on it. I have also been hoping to send out weekly or biweekly updates on GF and HE happenings to all the instructors that I have contact information for. I thought this would be easy since after I got back from the State Fair, our IT personnel were able to switch all of the contacts that Jon had over to my account. The problem is that all of the instructors, and the NDHEA board members were placed in to groups so he could just select the group instead of everybody individually. I can select the group, but there are no contacts in them. Anyway , it sounds like my computer has a virus blocking it and they will be working on that ASAP! If you all wouldn't mind shooting me an email, I would appreciate it and I will keep in touch with the board until the issue is resolved.

On a happier note, it was a privilege to attend tithe annual Family Fun Shoot in Zap this August! I have a great time meeting and visiting with several instructors from across the state. Kudos to Lori Schweigert and the crew at the ZAP sportsmen club for putting together a terrific event! \* Note to Lori-Tyler mentioned to me you would be Mother of the Century if he got an Over-Under for Christmas!\* I think a great time was had by all, and now I know for next year to bring my gun that shoots straight!

Lastly, I have a bit of sad news. Stephanie Thompson, who has been our Administrative Assistance for the Hunter Education Program for 16 years, has left the Department to pursue another position with Delta waterfowl. Stephanie wanted me to convey to all of the instructors how much she has enjoyed working with all of you during her tenure with the NDGF. I can vouch for the fact that this was a very difficult decision for her. She loved what she did here, and believed in our mission wholeheartedly; however, the position she was offered was an opportunity to good to pass up. She went to top notch conservation organization and will actually be spending a lot of her time working with their hunter recruitment and youth hunting programs. I hope you will all join me in wishing her the best in the future.

\*Note: With the absence of Steph, it is likely to be sometime around mid December-early January before her replacement will actually be her in the office. This has lead to an over abundance of phone calls coming in to the phone line, and we are working on a few solution to the problem. As my phone is getting jammed with general information calls, I would like to be able to reach the instructors who have questions/issues/concerns as fast as possible. I would appreciate if possible if you would email me at the information below when possible so I can get back to your as quickly as possible. Thanks!

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## 2012 Fair Chase Hunt is On!

By Terry Fasteen



Distant view of Crazy Mountains between snow storms NW of Billings MT. Anticipated hunting State lands but access was denied by local landowners



Neil Fasteen taken at 700 yards with .308 north of Columbus MT 2012



Jeff and Terry Fasteen with mule deer buck taken NW of Billings Montana 2012.

## NDHEA Membership

### As of October 20, 2012

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Individual Memberships	166	166 X \$10 = \$1660
Family Memberships	50	25 X \$15 = \$375
Life Memberships	34 (Six Added)	6 X \$150 = \$900
	250 Members	Total = \$2935.00

### 2011

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Individual Memberships	170	170 X \$10 = \$1700
Family Memberships	64	32 X \$15 = \$480
Life Memberships	28 ( 10 Added)	10 X \$150 = \$1500
	262 Members	Total = \$3680.00

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**2012-4 Treasurer Report**


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Date Range: Custom Dates 7/19/2012 - 10/19/2012  
 Accounts: All Accounts  
 Categories: All Categories  
 Tags: All Tags  
 Type: Custom

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Money In		\$ 1,511.16
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Donation		\$ 1,275.00
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Class		\$ 1,275.00
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Fundraising		\$ 50.00
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Cap Sales		\$ 50.00
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Interest Credit		\$ 1.16
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Membership		\$ 185.00
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Dues		\$ 185.00
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Money Out		\$(3,030.82)
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Caps Expense		\$ (16.15)
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Contributions-Donations		\$ (800.00)
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Grants		\$ (800.00)
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Fees		\$ (46.00)
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Membership Services		\$ (17.97)
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Organized shoot		\$(1,000.00)
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Printing-Publishing		\$ (537.50)
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Newsletter		\$ (200.00)
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Website		\$ (337.50)
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Travel		\$ (611.20)
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Money In:		\$ 1,511.16
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Money Out:		\$(3,030.82)
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Net Total:		\$(1,519.66)
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**NDHEA October Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: ND State Game and Fish Office Bismarck, ND**  
**10/20/2012**

Officers:

President: Jean Oster Present  
 Vice-President: Terry Kassian Present  
 Secretary: Clayton Thompson Present  
 Treasurer: Clint Baxter Present  
 Past President: Curt Walen Present

District #1	Ron Swenson	Not Present	District #7	Keith Domke	Present
District #2	Andy Robinson	Not Present	District #8	Chad Symington	Present
District #3	Darwin Bucholz	Not Present	District #9	Dale Kilwein	Present
District #4	Don Meyer	Present	District #10	Lynda Miller	Present
District #5	Lori Schweigert	Not Present	District #11	Jerry Rekow	Present
District #6	Dale Patrick	Present	District #12	Bob Sanden	Not Present Present

Committee Chairs:

Mentored Hunts: Lee Bratlie Not Present  
 Communication Chair/ Historian: Terry Fasteen Not Present  
 Cap Chair: Rod O'Clair Not Present (sent report)  
 Membership: Chuck Vasicek Present  
 Education: Dick Cheatley Present  
 N.D. Hunter Ed. Coordinator : Zach Peterson Not Present (sent letter)

Meeting called to order by Jean Oster @ 1:13 pm

Roll call taken attendance noted above , some individuals have missed successive meetings and will be contacted .

