



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.

JUNE 2002

2002 ANNUAL MEETING

Let me start by describing this winter, WOW! I'm describing not only the weather but how time flies when we're having fun or maybe it's an age thing, I'm not sure, but one thing I do know is this past year and the Chapter's annual meeting have come and gone in a whirlwind of activity.

The annual meeting in Grand Forks during February was a success. We heard a number of outstanding papers, if you couple this with a great evening of fundraising and honoring several outstanding individuals at the awards banquet, it all adds up to a successful annual meeting both educational and recreational.

Many thanks are in order and I apologize if I leave anyone out. Thank you to John Schulz and those individuals assisting with the Program and Arrangements committee. A meeting like this can not be successful without the assistance of many hard working individuals. Thank you to Darla and the Executive Board for their hard work during the past year. Thanks to all the candidates that threw their names into the election process, it demonstrates that all of you are winners by showing your commitment to the Chapter. I would like to welcome our new Executive Board members; Mike Goos, Dave Azure, and Glen Sargeant. I look forward to working with all of you.

A special thank you to Bill Pfeifer for his work as our Chapter lobbyist for the past seven years. Bill has laid a good foundation for both the Chapter and his successor. Alicia Waters for her work as newsletter editor. Alicia has served the Chapter well the past couple of years in creating and mailing the Chapter's newsletter. Greg Hiemenz, for his work as secretary/treasurer. Greg has donated a lot of effort and energy to this position. Let's not forget the fundraising committee, they have done an excellent job over the years and time has taken its toll on them also. Next time you see any of these individuals, tell them thanks!

DEDICATED TO THE WISE USE OF **ALL** NATURAL RESOURCES

With that just being written, the Chapter has three large holes to fill. We have worked hard in the legislative process and have earned respect on account of that hard work. If we are to continue to be heard in a loud voice, we need to fill our lobbyist position. If you are interested or know of someone who may have an interest, please let myself or the legislative committee know. The transition needs to start now. If we do not get someone on board now the task may become more difficult. Alicia and Greg will help in transitioning a new person into their respective roles. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

As I try to bring this to conclusion, there are many thoughts racing through my mind on Chapter issues; the new Farm Bill, Federal Grasslands issues that have recently surfaced, Devils Lake, the 9th Annual TWS Conference in Bismarck slated for September, and many more. It further demonstrates that we are a working Chapter. Don't be afraid to get involved, volunteer in some way, shape or form.

Thank you,

Tim Phalen, President

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JUNE

- 17-23 Lostwood NWR Open House
- 25 NDCTWS Executive Board meeting in Bismarck
- 26 TWS 2002 Arrangements Committee meeting in Bismarck

JULY

- 13 Prairie Days hosted by J. Clark Salyer Refuge

SEPTEMBER

- 24-28 TWS 9th Annual Conference in Bismarck

OCTOBER

- 31 Proposal deadline for small grant program

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Tim Phalen, NDCTWS, PO Box 217, Wyndmere, ND 58081

North Dakota Chapter TWS – 2001

Executive Board Members:

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John Schulz Scott Kahan
Tim Phalen Jon Roaldson
Jerry Heiser Greg Hiemenz

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Natural Resources Trust Advisor : Scott Peterson
Resolutions & Public Statements: Darla Lenz

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Program: John Schulz
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Dave Azure
Nominations: John Schulz
2002 TWS Annual Mtg: Bill Bicknell & Mike McEroe
ND Action Group: Scott Peterson

President- Elect Portfolio – Tim Phalen

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

Portfolio A – Scott Kahan

Wetland Resources: Scott Peterson
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson
Youth Education: Jack Lalor
Historian: Chris Grondahl

Portfolio B – Jerry Heiser

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth
Forest Resources: John Schulz

Portfolio C – Jon Roaldson

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Mike Ell
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Kent Luttschwager / Randy Renner

Portfolio D – Randy Crooke

Northern Great Plans Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species – VACANT
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: John Paulson
Finance: Mike Goos

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2002

The Executive Board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks. The meeting was attended by Board members: Darla Lenz, John Schulz, Jon Roaldson, Randy Crooke, Tim Phalen, Scott Kahan, and Greg Hiemenz. Other Chapter members in attendance were Bill Bicknell, Mike McEnroe, and Mike Olson.

President Darla Lenz asked for approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2001 Executive Board meeting. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote in favor of approval.

OLD BUSINESS

North Dakota Environmental Directory B Greg Hiemenz reported that 100 copies of the directory have been printed. Greg will place 50 copies at the registration desk at the annual meeting, and will mail the rest to various agencies and organizations throughout the state. In addition, the directory has been put on the Chapter web site in PDF format.

U.S. Forest Service Management Plan Update B The Chapter provided comments to the Forest Service in mid-January. Alexis Duxburry coordinated preparation of the comments. The Forest Service expects to issue a Record of Decision in April. The Chapter submitted comments last year and will be submitting additional comments.

Alaska Coalition B The Chapter sent a letter to the Alaska Coalition expressing our concerns over drilling in ANWR, and asking them to keep us informed of their activities, but declining to become a member of the coalition. *See Alaska Chapter Position Statement under New Business.*

NDCTWS Small Grant Initiative B Darla provided proposed guidelines for a \$1,000 per year small grant program to utilize Chapter revenues. In recent years, the Chapter's income has exceeded expenses thanks in large part to the generosity of our membership. The Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the program by the membership at the annual business meeting.

Lobbyist B The Chapter is still looking for a replacement for Bill Pfeifer.

2002 TWS Annual Meeting B All arrangements are proceeding on schedule. Scott Kahan and Mike McEnroe prepared an application and received a \$14,500 Challenge Cost Share Grant from Region 6 of the Fish and Wildlife Service to promote the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System in conjunction with the TWS meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elk Management Resolution B Mike Olson and Mike McEnroe presented a resolution concerning elk management in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Mike Olson explained that the intent of the resolution is to foster a more cooperative approach to elk management. The resolution will be presented to the membership at the annual Business Meeting.

Joint Meeting with AFS B Mike Olson asked the Board if they were interested in pursuing a joint meeting with the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society next year. The meeting would be held in mid-February in Bismarck/Mandan. The Board felt it was a good idea and voted unanimously to formally ask AFS if they would be interested in holding a joint meeting.

