



NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The mission of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; to enable its membership to pursue conservation of natural resources; and to inform the public on ecologically wise uses of natural resources in support of a conservation ethic.

July 2003

I'm happy to report that the Chapter is alive and well. Several members have stepped forward to accept roles as committee Chairpersons, many committees were active, Chapter sponsored events such as Prairie Days were big successes, and the Executive Board has been working hard to support the Chapter's activities.

When I prepared the June Executive Board agenda I anticipated that we would wrap up business and still have a little mid to late Friday afternoon fishing time. As a testament to the Chapters activities this quarter, the meeting lasted well into the afternoon and not a minnow was sacrificed. The Board's discussion on several issues was thought provoking and meaningful. In some cases such as the issue of transferring the management of refuges, CWD, the commercialization of wildlife a great deal of discussion will continue to occur.

Legislative impacts at both the State and Federal level continue to impact the resource and seem to be more diverse and of greater frequency. Providing Chapter members with updated information and keeping the membership effective will continue to be both a challenge and a mission. We who are so few need to be as informed on issues as possible.

Tim has been working hard on the 2004 annual meeting and the program promises to provide members with a great deal of this information. The Chapter will need you there as we work on both the issues of the day and prepare for upcoming action. Don't just pencil the dates in your calendar, but pull out the pen with the permanent ink! Remember that only ten months will separate the annual meeting from the beginning of the 2005 ND State Legislative session and the variety of ideas that will be presented and debated in Bismarck.

Mike Goos

P.S. Its not to early to start thinking about 2004 Chapter budget requests and award nominations.

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AUGUST

16 Des Lacs Complex Centennial Event at the Des Lacs NWR Headquarters. For more information go to: <http://deslacs.fws.gov/celebration.htm>

SEPTEMBER

23 The next Executive Board meeting will be at Lonetree WMA on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 10:00 A.M..

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Mike Goos, NDCTWS, 3275 11th Street NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2003

Executive Board Members

Mike Goos Randy Renner
Tim Phalen Glen Sargeant
Dave Azure Mark Sherfy
Will Meeks Kristine Askerooth

President Portfolio - Mike Goos

Secretary/Treasure: Mark Sherfy
Newsletter: Stacy Adolf-Whipp
CMPS Rep: Jerry Heiser
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions and Public Statements: Mike Goos

Past-President Portfolio - Tim Phalen

Arrangements: Tim Phalen
Program: Tim Phalen
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Dave Azure
Nominations: Tim Phalen
ND Action Group: Jacquie Ermer

President-Elect Portfolio - Randy Renner

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Karen Smith & Darla Lenz
Legislative: Greg Link
Awards: Randy Renner
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link

Portfolio A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources: Cami Dixon
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson
Historian: Chris Grondahl
Website: Scott Kahan
Wildlife Commercialization: Mike McEnroe

Portfolio B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth and Jack Lalor
Forest Resources: Brian Prince
Invasive Species: Scott Kahan

Portfolio C - Kristine Askerooth

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Jack Lalor
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Brian Kietzman & Paul Halko
Small Grants: Darla Lenz

Portfolio D - Will Meeks

Northern Great Plains Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species: Terri Thorn
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: John Paulson
Finance: Mike Goos

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2003

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:15 AM on Friday, June 13, 2003 at Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, Coleharbor, North Dakota. Those in attendance included Dave Azure, Mike Goos, Will Meeks, Tim Phalen, Randy Renner, Glen Sargeant, and Mark Sherfy.

Notes: MSC = "moved, seconded and carried" followed by names of board members making and seconding the motion. NTR = "nothing to report" from the committee chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes: The board voted to approve minutes from the April Executive Board Meeting (MSC Renner/Phalen).

Treasurer's Report: Mark Sherfy provided an update on the Chapter's financial positions. A \$10,000 CD recently matured, and all of the Chapter's known obligations are paid. The board voted to approve the report (MSC Sargeant/Phalen).

Correspondence Sent & Received: The Chapter sent letters to Congress in support of funding for DOI and USDA, and a comment letter on the Mah Daah Hey Trail. We received thank_you letters from Senators Dorgan and Conrad in response to our comment letters, and also a thank_you for our support of the Jr. Duck Stamp Program.