Pres. Jean opened the meeting with thanks for everyone who attended and supported the ND Game and Fish Dept and the Hunter Education program while giving NDHEA exposure to more people in N.D at the State Fair. Support like this helps answer the question posed by instructors interested in joining NDHEA- What does NDHEA do for us as instructors, ND public, and ND Game and Fish ? This is one way to answer that.

Review of Agenda:

\*Motion to Approve Agenda- Jerry Rekow Dist. #11 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynda Miller Dist.#10 MSCU

\*Motion to Approve July 2012 Meeting Minutes Dale Patrick Dist.#6 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Rekow #11 MSCU

Dale Patrick requested for Officers names to be used instead of initials in minutes to help clarification, which secretary will do.  
 Treasurer's Report – Clint Baxter gave treasurers report. Accounts pretty stagnant with minimal interest. \$1511.16 brought in, mainly class donations. Quarterly expenses paid and grant to ND Wildlife Federation Camperships (3).

\*Dale Patrick, Dist 6, motion approval of treasurer's report. Second Don Meyer, Dist 4. MSCU

President's Report-Jean is doing a class in Fargo, women's class only, in January, filling fast and getting ready for next year.

Past President's Report –Curt Walen apologized for missing July meeting due to vacation. Noted friend article in this month's Dakota Outdoors, a Dall Sheep Hunt. A very good read. He wants to maintain boosting memberships and requested membership cards of Chuck Vasicek. Chuck will dispense.

New Business-

IHEA conference- NDG & F discussed sending two people, have NDHEA send one, open for discussion. We will decide in February what to do possibly @.

February 9<sup>th</sup>, annual meeting. Board meeting that Saturday morning starting at 8:00 AM.

Membership Report.

1 new lifetime membership sold – Zack Peterson (NDG&F Hunter Ed coordinator)

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Lori Schweigert had two renewals at the Zap shoot. Currently standing at 250 members, down 12. Discouraged, we only had one to two memberships signed at regional meetings. Probably less than one third of the total instructors are members in the state. Dale mentioned that Zack needs a list of new members and to have Terry Fasteen send an updated membership brochure to coordinate with Zack Peterson's new instructor training session at annual meeting.

Unfinished business – TUNE camp. Goal was 20 children attending, 2 short. It went very well, ages 9-16, broad education given. It was a good outdoor experience compass orientation, etc.

Raffle-

Yield to Linda and Dennis Miller for audit. Everything in order. Reports go to Terry Fasteen and Clint Baxter. Dale Patrick said our raffle is in very good standing. NDWF is being audited by state; Bismarck Police Department dispenses our permit for raffle with tighter criteria. They use better documentation and are confident of recording, keep data for 3 years. Winner of gun from selling books from Inkster was very excited.

NDWF camp – Issue came up for three campers with \$800 cost. NDHEA \$200/person, \$100/person by family. They had 54 campers, up from last year. August 5-11, 2012 and the shoot was the first Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Dates are locked in for the TUNE and NDWF for 2013. Kids were from all over the state for both TUNE and NDWF. They shot all calibers of guns, viewed a reptile center, dog handling demonstrations Friday. Had a fishing day with 15 boats, fuel and boats donated by instructors or helpers. Took half group in morning, half afternoon. A big thank you to Berthold sportsman's club, who did a fish fry for all. They toured the Falkirk mine. Oil companies are getting involved with support. Keith Domke, Dist 7, said it is a good location. Keith gave an ATV demonstration that went very well. Corp of Engineers did a demonstration of electric boats with life preserver. Gary Westlien, Minot, did shotgun demonstration. Cowboy action shooting. Garrison sportsman's club has a range 7-8 miles from town. They served a meal in the state park that gives free passes for the day.

Newsletter emailing- will table this. Those that prefer newsletter mailed will have to notify on membership slip via no email address or request at conference.