Alaska Chapter of TWS Position Statement on ANWR B The Chapter was approached by TWS and asked to consider adopting the position statement on ANWR prepared by the Alaska Chapter. The Board believed that the statement was very well written and presented an excellent scientific case against drilling in ANWR. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to adopt the Alaska Chapter position statement on ANWR.

Alternatives to No-Mow on Highway ROW B The North Dakota Department of Transportation is looking to propose legislation allowing other alternatives besides no-mow for mitigation of highway construction impacts. Darla will work with Al Sapa, Alexis Duxburry, and Greg Link to provide comments to DOT.

Ducks Unlimited Membership B The Board voted unanimously to renew the Chapter's membership in Ducks Unlimited at the sponsor level (\$250).

Correspondence Received B The Chapter received a letter from TWS approving the changes to the Chapter's bylaws adopted by the membership at last year's annual meeting.

Richard Bostyan sent a letter asking the Chapter to auction off hunting privileges on his land as a fundraiser. Apparently, identical letters were sent to a variety of organizations and clubs. The Board agreed that this would not be an appropriate item for our fundraiser.

Valley City State University requested that the Chapter provide auction items for a fundraiser to support the University's general scholarship program. The Board agreed that the Chapter's resources are better spent on our existing scholarship program for natural resources students.

New Members B The Board unanimously approved Joanie Rau and Jacquie Gerads as new members.

Secretary/Treasurer Report B Total Chapter assets as of January 31, 2002 were \$39,843.16, including \$4,430.44 in checking, \$27,322.22 in money market savings, and \$8,090.50 in two life membership mutual funds. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

Volunteers Needed

The Student Affairs subcommittee for the 2002 TWS Annual Conference is looking for volunteers to judge student poster and paper presentations.

Papers and posters will be judged on criteria established by The Wildlife Society. It is anticipated that 15 volunteers will be needed for this task.

A chief judge will be responsible for coordinating the schedules for volunteer judges and compiling the scores.

If you are interested in being a judge or taking on the duties of the chief judge please contact Rick Nelson at 701-250-4242 ext. 3600 or rnelson@gp.usbr.gov.

**North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society
2002 Annual Business Meeting
February 14, 2002**

The annual business meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order by President Darla Lenz at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks, ND. Committees had the option of providing written reports or oral reports. A business meeting packet containing an agenda and written committee reports was provided. Copies of the packet are available from Darla Lenz upon request.

The minutes of the 2001 annual business meeting were published in the April 2001 newsletter. There was a motion, second and a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as published.

Committee Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Greg Hiemenz reviewed the 2001 budget report (included in this newsletter). The Chapter had a total income of \$44,088.49 and total expenses of \$40,012.72.

Greg also reviewed the proposed 2002 Chapter budget (included in this newsletter). Projected income is \$46,000 and projected expenses are \$42,382. Greg indicated that a review of recent budget reports showed that income tended to be greater than projected, while expenses were less than projected. There was a motion, second and a unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's report.

Audit – Tom Sklebar presented a written report. All accounts were found to be in order. The checking account was reconciled to statements and invoices with no discrepancies found.

Natural Resources Trust – Scott Peterson submitted a written report.

North Dakota Action Group – Scott Peterson submitted a written report.

Bylaws – Paul Myerchin submitted a written report.

Legislative – Greg Link submitted a written report.

Prairie Chicken – Greg Link submitted a written report.

Wetland Resources – Scott Peterson submitted a written report.

Youth Education – Jack Lalor submitted a written report.

Fishery Resources – Mike Olson reported that the Chapter hopes to hold a joint meeting with the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society next year. The Fishery Resources Committee has been working closely with the Missouri River Committee this past year, and also provided periodic updates on research projects of interest.

Prairie Resources – Over 150 people attended Prairie Day 2001 on August 11 in McLeod. Prairie Day 2002 will be held on July 13 and will be hosted by J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge. The program will be similar to last year, with the addition of Native American entertainment.

Website – Scott Kahan provided an update on the Chapter's website. The site contains information and contacts for Chapter committees and the Executive Board. Copies of past newsletters and the North Dakota Environmental Directory are also available on the website. Members are especially encouraged to sign up for the website mailing list to receive email notification concerning issues of interest to the Chapter. This was very helpful during the last legislative session.

Western Lands – Bill Jensen submitted a written report.

Teaming with Wildlife – Chuck Bosch submitted a written report.

Education – Kristine Askerooth submitted a written report.

Missouri River – Randy Renner noted that the next 12 months will be critical for determining future management of the Missouri River. The comment period on the Master Manual RDEIS ends on February 28. Randy will work with Mike Olson and Roger Collins to prepare the Chapter's comments. Randy has been attending Missouri River Vision Group meetings. The group is comprised of stakeholders, County Commissions, and Planning Boards from Burleigh, Morton, Oliver, and McLean counties. Randy is encouraged that the Vision Group has shown support for conservation easements and development setbacks along the river.

Devils Lake – Roger Hollevoet reported that the issue is becoming even more polarized, with little coordination or cooperation among interested groups and agencies. The Corps has chosen the Pelican Lake route as the preferred outlet route. Using that route, the sulfate standard in the Sheyenne River could generally be met with a 300 cfs outlet operating for 7-8 months per year. The Corps EIS should be released soon. Chapter members interested in reviewing the EIS and assisting in preparation of comments should contact Roger.

The State of North Dakota is pursuing its own outlet, which would utilize Peterson Coulee. Using that route, only 90-100 cfs could be released while still meeting the sulfate standard in the Sheyenne River.

Fundraiser – Kent Luttschwager reported that the fundraiser netted \$6,926.73. Thanks to outgoing committee members Kent Luttschwager, Darrin Bruning, Greg Link, Tom Pabian, Garth Zimbleman, Mick Erickson, Randy Renner, and Brian Kietsman. A list of donations for this event are on page 12.

Northern Great Plains Working Group – Kevin Willis submitted a written report. Kevin thanked all of the members of the Working Group. He reported that the Senate has passed the Farm Bill, which now goes to conference committee. One important provision of the Senate bill is the Durbin amendment, which passed by voice vote. The amendment bars payment of crop subsidies for lands without crop history. This would greatly reduce conversion of prairie to cropland.

