

(To be approved)

NDWCA 32nd ANNUAL MEETING
January 5th, 2016 - 3:30 pm
Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan, ND

2015 NDWCA President, Derrill Fick asked that everyone needs to begin signing up to receive the newsletter by e mail. The plans are to discontinue the newsletter by mail by the end of the year, due to the rising costs. Leon Pederson, 2016 President, stated that this will also be discussed at the area meetings this fall. A county contact can copy the newsletter to board members is they have no e mail.

The NDWCA Annual Business Meeting was called to order by 2015 President Derrill Fick at 3:45 pm, with 42 in attendance.

Additional agenda items: none

Merlin Leithold, executive secretary, read the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Jerry Rekow moved to approve the minutes as read. Steve Ginsbach seconded the motion. **M/C**

Presidents Report

President Fick reported that this past year, he was able to attend many functions, not only in North Dakota, but also in Montana and South Dakota. Helped out with the poster contest winner presentation at Napoleon. Had booths at Earth Day and Ag Day at the Capital. Sprayer schools went well, with good attendance. Over the summer as we get busy with all of our activities, we need to be diligent and professional. Derrill also attended the NAISMA conference in Vancouver, BC, this fall. He will be speaking more on this later. With EPA proposing new rules, we need to be aware of these. The deadline has been extended for submitting comments on these proposals.

Derrill thanked everyone for this past year, for allowing him to be the president.

Financial Report

Merlin presented the financial report. He highlighted various line items. Dan Dew moved to accept the financial report, Joan Lorge seconded the motion. **M/C**

Audit Report

Brent Nelson, Chuck Weiser, and Roger Gunderson were the audit committee. Brent reported that everything is in order and correct. The committee would like to see Merlin not use whiteout in the checkbook stub, and that Merlin reconcile the check register with the bank statement monthly.

Budget

Merlin presented the budget for 2016. Merlin highlighted the fact that the board has dropped the cell phone, and will pay the executive secretary a \$40/month stiffen, to help cut costs. Leon pointed out the fact that the newsletter mailings is already reduced due to e mails. Joan Lorge moved to accept the budget as presented, Katie Clyde seconded the motion. **M/C**

Education Report

Dan Dew, chairman, gave the education report. Poster contest: Last year's winner was from Napoleon. They received t shirts and a plaque. Stan and Derrill were also there. It was a great time. We had three sprayer schools, one in Dickinson, one in Minot, and in Carrington. Thanks to Bill and Vince and all others who helped put the schools on. One problem we had was that the schools were fairly early, and what days would be better. Let the board know. We had two schools for ATV training to become trainers. We had one in Bismarck and one in Valley City. It was well attended. We may have them again in 2016. Dan sent out approximately 160 letters for the poster contest, to 5th and 6th graders in all of the schools in the state. This year we had 9 different schools participating. Please cast your vote in the exhibitor's room, on the top ten posters.

We have retail items for sale at the registration table.

Legislative Report

Merlin gave a brief legislative report. It was the year of tax bills. Merlin did not have to testify in an Ag. Committee, this past session. 2017 session is just around the corner. Quiet so far for noxious weeds. EARP fund should be okay for this coming session. SB2144 has created some changes. It has changed quite a few words from shall to may. We are looking at this to see if we can rectify this in 2017. You can still get 4 mills, just consolidated, as 2144 took the 2 mills from the grass levy and the two mills from the weed levy, and combined them into one levy with up to 4 mills. HB 1055, changed mills to percent's, 133 page bill, was defeated. HB 1456 would return excess lands back to North Dakota from the federal government. This is not a mandatory bill, but a request to the federal government. Merlin thanked the board and Derrill for entrusting him with the lobbyist work.

Industry Report

Bill Walker, CPS Timberland gave the state of the industry report for 2016.

Bayer is still waiting for EPA on the haying and grazing label on Perspective. Bayer has Method. It is a safe product, and it is a liquid. \$311.04/gallon. Does have the haying and grazing label, for one year. Esplanade 200SC is a bare ground chemical that they do have, as well. It is quite expensive per gallon, but when figured out per acre, it is affordable.

Dow has retained the government program for 2016. Ag dealers' prices have gone up, but not government prices. Tordon is the same way. Picloram is going back through a re-registration process this year. Baslin has not been registered as of yet. This will replace Garlon 3A. Graslan L is now out for sale. It is a premix of Tordon/Coline (a new type of 2-4D). Has less odor than regular 2-4D. \$44/gallon price.

BASF supplies should be in good supply. They have 1 rep in the entire world, and he is in an office in Virginia.

Monsanto: Glyphosate should be fine. A lot of misinformation has been printed on this concerning Glyphosate. Other chemicals like 2-4D and others should be in good supply, and stable pricing.

NAISMA Report

Derrill stated that the national conference was held in Vancouver, BC this fall. Topics: misinformation of chemicals in the papers. The tsunami a couple of years ago has produced quite a few new invasive weeds. Play, clean and go, is a new program to recognize that you

need to clean yourself and equipment before moving to new areas. Japanese Knotweed is a serious weed. They inject the weed by syringe, due to regulations in Canada. That is another reason why we need to be good stewards when we are in the field. Cabi was also there to provide the group with the different biocontrol agents they have and are working on for different weeds.

NDDA Report

Chelsey stated that she has law books on hand, and other weed ID books and license holders.

Government Report

Dave could not be here today.

Old Business:

IRS: We are fully paid up with them. They actually owe us \$.64.

New Business:

Resolutions: There are no resolutions this year.

2nd Vice President Election: Eligible areas are II, III & V. There were two from the area meetings, but both have declined. President Derrill called for nominations from the floor. Jerome Peerboom nominated Jerome Behm, Ward County, area III. Ron Manson nominated Katie Clyde, from Billings County, Area V. Jerry Rekow moved to close nominations, Kevin Schmidt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Jerome and Katie both gave nomination speeches.

Government Director: Merlin stated that David Hirsch was nominated at the area meetings. Elvin Johnson moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for David Hirsch. Stan Wolf seconded the motion. **M/C**

Industry Director: Merlin stated that Bill Walker and Mike Schalla were nominated. Mike declined the nomination. Derrill asked for other nominations, seeing none, Jerry Rekow moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Walker. Elvin Johnson seconded the motion. **M/C**

Election Results:

2nd Vice President: Katie Clyde. Congratulations Katie

President's Transition

President Derrill Fick again thanked everyone for their support and turned the gavel over to the 2016 President, Leon Pederson.

President Leon thanked Derrill for his dedicated service.

By Laws: Dan Dew read the proposed changes to the bylaws. Brent Walsh moved to adopt the changes to the by-laws as presented. Jerry Rekow seconded the motion. **M/C**

Other Business:

E mails- Leon reiterated that the area directors will work on this throughout the year, and that the newsletter, by hard copy, will be eliminated by the end of December.

The 2017 annual meeting will be January 9-12, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, in Bismarck. We had a good run here, but time for a change.

There is a photo booth out in the hallway and the Beer and Brat social and auction will be held following the adjournment of the business meeting. Bring your auction items, if you have not already done so.

Don't forget to vote on the posters.

No other business was brought forward.

Steve Ginsburg moved to adjourn the meeting, Joan Lorge seconded the motion. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merlin Leithold
Executive Secretary