Hunting for tomorrow conference – Jerry Rekow, Dist 11, and Keith Domke, Dist 7. Impressed by number of people involved in various groups to preserve hunting and fishing/shoot sports. Cannonball land group gave their pitch, read emails and NRA position. A good cross section. We will do a post conference email with priority to habitat and land access. Dale Patrick stated a follow up meeting to this November 30 to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 in Bismarck, ND. Question – Terry Kassian who brought the people together, were there issues posted to bills or legislature or information only. Jerry brought up CRP work in the state of ND based on farmers need to soil bank land and work with Ducks Unlimited with several avenues. Surveys show 70 percent of population in favor of some type of set aside. The initiated measure for land grants died due to signature issues but hopes to be brought up again. Upcoming legislative session very important. Will try to stay informed. Dick Cheatley projects programs are currently available in North Dakota i.e. wetlands open to the public. Keith Domke wants to get more youth involved. Dale Patrick suggests more join the Wildlife Federation.

New Business- \*Motion-Dale Patrick, Dist 6, That Jerry Rekow and Keith Domke attend second conference. Room, board and gas covered by NDHEA. Don Meyer, Dist 4, second. MSCU

Discussion: Limited space, 100 people, 2 people from each group in state, then open to all. It was at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Don Meyer requested to get these dates posted on the web page.

Board Award- Need to get nominations in to President or Vice President ASAP. Will be writing a letter or emailing all members with qualifications for board award.

Requested to change our mission statement to promote outdoor shooting sports and conservation as stated in article 1 section 3 of constitution. Lifetime membership needs to be ratified by general membership. \*Motion to move to general membership meeting. Dale Patrick, Dist 6, Don Meyers, Dist 4 MSCU

New raffle – Dale Patrick working on items and number of tickets. Will bring to next meeting. Donated items will be decided on use for annual meeting.

IHEA conference high cost to attend but benefits are new tools /different ways to teach. Was suggested Game and Fish sponsor these, not NDHEA. Others feel we should send our own representative. Dale Patrick motioned table this topic for board annual meeting as this IHEA conference is April 2-6-2013 in San Antonio, TX. Terry Kassian VP second MSCU

CAP report – Submitted document by Rod O'Clair –Read and approved.

Education-Dick Cheatley will work with NDGF HE coordinator on new instructor list.

Family Fun Shoots- Dale Patrick coordinated several. Rick Sukut from Bowden did one. Will get a report on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Curt Walen did one. Curt Walen asked if application is on website. Terry Kassian states applications need to be filled out for insurance coverage.

Keith Domke, Dist 7 is sending in his for Pheasant Shoot on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

District Reports – District 4 Don Meyer - Internet class end of month, mostly women. No kids, no range shoot, no live fire this year , range unsafe.

District 6 Dale Patrick – nothing new, all classes done. One just finished in Bismarck.

District 7 Keith Domke – first time pheasant hunt, youth, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Need instructor help. Contact Keith for directions.

District 8 Chad Symington – Two classes with 60 kids per class. No classes in the near future.

District 9 Dale Kilwein – had two classes, had walk ins with adult class. 50% were women, went an extra hour and a half on gun handling – it really helped. Had people attend from Minot, Sydney, MT, Williston, Valley City. Dale presented thank you plaques to supporters of Hunter Ed in District. Has nice copies.

District 10, Lynda Miller – Classes are over, will send get well card to instructors in district in recovering health.

District 11 Jerry Rekow – had a shoot, thanked Rod O'Clair and Keith Domke for helping. He had a request for four 15 year old youths to retake test due to attitude, reviewing request.

Definite priority for gun handling to be included in on line classes.

Don Meyer, Dist 4, stated possible next year outfitter from Devils Lake area would like to sponsor a half dozen youth on a goose hunt – to be discusses further.

\*Motion Don Meyer motion to adjourn. Chad Symington second. MSCU

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## THANK YOU!

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

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Lee &  
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Planners



### Educational Websites

International Hunter Education Association  
[www.ihea.com](http://www.ihea.com)  
North Dakota Game & Fish  
[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)  
North Dakota Shooting Sports Association  
<http://ndssa.org>  
Mule Deer Foundation  
[www.muledeer.org](http://www.muledeer.org)  
North Dakota Bow hunters Associations  
[www.ndbowhunters.org](http://www.ndbowhunters.org)

### Other Great Links

[www.fishingbuddy.com](http://www.fishingbuddy.com)  
[www.bannersforsale.com](http://www.bannersforsale.com)  
[www.edsbaitshop.com](http://www.edsbaitshop.com)  
[www.scheels.com](http://www.scheels.com)  
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### 2012 Legislation Watch

Websites to view bills and to read blogs  
[www.nodakoutdoors.com](http://www.nodakoutdoors.com)  
[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)  
[www.northlandoutdoors.com](http://www.northlandoutdoors.com).

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