Endangered Species – This committee is currently vacant. Interested individuals should contact Tim Phalen.

Wildlife Damage Management – John Paulson and Kent Luttschwager submitted a written report.

Finance – Mike Goos submitted a written report.

2002 TWS Annual Meeting – Bill Bicknell and Mike McEnroe submitted a written report. Mike reported that the overall budget for the conference is about \$350,000 and between 1,200 and 1,500 people are expected to attend. The Chapter will receive \$10,000 from TWS for hosting the conference. Of that, \$5,000 has been budgeted to help defray costs of volunteers attending the meeting. Dan Svedarsky gave a brief update from the program committee. He also noted

that the Society has created an Aldo Leopold award which will be presented for the first time at the 2002 meeting.

Old Business

Lobbyist – Bill Pfiefer has retired as the Chapter's lobbyist. An informal search has been ongoing for several months, and several people have expressed an interest in this position.

Grasslands Working Group – Governor Shaffer formed the group in 2000 to work on issues under the new management plan which it appeared could be resolved. Representatives on the working group included the Chapter, the Sierra Club, oil and gas interests, ranching groups, and the Game and Fish Department. At the time that the group was formed, the comment period for the Draft EIS had ended, and most people assumed that the new management plan would be largely based on the preferred alternatives in the DEIS. Subsequently, the comment period was extended at the request of the Congressional delegation and the focus of the group shifted from working within the plan to changing it. The group provided a useful opportunity for dialogue among diverse interests, but failed to reach consensus on any substantive issues. The future of the group is uncertain at this time.

Public Statement Concerning the Events of September 11, 2001 – Randy Crooke drafted a public statement for the Executive Board concerning the terrorist events of September 11, 2001. At its December 6, 2001 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to forward the public statement to the membership for consideration at the Annual Business meeting. The proposed public statement was printed in the January 2002 newsletter. The statement, as originally drafted, came from the Executive Board on behalf of the membership. There was a motion, a second and a unanimous vote to amend the statement to reflect it coming from the entire membership. The public statement, as amended, was unanimously approved by the membership and is printed on page 17 of this newsletter.

Resolution regarding Management of Elk in the North Dakota Badlands – Mike Olson and Mike McEnroe submitted a proposed resolution to the Executive Board in January. The Board forwarded the proposed resolution to the membership for consideration. Copies of the proposed resolution were made available to the membership prior to the business meeting. Mike Olson explained that the purpose of

the resolution was to encourage cooperation among the agencies involved in elk management and to head off a potential media debate which would serve no useful purpose for the agencies or for the profession of wildlife management.

Several members expressed concern the resolution was too specific and the Chapter should not take positions on specific management practices. Some members also commented that it appeared that the resolution took a stand opposing hunting in the Park. Mike McEnroe responded that the resolution did not oppose hunting, but acknowledged that current case law and regulations do now allow hunting in the Park.

There was a question whether a public statement encouraging cooperation among involved agencies might not be more appropriate than a resolution. After further discussion, there was a motion and a second to withdraw the resolution. That motion passed.

Subsequently, there was a motion and a second that the Chapter prepare a statement expressing support for continued cooperation among the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the National Park Service relative to the disposition of elk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Amendments were offered to include the U.S. Forest Service, adjacent land owners, and other stakeholders. Those amendments passed. The motion, as amended was defeated.

Nominations – Thanks to president-elect candidates Jane Austin and Mike Goos and the Executive Board candidates Glen Sargeant, Kory Bossert, Dan Halstead, and Dave Azure. There were no other nominations from the floor. There was a motion, second and a unanimous vote to close nominations.

New Business

NDCTWS Small Grant Program – At its February 13th meeting, the Executive Board voted unanimously to recommend that the membership approve creation of a small grant program. Darla Lena noted that the Chapter’s assets have steadily increased over the past several years thanks to the hard work of the fundraising committee and the generosity of the membership. She provided proposed guidelines for a \$1,000 per year small grant program to utilize the Chapter’s revenues. After some discussion and clarification of the purpose of the program, there was a motion, a second and a unanimous approval of the small grant program. More details of the program and

how to apply will be printed in upcoming newsletters and posted on the Chapter’s website.

Refuge System Employee of the Year – Lynda Knutsen announced that Kristine Askerooth from Teewaukon NWR has been named the National Wildlife Refuge System employee of the year. The award will be presented in April at the Director’s meeting. Congratulations Kristine!

Chapter Positions to be Filled – Tim Phalen reported that we are still looking for people to fill the secretary/treasurer and newsletter editor positions and to chair the endangered species committee. Interested individuals should contact Tim.

Election Results – Mike Goos is the new president-elect and Glen Sargeant and Dave Azure are the next Executive Board members. Congratulations to Mike, Dave and Glen and thanks to all candidates for running.

Approval of New Members – The following new members were approved at the Annual Business meeting.

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| Gary Rankin | Vince Evelsizer |
| Andrea Evelsizer | Mary Egeland |
| Dale Saylor | Ryan Tunge |
| Doug Staller | Bill Schaller |
| Nate Harling | Scott Olson |
| Sean Bertie | Casey Anderson |
| Brandon Mason | Sara Milne |
| Allison Poff | Charles Fritz |
| Stephanie Koehler | Daniel Moen |
| Zac Jackson | Carina Lee |
| Beau Thunstelle | Jeremy Wentz |

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Secretary / Treasurer

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Endangered Species Chairperson

Chapter Lobbyist

Interested individuals should contact Tim Phalen at (701) 439-2007 or tphalen@state.nd.us

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North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Announces Annual Award Recipients

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual meeting banquet in Grand Forks on February 14, 2002. The Chapter is a statewide organization of over 300 wildlife professionals. Its mission is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; to enable its membership to pursue conservation of North Dakota's natural resources; and to provide scientifically sound information concerning the wise use of natural resources in support of a conservation land ethic. Awards were presented by Chapter President, Tim Phalen.