Budget Discretion & Sponsorships: Mark Sherfy provided a summary of annual spending on sponsorships since 1999. The Chapter's sponsorship budget should be increased from \$1000 to \$1200. Some sponsorships should be picked up by the Education and Outreach Committee, and their budget should be increased to reflect this. These changes will be reflected in the 2004 budget.

Committee Support: Mike Goos encouraged board members to continue working with committees. The Chapter is making good progress with enhancing the role of committees.

North Dakota Agriculture Department Technical Committee: Arnie Kruse serves as the Chapter's representative on this committee, and he recently inquired about the board's continued support of this activity. The board voted to thank Arnie for his work and ask him to continue. (MSC Sargeant/Meeks).

NEW BUSINESS

CD Finance Committee: The Committee recommended renewing a \$10,000 CD that just matured, plus starting a new \$5000 CD (both 1_year terms). The board voted to approve this recommendation (MSC Renner/Azure).

New Members: The board voted to approve Nancy Johnson, a reporter from Indiana, as a new Patron Member(MSC Azure/Renner).

New Committee Chairs: The board approved new chairpersons for the following committees: Red River Valley (Jack Lator; MSC Goos/Meeks), T&E Species (Sandy Hagen and Anne (Margie) Coyle, co_chairs; MSC Meeks/Sargeant), Forest Resources (Brian Prince; MSC Sargeant/Meeks), North Dakota Action Group (Jacquie Ermer), Invasive Species (Will Meeks; MSC Azure/Renner), and Wildlife Damage (Phil Mastrangelo and Jacquie Gerads, co_chairs; MSC Meeks/Sargeant). The Chapter website now contains phone numbers and e_mail addresses for all committee chairs. Members interested in participating in a committee are encouraged to contact the committee chair.

Vote of thanks: The board extended a vote of thanks to John Schulz for 21 years of service as chair of the Forest Resources Committee (MSC Sargeant/Azure).

Emergency/Urgent Business and Archiving Records: Mark Sherfy will maintain minutes and a

correspondence log for business conducted by e_mail or phone. Mark's correct e_mail address is msherfy@usgs.gov.

2004 Section Dues: Mike Goos received a request for Chapter dues information from TWS. Dave Azure agreed to handle the request.

Chronic Wasting Disease: The Board established an ad_hoc advisory committee (Mike Oehler, NPS; Glen Sargeant, USGS; Bill Jensen and Jacquie Gerads, NDG&F) to consider a Chapter position statement on CWD (MSC Azure/Phalen).

National Bison Range: The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have petitioned for management of the National Bison Range under the Self_Determination Act, which addresses lands within reservation boundaries that are managed by other federal agencies. Approval of this petition could affect the management of other National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and other federal lands. Randy Renner will contact TWS to determine how the issue is being handled nationally, and the Board will watch the issue closely.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO-Mike Goos

Secretary/Treasurer_Mark Sherfy: See above for Treasurer's report.

Newsletter_Stacy Whipp: Stacy is open to suggestions for improving the newsletter.

CMPS Representative _ Jerry Heiser: NTR

Natural Resource Trust Advisor _ Scott Peterson: Scott provided a written report on the Trust's April Board meeting.

Resolutions and Public Statements _ Mike Goos: It's now time to start working on ideas to be presented at next years annual meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO _Tim Phalen

Arrangements _Tim Phalen: The Annual Meeting is set for Feb. 11_13, 2004 at the Radisson in Fargo. Randy Renner has received confirmation from the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan for the 2005 Annual Meeting. The International Inn in Minot has contacted Tim Phalen to express their interest in hosting the Annual Meeting.

Arrangements Committee:

The arrangement committee is made up of Bill Bicknell, Kristine Askerooth, Brian Kietzman, Paul Halko and I.

Program Committee:

The programs committee is made up of Mike McEnroe, Doug Staller, Rick Nelson, Jacquie Gerads/Sandra Hagen, Marsha Sovada and I.

Program _Tim Phalen: The first call for papers for the Annual Meeting will go out soon. The committee is currently working on the conference theme. Mike McEnroe is taking the lead in developing a ½_day session on wildlife commercialization. The second and final call will go out in the Sept/Oct newsletter. The deadline for presenting a paper will be December 1, 2003.