North Dakota Award: The prestigious North Dakota Award is presented annually to a wildlife professional that has made outstanding contributions over the course of their careers. This year it was awarded to Raymond Greenwood of Jamestown, ND. Ray retired from Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in 1998 after more than 32 years of service to the natural resource and wildlife profession in North Dakota. Ray developed extensive expertise in the areas of waterfowl nesting ecology in relation to the evolving predator communities in North Dakota and the Northern Great Plains. He is currently an emeritus member of the research staff at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center and continues to have a positive influence on natural resource conservation in North Dakota.



Habitat Award: The 2002 Habitat Award was presented to David Nilson, a Reclamation Scientist currently employed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Dave has made extraordinary contributions and pioneered efforts at reclaiming wildlife value into surface mined lands in central North Dakota. He has over two decades of effort and hundreds of acres of grasslands and woodland reclamation to his credit at the former Glenharold Mine near Stanton, North Dakota.



Charles Pulver Memorial Law Enforcement Case of the Year Award: This award is presented annually in recognition of law enforcement and its benefits to wildlife management. Criteria used to select the award recipient are the significance of the case, the severity of the infraction, and the degree of investigation work required in order to get a conviction. This year, North Dakota Game and Fish Department wardens Jeff Violett and Doug Olson (not pictured) were recognized for their investigation of two elk killed illegally in Morton County during November 2000.

Special Recognition Awards: This year three Special Recognition Awards were presented on behalf of the Chapter. These awards were presented to Chapter members that have made a significant contribution to the organization over the last few years. Greg Hiemenz was awarded for his efforts as the Chapter's secretary/treasurer for the past two years. It is a position that requires a significant amount of time, effort and energy. Alicia Waters also received an award for being the Chapter's newsletter editor for the past three years (not pictured). She has devoted many hours putting together and mailing out a top quality newsletter in a timely fashion. Our third Special Recognition Award was presented to William Pfeifer (not pictured). Bill has served as the Chapter's lobbyist during four legislative sessions. Bill's hard work, energy, and reputation as a "straight shooter" have been key ingredients in the Chapter's legislative success in recent years.



2002 Past President's Award: This award recognizes the hard work, time, and effort the President of this organization puts forth during the past year. Darla Lenz demonstrated her commitment and leadership skills throughout the year. The role of president brings with it a wide variety of responsibility. It requires dedication, organization, the ability to listen and to communicate. Darla demonstrated her commitment to both the Chapter and resource conservation.



Graduate Student of the Year Awards:

The North Dakota State University, Graduate Student of the Year Award was presented to Jeffrey Bell. Jeff is in his final year as a Masters student. His research involved work with both Hairy and Downy woodpeckers. He has also volunteered his birding knowledge to several groups in the Fargo-Moorhead area.



The University of North Dakota, Graduate Student of the Year Award was presented to Jason Smith. Jason is preparing for his first field season. His research will focus on whitetail deer in central North Dakota.

Undergraduate Scholarships: The Undergraduate Student Scholarships were presented to Neil Kadrmias from the University of North Dakota, Daniel Moen from North Dakota State University, and Jason Kottsick from MSU-Bottineau (not pictured). Each student received a \$300 scholarship and a certificate on behalf of the Chapter.



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**NDCTWS 2002 FUND-RAISER
DONATED ITEMS**

#	DONATED ITEM	DONATED BY
1	Stanley thermos	Greg Link
2	Bag sunflowers/bird feeder	Scott Peterson
3	"South Dakota Amphibians" books (2)	Ken Higgins
4	"Wild Mammals of South Dakota" book (2)	Ken Higgins
5	NDHEA cookbooks (3)	ND Hunter Education Association
6	Paddlefish carving (2) (50% consignment)	Randy Miller
7	Spearfishing decoy #14 (50% consignment)	Randy Miller
8	Paddlefish pictures (2) (50% consignment)	Randy Miller
9	"Looking for Shelter" redhead print	John Holt
10	Buck field axe	APHIS
11	Buck fillet knife	APHIS
12	Buck pocket knife	APHIS
13	Coleman catalytic space heater	USFWS Ecological Service
14	Piping plover recovery shirt	USFWS Ecological Service
15	Shorebird carvings (2)	Mike McEnroe
16	Ducks Unlimited duck call	Randy Renner
17	USFWS Calenders (3)	US Fish and Wildlife Service
18	Falcon plate	Chuck Bosch
19	Home Interiors scenery print	John and Diane Schulz
20	Wooden foot stool	John and Diane Schulz
21	Mugs/knives/glasses	John and Diane Schulz
22	Homemade "Cranberry Cordial" hooch (2 bottles)	Patsy Crooke
23	Brass firewood container	John and Diane Schulz
24	Homemade "Pothole" duck call	Ron Reynolds
25	UND cap/mug/vest	UND Student Chapter TWS
26	Coot decoy	Jim Lange
27	Mallard decoy	Jim Lange
28	Schrade pocket tool	Audubon NWR
29	Mallard silhouette field decoys	Terry Thorne
30	Ice fishing tip-ups and gear	Mike Olson
31	Woven treasure basket	Mark and Susan Vaniman
32	Ducks Unlimited knife set	Ducks Unlimited
33	Ducks Unlimited calenders (9)	Ducks Unlimited
34	Ducks Unlimited Marble's knife and sheath	Ducks Unlimited
35	Camo ammo bag	Cabela's
36	Tasco 8 x 21	Cabela's
37	Fishing rod and reel	NDCTWS
38	Case of 71/2" lead shot	Jon Roaldson
39	Delta mugs (2)	Delta

**NDCTWS 2002 FUND-RAISER
DONATED ITEMS (continued)**

40	Delta T-shirt (2)	Delta
41	Delta caps (2)	Delta
42	Delta books (2)	Delta
43	UND caps (2)	Play It Again Sports
44	Antique duck decoy - mallard hen	Hal Kantrud
45	Antique duck decoy - redhead	Hal Kantrud
46	Shilouette sandhill crane decoys	Randy Meidinger
47	Stanley thermos	Greg Hiemenz
48	"High Country Predator" print	Dave Azure
49	Knife sharpen kit	Jane Austin and Tom Sklebar
50	Terry Redlin mugs (2)	Jane Austin and Tom Sklebar
51	Miscellaneous mugs	?
52	Lamp	Floyd Bentz
53	"Freedom Flight" fox/hen mallard print	ND Furtakers Association
54	Electric fillet knife	Scheels
55	"Dakota Lakes Gourmet Coating" fish batter (case)	Darold Walls
56	\$150 cash donation	Roger Hollevoet
57	Homemade 6 drawer CD case	Ed Meendering
58	Oregon bighorn sheep tag raffle tickets (3)	Darren Bruning
59	Ice fishing tip-ups (2)	Dean Knauer
60	Ladder tree stand	Killdeer Mountain WMA
61	Sage grouse Aububon print	Harold Duebber (print)/ Jack Lalor (frame)
62	Meadowlark Aububon print	Harold Duebber (print)/ Jack Lalor (frame)
63	Green-winged Teal Aububon print	Harold Duebber (print)/ Jack Lalor (frame)
64	Homemade Canada goose bar light	Molly Mallard and Chickadee
65	Pine/cedar chest	Garth Zimbleman
66	Bluebill cork decoy	Garth Zimbleman
67	Mexican wool blanket	Garth Zimbleman
68	Project leader plinker	J.Clark Salyer NWR
69	Homemade willow chair	Dan Duchsherer
70	2 day/2 person grouse, waterfowl, and crane hunt with lodging (Burke/Mountrail Co.)	Todd Frerichs
71	"Darkhouse Spearfishing Across North America" book	Jay Leach
72	Spearfishing decoy	Jay Leach
73	Cedar jewelry box	BJ's World of Gifts and Rodd Compson
74	Mule deer framed print	BJ's World of Gifts and Rodd Compson
75	"Goose Music" snow goose print (unframed)	Terry Schafer
76	1993 small game stamp/stamp - wood duck print (unframed)	NDCTWS
77	Moose mirror	Schmitty's Deer Processing
78	Dream catcher	Jill Dechant
79	Cap (1)	ND Game Wardens Association
80	North American Wildlife Enforcement Museum and Ed Center cookbook	ND Game Wardens Association

**NDCTWS 2002 FUND-RAISER
DONATED ITEMS (continued)**

81	"Rut Race" elk print (unframed)	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
82	1983 turkey stamp/stamp (unframed)	NDCTWS
83	1988-89 trout and salmon print/stamp (unframed)	NDCTWS
84	Pelican print (unframed)	Randy and Karen Kreil
85	Mini bushnell binoculars	Randy and Karen Kreil
86	Miscellaneous caps	Randy and Karen Kreil
87	Canvasback decoy	Randy and Karen Kreil
88	Homemade wine (4 bottles)	Scott Kahan
89	1-day/2-person Devils Lake fishing trip	Devils Lake WMD
90	Ice fishing sticks (2)	ND Natural Resources Trust
91	RMEF mugs (3)	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
92	New Orleans cookbook/CD	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
93	RMEF cap	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
94	\$150 cash donation	Roger and Jackie Hollevoet
95	\$20 cash donation	Floyd Chrest
96	Mule Deer Foundation denim shirt	Mule Deer Foundation
97	PF mugs (5)	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
98	PF orange game vest	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
99	PF chaps	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
100	PF orange caps (10)	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
101	1983 small game and habitat print/stamp - mallard (unframed)	NDCTWS
102	"Status and Conservation of Midwestern Amphibians"	Doug Johnson
103	Cap	Mouse River Project
104	Antler candleholders	John Paulson
105	Caps (2)	Phil Mastrangelo
106	Gourd bird houses (9)	Ray Greenwood
107	Bird posters (3)	Conservation and Communication Division - ND Game and Fish Dept.
108	Watchable Wildlife caps (3)	Conservation and Communication Division - ND Game and Fish Dept.
109	Watchable Wildlife shirt	Conservation and Communication Division - ND Game and Fish Dept.
110	Watchable Wildlife bluebird house (3)	Conservation and Communication Division - ND Game and Fish Dept.
111	Watchable Wildlife wood duck box	Conservation and Communication Division - ND Game and Fish Dept.
112	Snow goose decoys (dozen)	Chase Lake
113	Skeet arcade game	Darren Bruning
114	"The Black Bonspiel of Willie MacGrimmon" book	Pam Pietz
115	Remington bag	Ted Upgren
116	Pheasant platter	Ted Upgren
117	Fishing lures	Ted Upgren
118	Fish candle holders	Ted Upgren

NDCTWS 2002 FUND-RAISER
DONATED ITEMS (continued)

119	Caps	Ted Upgren
120	Original art - waterfowl farm scene	Jonathan Wilde
121	Waterfowl sketch prints (11)	Karen Smith
122	Wolf sketch prints (2)	Karen Smith
123	Original art - wildflower stationary (9)	Ross Hier
124	Canvas lapel pin	Ross Hier
125	\$30 cash donation	Genevieve Thompson
126	\$65 cash donation	Darren Bruning

Calling all donors

As I'm sure you are all aware, the 2002 annual conference is rapidly approaching. The fund raising committee has been working to raise cash and some "nice" items for the raffle/silent action. Several of you have already made offers to donate items for the fund raising effort. To those who have already pledged a donation, THANK YOU!

- If you have not yet pledged to donate an item, but would like to please give Scott Kahan a call at: 701-662-8611 extension 323 (work) or 701-650-3530 (home). Finally, if you know of some fund raising contacts that should be made, please give Scott a call to compare notes and ensure that we are not overlooking any potential donors.