Audit _Tom Sklebar: NTR

Membership _Dave Azure: Chapter membership currently consists of:

221	Regular Members
72	Life Members
9	Student Members
2	Benefactors
1	Life Patron Member
1	Patron Member
1	Honorary Member
307	Total Members

The Board discussed procedures for making the newsletter available electronically.

Nominations _Tim Phalen: Solicitation of nominations will begin soon. Nominations need to be in by December so that ballots are ready for the Annual Meeting.

ND Action Group _Jacquie Ermer has succeeded Scott Peterson as committee chair.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S PORTFOLIO _Randy Renner

Bylaws _Paul Myerchin: NTR

Legislative _Greg Link: There was a wrap_up meeting at the end of the session, and Bill provided a summary in the last newsletter. Bill's job as Chapter lobbyist is officially complete, and the Chapter is seeking someone to assume this role for the 2005 legislative session. The Chapter provided gift certificates for Linda Roeder and Keith Trego to thank them for their assistance this year.

Awards _Randy Renner: This issue of the newsletter contains an announcement for next year's awards.

Prairie Chicken _Greg Link: NTR

Prairie Resources _Darla Lenz: Prairie Day was held on June 14th..

PORTFOLIO A _Dave Azure

Wetland Resources _Cami Dixon: State assumption of Section 404 enforcement will not occur this year. The Chapter sent a letter to the Corps regarding slope wetlands, but has not received a response.

Fishery Resources _Mike Olson: The committee is currently involved in James River issues in SD and the James River Water Development Board. Many of the issues this committee is interested in are also covered by AFS.

Historian _Chris Grondahl: NTR

NDCTWS Website _ Scott Kahan: Updated JR Duck Stamp and Keep ND Clean contest information is on the website. Scott has moved to Minnesota but will continue serving as committee chair. He also hopes to make the newsletters available online quickly to members who want to receive it this way.

Wildlife Commercialization _ Mike McEnroe: NTR.

PORTFOLIO B _Glen Sargeant

Western Lands _ Bill Jensen: Glen Sargeant is a new committee member.

Teaming With Wildlife _ Chuck Bosch: NTR.

Education & Outreach _ Kristine Askerooth: The Jr. Duck Stamp Banquet, the awards ceremony for the Keep ND Clean Poster Contest, and the State Envirothon were held in May. The chapter provides financial support and a number of chapter members provide logistic support for these programs.

Forest Resources _ Brian Prince has succeeded John Schulz as chair.

Invasive Species _ Will Meeks: Will Meeks has succeeded Scott Kahan as chair.

PORTFOLIO C _Kristine Askerooth

Red River Watershed _ Jack Lator: NTR

Missouri River _ Randy Renner: There has not been a lot of action since the decision on 200' setbacks from the Missouri River. Randy is still tracking activity in other counties. He also reported on an FWS settlement regarding flooding of piping plover nests.

Garrison Diversion _ NTR

Devils Lake Basin _ Roger Hollevoet: NTR

Fundraising _ Brian Kietzman/Paul Halko: NTR

PORTFOLIO D _Will Meeks

Northern Great Plains Working Group _ Kevin Willis: Kevin provided a written outline of current and proposed activities of the working group. The Working Group is working hard to limit the continued threats of haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program lands, and to maximize the wildlife benefits of CRP and other Farm Bill conservation programs. Endangered Species _ Sandy Hagen & Anne Coyle have agreed to co_chair the committee. Thanks go out to Caroline Littlefield and Terri Thorn for their role as past co_chairs. The committee is considering looking at the piping plover issue in North Dakota. The committee may chose to become involved in strategies to increase the awareness of the need for a Piping Plover Recovery Biologist for the Core Area in ND. If anyone is interested in participating on the committee, please contact Sandy (701_328_6382) or Anne (701_764_6251).

Law Enforcement _ Jackie Lundstrom: NTR

Wildlife Damage Management _ Phil Mastrangelo & Jacquie Gerads are welcomed as the new co_chairs for this committee. Thanks go out to John Paulson and Kent Luttschwager for the effort and dedication to the committee since its inception in 1997. They will remain on the Committee to be further involved with its activities. No committee activity since April. Committee's goal is to have the Furbearer Damage Management position statement ready by the next annual meeting.