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society 2001 Budget Report

BEGINNING ASSETS (JANUARY 1, 2001)

Checking	1, 670.96
Money Market Savings	26,346.61
Life Membership Portfolio	8,883.28
	<u>\$36,900.85</u>

INCOME	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2000 Membership - regular	30.00	3,000.00	30.00
2001 Membership - student	53.00	100.00	-47.00
2001 Membership - regular	3595.00	3000.00	595.00
2002 Membership - regular	15.00	0.00	15.00
Life Membership	0.00	200.00	-200.00
2001 Annual Meeting	7,619.75	6,000.00	1,619.75
2001 Auction - Fundraiser	6,450.00	4,000.00	2,450.00
2001 Raffle	3,693.00	2,000.00	1,693.00
2002 TWS Conference	500.00	0.00	500.00
CMPS-incoming dues	195.00	50.00	145.00
Grant from Sierra Club	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Merchandise	749.00	0.00	749.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	0.00	200.00
Checking Interest	41.13	50.00	-8.87
Money Market Interest	<u>947.61</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>347.61</u>
Total	\$44,088.49	\$36,000.00	\$8,088.49

EXPENSES

2001 Annual Meeting	6,307.02	5,000.00	-1,307.02
2001 Auction	620.36	1,000.00	379.64
2001 Awards	390.41	450.00	59.59
2001 Raffle	713.09	750.00	36.91
2002 Auction	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2002 Raffle	10.00	750.00	740.00
2002 Annual Meeting	119.85	0.00	-119.85
2002 TWS Conference	116.40	300.00	183.60
Bond	132.00	132.00	0.00
CMPS-outgoing dues	220.00	50.00	-175.00
Newsletter	1,514.41	2,000.00	485.59
Other Printing	318.65	250.00	-68.65
Postage	663.90	1,000.00	336.10
Sponsorships	825.00	600.00	-225.00
Student Scholarships	900.00	900.00	0.00
Sierra Club grant	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Devils Lake Basin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education Committee	361.46	800.00	438.54
Endangered Species	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fishery Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest Resources	0.00	100.00	100.00

Jr. Duck Stamp Contest	0.00	200.00	0.00
Law Enforcement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative Committee	4,878.79	5,300.00	421.21
Membership Committee	0.00	50.00	50.00
Northern Great Plains Working Group	300.00	500.00	200.00
Prairie Chicken	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prairie Resources	1,371.38	900.00	-471.38
Water Projects	0.00	700.00	700.00
Western Lands	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wildlife Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Education	200.00	250.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$40,012.72	\$43,082.00	\$3,069.28

ENDING ASSETS (December 31, 2001)

Checking	4,799.12
Money Market Savings	27,294.22
Life Membership Portfolio	<u>8,090.50</u>
	\$40,183.84

**North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Public Statement From The Membership**

The members of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognize the unprecedented terrorist events of September 11, 2001 which took place in New York City, Washinton DC, and the state of Pennsylvania, as attacks on innocent fellow citizens and the Constitution of the United States. We further recognize that the freedom afforded to us as citizens of the United States under its Constitution as the underlying tenant for our efforts to conserve, protect, and enjoy our wildlife and natural resources. We believe that the defense of these constitutional freedoms and the republic itself are essential to our continued efforts to conserve such natural resources for ourselves and future generations of Americans to enjoy. We therefore as American citizens reaffirm our support, commitment, and allegiance to the defense of the United States and its Constitution from further attack from any source.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
Proposed 2002 Budget

INCOME	
2001 Annual meeting	\$6,000
2001 Auction	4,000
2001 Raffle	2,000
2001 Member - Regular	3,000
2001 Member - Student	100
2001 Member - Life	200
CMPS	50
Interest (Checking)	50
Interest (Money Market)	600
TWS 2002	10,000
Sierra Club Grant (pass through)	20,000
TOTAL REVENUES	46,000
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EXPENSES	
Operating Expenses	
2002 Annual Meeting	5,000
2002 Raffle	1,000
2002 Auction	1,000
2003 Raffle	250
2003 Auction	250
Newsletter	2,000
Postage	1,000
Other Printing	250
Student Scholarships	900
2002 Awards	450
CMPS	50
Bond Renewal	132
Miscellaneous	100
Sponsorships	600
Small Grants	1,000
Sierra Club Grant (pass through)	20,000
Committee Expenses	
Northern Great Plains Working Group	0
Legislative Committee	1,200
Wetland Resources	0
Membership Committee	50
Fishery Resources	0
Youth Ed./Habitat Contest	300
Jr. Duck Stamp Contest	200
Western Lands	0
Forest Resources	100
Devils Lake Basin	50
Education/Information	200
North Dakota Conservation Directory	0
Red River Watershed	200
Missouri River	50
Prairie Resources	1,000
Prairie Chicken	0
Endangered Species	0
Law Enforcement	0
Wildlife Damage & Control	0
2002 TWS Meeting	5,000
Web Site	50
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,382
Net Income	\$ 3,618

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2002

Executive Board Members:

Tim Phalen Randy Crooke
Darla Lenz Glen Sargeant
Mike Goos Jon Roaldson
Dave Azure

President Portfolio - Tim Phalen

Secretary/Treasure: VACANT
Newsletter: VACANT
CMPS Rep: Jerry Heiser*
Student Chapter Advisor: Rick Nelson*
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions & Public Statements: Tim Phalen*

Past President Portfolio - Darla Lenz

Arrangements: Darla Lenz
Program: Darla Lenz
Audit: Tom Sklebar *
Membership: Dave Azure
Nominations: Darla Lenz *
2002 TWS Annual Mtg: Bill Bicknell & Mike McEnroe
ND Action Group: Jacquie Gerads *

President-Elect Portfolio - Mike Goos

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Karen Smith & Darla Lenz
Legislative: Greg Link
Awards: Mike Goos
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link *

Portfolio A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources: Scott Peterson *
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson *
Youth Education: Jack Lalor *
Historian: Chris Grondahl *

Portfolio B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands: Bill Jensen *
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch *
Education: Kristine Askerooth
Forest Resources: John Schulz *

Portfolio C - Jon Roaldson

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Mike Ell
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Kent Luttschwager / Randy Renner

Portfolio D - Randy Crooke

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

* No report submitted

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting

April 23, 2002

The Executive Board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at the North Dakota Game and Fish District Office in Jamestown. The meeting was attended by Board members: Tim Phalen, Mike Goos, Dave Azure, Jon Roaldson, Glen Sargeant, and Randy Crooke. Other Chapter members in attendance were Brian Kietzman.

President Tim Phalen read and asked for approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2002 Executive Board meeting. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote in favor of approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge – The Chapter had adopted the Alaska Chapters' position on ANWR. The Chapter sent a letter urging our congressional delegation to support the position statement. Thank you letters were received from all three congressional members stating their support of the Chapter's position, as all are opposed to drilling on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Missouri River Comments – The Missouri River committee provided comments to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding potential change in management of the Missouri River.

Lewis and Clark Press Conference – Darla participated in a press conference on behalf of the Chapter to discuss changes in wildlife and their habitats since Lewis and Clark had visited. Darla stated that the State has lost 75% of its native grasslands and is 50% poorer for its wetlands and forests. The key is habitat, fish, birds, and mammals need a healthy home just as we do. She went on to say it's not too late to make a difference.

2002 TWS Annual Meeting – Planning the 9th annual conference is proceeding smoothly. Bill Bicknell submitted a substantial package of information to TWS promoting the conference and North Dakota. This package also included a summary of the conference highlights that the 2002 Arrangements Committee has been addressing including field trips and tours, local information, meals and entertainment functions, photography contest and student activities. This information will be published in the preliminary program that will be sent to the 9,000+ members of the TWS. The conference fundraising efforts are proceeding well. This concerted effort has raised \$72,700 thus far. The Wildlife Society and the North Dakota Chapter, as the conference host, greatly appreciate the financial contributions and merchandise

that has been graciously donated to support the conference. The arrangement committee's tireless efforts and the hundreds of volunteers that will be needed during the conference form the foundation of what will certainly prove to be an educational, entertaining, and highly successful conference. Plan to join us at the Bismarck Civic Center, September 24-28, 2002, and help welcome our colleagues to North Dakota.

Small Grant Program – Darla put together a revised set of guidelines as suggested by the Board. She and others will be working on putting together the application form.

U.S. Forest Service Management Plan – The Chapter was asked to voice our continued support for the management changes on the US Forest Service Grasslands. Tim Phalen attended the Lisbon meeting and read a statement on behalf of the Chapter. The Chapter also has sent letters of support to Governor Hoeven and Congressman Pomeroy.

ND Environmental Directory – Greg Hiemenz requested Board approval to mail remaining 40 copies of Environmental Directory at a cost of about \$115. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary/Treasurer Position – This position is still vacant. The Board agreed to begin pressure point tactics to fill this position. We discussed the possibility of having this, a shared position. The goal is to have someone on board prior to the next Executive Board meeting in June. The Board would like to thank Greg Hiemenz for still handling some of these duties.

Handling of Chapter's mail – Greg Hiemenz and Jon Roaldson will be coordinating the mail and forwarding important mail to Tim Phalen on a weekly basis.

News Release on Award Winners at Annual Banquet – The Chapter did a news release using electronic mail this spring. It appears that the release was not picked up by the media as well as years past. It was discussed that maybe we needed to put together a smaller, direct hit list of media personal that would be more willing to cover such releases.

Calendar of Events – The Board wants to keep the membership informed. We believe that by publishing important dates and events that it will keep the membership actively informed. We welcome attendance from Chapter members at the Executive Board meetings and hope that Chapter members take time to participate in some of the upcoming events.

Investment Alternatives - The Board discussed some alternative investment options. Mike Goos, chairman of the finance committee will discuss with representative.

Dept. of Interior MOU and Conflict of Interest Waiver – Dave

Azure asked the Chapter to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the USFWS and the Chapter. This is required of Dept. of the Interior employees holding office in an outside organization. It was felt that the document should be reviewed by Paul Myerchin. A motion was made to pre-approve signature on the MOU, pending the bylaw review. There was a second and unanimous approval by the Executive Board.

Paul Myerchin reviewed the MOU and the Chapter bylaws. He noted that the Chapter Bylaws are silent to these types of documents, he did not see any type of conflict and he felt the MOUs were appropriate and acceptable. We thank Paul for his timely response. The Chapter will sign the MOUs as unanimously approved by the Board.

New Members – The Board unanimously approved James Jeske as a regular member and Rachal Heiser, Scott Slahen, Shannon Torrence and Andrea Travnicek as student members.

Correspondence Received – The Chapter received a thank you letter from Daniel Moen, recipient of the NDSU Undergraduate Scholarship.

PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO – Tim Phalen

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Total Chapter assets as of March 31, 2002 were \$46,762.96, including \$11,239.98 in the checking account, \$27,380.66 in Money Market Savings, and \$8142.32 in two life membership mutual funds.

Newsletter - The deadline for the next newsletter is May 7. Please submit all items and reports to Alicia Waters by this deadline. Andrea Evelsizer has agreed to assist Alicia with the newsletter. Thanks Andrea!

Natural Resource Trust - The Trust Board met on March 27 in Bismarck. Please review the report on page 22.

PAST PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO – Darla Lenz

Arrangements – The Seven Seas of Mandan will be the location of the 2003 Annual Meeting. The dates are set for February 11, 12, and 13. We will be having a joint meeting with the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

Program – The program committee has been put together and it includes Bill Bicknell, Mike Olson, Dave Fryda, and Kristine Askerooth. All other interested parties are welcome. The first meeting is planned for June 11.

Membership – The NDCTWS is currently represented by:

184 Regular members

69 Life members

15 Student members

2 Benefactors

1 Life Patron

1 Honorary Member

272 members in good standing (4/12/02)

This is down from the total number of members at the end of 2001, which was 328 members. Unfortunately, there are 97 members from 2001 who have not paid their dues in 2002.

2002 TWS Annual Meeting – See report in the Old Business section.

President-Elect Portfolio – Mike Goos

Bylaws – TWS has sent confirmation of the approval of the bylaw changes that were approved by the NDCTWS at the February 2001, business meeting. Therefore, these bylaw changes are now officially part of the NDCTWS's bylaws. In the next month or two he will file the paperwork with the ND Secretary of State to amend the Articles of Incorporation as amended by the Chapter.

Prairie Resources – Darla and Karen report that the date for Prairie Day has been set for July 13 at Denbigh Experimental Forest near Towner. Contact Lee Albright for details. They also want to remind members of the Lostwood open house to be held June 17-23, 2002. Contact Bob Danley at (701) 848-2722 extension 26 for details.

Legislative – Greg reports that the committee has been actively searching for a replacement for our lobbyist Bill Pfeifer. The committee has been developing a recruiting strategy and will be meeting prior to our next quarterly Board meeting.

Awards – Mike reminded the Board to start thinking about candidates for our award program.