Finance Committee _ Mike Goos: See New Business regarding recommendation for new CDs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM (MSC:Azure/Phalen).



The next Executive Board meeting will be at Lonetree WMA on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 10:00 A.M.

ND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST REPORT

SCOTT PETERSON

The ND Natural Resources Trust (Trust) Board met on April 16/17, 2003 in Bismarck. A summary of the major topics of discussion include:

*Audubon Interpretive Center Concept; Mike McEnroe updated the board on the FWS's plans for an Interpretive Center at Audubon.

*Wetland Mitigation Relating to Health and Human Safety, Tom Jewett, NRCS and Kevin Willis, USFWS led a discussion on this issue.

*Farm Bill Update; Keith Trego updated the Board on the new Farm Bill.

*Conservation Agriculture; Sharon Clancy updated the Board on the Conservation Ag. Program.

*Midterm Conservation Easement; Terry Allbee updated the Board on the status of this program.

*Webpage Development; Linda Roeder has been exploring several different options for developing a Trust webpage and updated the Board on the status of this effort.

*Walhalla and Robert L. Morgan WMA Projects, Merle Bennett updated the Board on the status of these two NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program projects. The Robert L. Morgan WMA is located in Wells County and will be formally dedicated on July 9, 2003.

*Confluence Project; Merle Bennett updated the Board on this project which is a potential land acquisition project at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers in Northwestern ND.

*County No Till Survey; Terry Allbee and Linda Roeder updated the Board on a survey which was mailed to all County SCDs that had received Trust funding for no_till drills in the past.

*Strategic Plan; The Board spent some time reviewing the Strategic Plan and discussing the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

*Election of Officers; The Board held its annual election of officers. Elected to office were: Dick Kroger, President, Bruce Adams, Vice President, Scott Peterson, Secretary_Treasurer.

Prairie Celebration at the Cross Ranch June 14, 2003

Prairie Day was held at the Cross Ranch State Park and Nature Preserve on June 14. Over 100 people attended the festivities. There were five field trips held covering birding, wildflowers, butterflies, bison and a horse drawn wagon ride. The guest speaker was Carla Wombach an expert on birds along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Prairie Day was sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, ND Game and Fish Dept., TNC, DU, NDCTWS, Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club, ND Natural Science Society, Minot State University and ND Parks and Recreation. It was a tremendous success and special thanks goes to Karen Kreil for her organization of the event.



Award Nominations



Award nominations can be sent to Randy Renner c/o Ducks Unlimited Inc. 2525 River Road, Bismarck, ND 58503 Email: rrenner@ducks.org
Deadline of Nov. 20, 2002.



FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

The Program and Arrangements Committees are working to organize the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society's 2004 Annual Meeting. Mark your Calenders! The meeting will be held at:



**Radisson Inn
Fargo North Dakota
February 11-13 2004**

The Chapter welcomes your participation and active involvement in the Annual Meeting. Please give some thought to presenting a paper or poster highlighting ongoing management efforts, new and innovative approaches, conservation initiatives, or research activities. The theme for the upcoming annual meeting offers something for everyone interested in the conservation of North Dakota's natural resources.

2004 THEME - "The Future of Wildlife Dependant Activities and Wildlife Management in North Dakota"

There is also room on the agenda to highlight your particular work activities by presenting a paper or poster. If you are interested in giving a paper or poster at the annual meeting, please send the title, author(s) name, address and phone number, audio visual equipment needs, and a brief abstract by

DECEMBER 1ST to:

**NDCTWS Program Committee
P.O. Box 1442
Bismarck, ND 58502**

Abstracts can also be submitted directly to members of the program committee below.
Mike McEnroe, Doug Staller, Rick Nelson, Jaquie Ermer/Sandra Hagen, Marsha Sovad, and Tim Phalen

WHO DO YOU CALL 2!



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Dave Azure, Membership Chairman, of any address changes. Please mail the change to ND Chapter Wildlife Society, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442. This is greatly appreciated and helps to keep our expenses down.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 - ~ Life Member..... \$200.00 _____
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 - ~ Central Mtn. & Plains
Section TWS.....\$ 5.00 _____
- TOTAL enclosed** \$ _____

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