Portfolio B – Glen Sargeant

Education – Winners have been announced for the “Keep North Dakota Clean” poster contest and North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp contest sponsored by the Chapter. Sara Anderson of Jamestown won first place in the poster contest and Aaron Weber of Alexander took second. Jenna Unterseher of Fessenden and Logan Weber of Jamestown tied for third. The duck stamp competition was won by 16 year old Rachel

Dwyer of Bismarck.

Portfolio C – Jon Roaldson

Missouri River – Randy Renner reports that the Burleigh County Planning Department is still seeking input from Burleigh County residents to determine long-term options for development along the Missouri River. At present, standards under review appear to be reasonable accommodations asked of developers, landowners, and future residents. Set-back distances from the Missouri River and reducing the impacts of clearing the gallery cottonwood forest along the river are main issues. Individuals can request present and proposed standards or comment by calling/writing Burleigh County Planning Department, 221 North 5h Street, P.O. Box 5503, Bismarck, ND 58506-5503; telephone (701) 222-6447. Please individually submit your specific comments to the department if you have any to make.

Red River Watershed – Mike Ell reports that The International Coalition, Red River Basin Management Board, and the Red River Basin Council are in the beginning processes of developing a single entity to be named the **Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)**. The RRBC is under development in formulation of their bylaws and infrastructure to oversee water management issues specific to the Red River Basin. Mike believes that if the Chapter desires a voice in the process, we should consider membership within the RRBC. Information regarding the development process including dues and demographics are ongoing and will be set at some later date.

Devils Lake Basin – No report from Roger Hollevoet; however, Scott Kahan of Devils Lake reports that various meetings related to options for a Devils Lake Outlet are occurring. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is taking under further consideration the Pelican Lake Outlet Option. Not much run-off reported into Devils Lake to date. Lake levels are holding steady at worst and receding slightly at best.

Fund Raising – Brian Keitzman and Paul Halko have agreed to co-chair the committee. Both have been recruiting individuals to help with these annual efforts with success. If you are interested in furthering these efforts please call Brian at (701) 253-6483. Thanks to our past chairs, co-chairs, and fundraising committee volunteers. All of your hard work has been greatly appreciated! Additional thanks to those individuals donating items for our fundraising efforts. If you have donated items in the past for our annual event, please continue to do so in the future.

Portfolio D – Randy Crooke

Northern Great Plains Working Group – Kevin Willis provided a draft of a document of ‘needs and issues related to rulemaking for the Farm Bill’ that his group is producing in preparation for the anticipated approval of the new Farm Bill. The NGPWP is looking ahead to the rulemaking with regard to the Conservation Provisions in the new Bill. The Working Group is preparing its comments for the conservation provision section of the rulemaking when that occurs after passage.

Endangered Species – This committee chair is vacant. The Board discussed approaching several qualified members with regard to serving as chair for this committee.

Wildlife Damage Management – Previously the committee had drafted a couple of the species policy/position documents for the Board to consider. John Paulson intends to reactivate this committee to complete these drafts and take on drafting documents for other species which the Chapter needs to have positions articulated. Drafts may be ready for review by the Board in December, and available for membership consideration at our 2003 annual business meeting.

Finance – See Investment Alternatives report in the New Business section.

Next meeting of the Executive Board is June 25 in Bismarck.

ND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST

By SCOTT PETERON

The North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (NDNRT) met on March 27 in Bismarck. The Trust routinely meets three times a year, with the winter meeting dedicated primarily for reviewing various grant proposals. As is usually the case, several issues and discussion topics were addressed and a summary of the various issues addressed at this meeting are as follows:

Conservation Ag: Sharon Clancy reported on the status of the Conservation Ag Program. Some of the projects planned for 2002 program lands include water quality monitoring, avian monitoring, rotational grazing system development, salinity transects, residue management, and variable rates of fertilizers applied to program lands.

Beginning Farmer Program: Keith Trego updated the Board on this program. The Trust is currently working with the Bank of ND and their first time lending program. Some examples of on-the-ground programs include grassland easements, wetland restorations, and other conservation practices. This program has generally received positive support from the agriculture community.

Missouri River Riparian: Keith Trego reported that there continues to be lots of interest in the Missouri River corridor and the Trust will continue to explore future opportunities in this area.

Cook Slough Project: Merle Bennett updated the Board on this project and reported that all purchases and deed requirements should be completed by April 15. This area will eventually be managed by the ND Game and Fish Dept. and includes approximately 1476 acres in Wells County.

Joliett Ferry Project: The Trust helped negotiate the purchase of this Walsh County parcel by the American Wildlife Foundation. The Joliett Ferry tract will be managed by the ND Game and Fish Department and a dedication is scheduled for June 12.

BOR Agreement: Terry Albee reported on the status of this agreement. Terry indicated that they are currently reviewing the 4th version of the agreement and that the agreement should be finalized within the next month or so.

Fourth Grade Habitat Notebooks: The Board reviewed an earlier proposal by the FWS Education Committee to assist in the funding of habitat notebooks for state fourth graders. After the Committee addressed some of the Board’s questions related to the project, the Board voted to approve this funding request. These notebooks and associated wildlife trunks will go out to approximately 351 4th grade students throughout the state.

Election of Officers. The following Board members were elected to office at this meeting. Alan Hausauer-President, Dick Kroger-Vice President, and Scott Peterson-Secretary Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Trust is scheduled for July 9 and 10, 2002. Chapter members are encouraged to contact Scott with any questions, comments, or concerns related to the ND Natural Resources Trust.

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

NAME _____

OCCUPATION/TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

EMPLOYER _____

I am _____ am not _____ a current member of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

~ Regular.....\$ 15.00 _____

Available to any person employed, trained or is a student in a natural resource field. Entitled to vote in Chapter elections.

~ Patron, Sponsor or Benefactor \$ 10.00 _____

Available to any person or organization which is interested in supporting the Chapter as it is operated by membership. Non-voting status.

~ Life Member..... \$200.00 _____

~ Student.....\$ 8.00 _____

~ Central Mtn. & Plains

Section TWS.....\$ 5.00 _____

TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to *North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.*

Mail to: North Dakota Chapter TWS, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442