



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.

March 2004

As I write this message the snow is starting to melt and Canada Geese are starting to make their way up the Missouri River making me realize spring is on the way. This is in contrast to the 50 mph wind and snow that greeted most of our members trying to make it to Fargo for the 2004 annual Chapter meeting. I would like to thank all the members and presenters who braved the weather to make the meeting a tremendous success.

The program was excellent with the highlight being the panel discussion on commercialization of wildlife on Wednesday afternoon. It provided for interesting questions and conversation during the session and in the halls afterward. I would like to thank the program committee for doing an excellent job.

The fundraising crew put on a great social; the Road Ringer probably set a new record. The libations were cold and the cash flowed to provide funding for the Chapter's activities for another year. Hats off to the committee and all who attended.

At the business meeting we approved the budget that includes a large commitment for an easement along the Missouri River and a discretionary line item. This line item will allow the board to provide funding to appropriate items during the year not in the approved budget. We also approved Mike McEnroe as our new Chapter lobbyist for the 2005 session. Bill Pfeifer has decided it was time to really be retired. The quality of Bill's work has made the Chapter a credible voice at the State Capital. The Chapter is forever indebted to Bill for the job he has done.

The awards banquet started with a photographic celebration of National Wildlife Refuge System titled "The Wild Ones" by Karen Hollinsworth. The Chapter recognized the tremendous contribution to our understanding of waterfowl ecology in the North Dakota by presenting the Professional Award to Dr. Gary L. Krapu. He explained how it was his boyhood dream to study the birds he observed on the family farm near Lamoure, ND. The Habitat Award was presented to the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust for their outstanding contribution to habitat conservation in North Dakota.

We said goodbye to board members Tim Phalen and Glen Sargent. We welcomed the new board members Jacque Ermer and Allyn Sapa. Dave Azure remains on the board as our President-elect. They have hit the ground running. We are currently looking for a Chapter historian as Chris Grondahl has resigned; please contact a board member if you are interested. Thanks to Chris for his efforts over the years. If you are willing to help the Chapter by serving on a committee please contact the committee's chair.

I am pleased to report the Chapter membership is strong. If you were unable to attend the meeting please keep your membership up to date. If you are already a member and know of someone who is not, encourage him or her to join. It is easier than ever by going to our website at www.ndctws.org.

Randy Renner

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1 Board meeting, DU Bismarck

MAY

8 International Migratory Bird Day

JUNE

12 Prairie Day, Medora
11-12-13 Prairies and Potholes Birding Festival,
Jamestown

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Randy Renner, NDCTWS, 2525 River Road, Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2003

Executive Board Members

Randy Renner Dave Azure
Mike Goos Jacquie Ermer
Mark Sherfy Allyn Sapa
Will Meeks Kristine Askerooth

President Portfolio – Randy Renner

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

Past-President Portfolio – Mike Goos

Arrangements: Mike Goos
Program: Mike Goos
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Brian Wehausen
Nominations: Mike Goos
ND Action Group: Jacquie Ermer

President-Elect Portfolio – David Azure

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

Portfolio A – Jacquie Ermer

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

Portfolio B – Allyn Sapa

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth & Jack Lalor
Forest Resources: Brian Prince
Invasive Species: Will Meeks & 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 February 11, 2004

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:00 AM at the Radisson Hotel in Fargo, North Dakota. Those in attendance included Kristine Askerooth, Dave Azure, Mike Goos, Will Meeks, Tim Phalen, Randy Renner, 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

Treasurer’s Report—Mark Sherfy provided a summary of the Chapter’s financial position at the end of 2003 and a brief overview of income and expenses since January 1, 2004. The Board voted to accept the Treasurer’s report (MSC Renner/Askerooth).

Correspondence—Randy Renner and Mike Goos circulated correspondence sent and received. A highlighted item was the Chapter’s comment letter to the Omaha District, Army Corps of Engineers on its guidance for wetland and stream mitigation and mitigation banking. Mike Goos extended his thanks to Cami Dixon and the Wetland Committee for their work on this issue. The Board also voted to approve a \$250 sponsorship to Ducks Unlimited (MSC Renner/Phalen).

NEW BUSINESS

New Members—The Board voted to approve Doug Dragseth as a new member (MSC Azure/Askerooth).

Budget Requests—None received.

11th Annual Conference—The Board voted to approve a \$250 sponsorship toward the TWS annual conference (MSC Askerooth/Azure).

Newsletter Deadline—A deadline of February 27 was set for newsletter items.

SRT/Grasslands Letter—Mike Goos circulated copies of the Chapter's correspondence with Rod Backman regarding the Scientific Review Team's work on Allotment Management Plans for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Rick Nelson will provide an overview to the membership at the Business Meeting.

Report to National—Mike Goos presented requests from the parent society for financial information and an activity summary. Mark Sherfy will prepare the Chapter's responses.

Resolutions and Public Statements—A resolution on Furbearer Damage Management and Control was received from The Animal Damage Committee. This resolution will be presented to the membership at the business meeting. The Board also reviewed minutes of past meetings and determined that the Migratory Bird Depredation Position Statement was approved on April 11, 2000.

No Mow Exchange—The Board discussed a draft letter to the Department of Transportation supporting transfer of 4800 acres of state school lands to the Game & Fish Department in replacement for 8200 acres of "no mow" mitigation.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Mike Goos)

Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Sherfy)—NTR.

Newsletter (Stacy Whipp)—Stacy would like to receive feedback on the newsletter.

CMPS (Jerry Heiser)—NTR.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—NTR.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Mike Goos)—There is one resolution (Furbearer Damage Management and Control) to present to the membership. No other resolutions or public statements have been received.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Tim Phalen)

Arrangements (Tim Phalen)—Tim would like feedback on the arrangements for this year's annual meeting.

Program (Tim Phalen)—Tim led a discussion on possible weather-related changes to the program. There was a high abstract submission rate this year, which has created a good scientific program but has led to more rejections of talks than usual. Timely submission of PowerPoint slide shows from authors was a problem.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—Tom has completed an audit of the Chapter's 2003 financial records.

Membership (Brian Wehausen)—Brian is the new committee chair. Dave Azure and Mark Sherfy will assist with identifying new members for the business meeting.

Nominations (Tim Phalen)—Tim reported that the ballot is ready for the business meeting. There is a need to keep a current list of members who have served as officers or Executive Board members in past years. Our historical records for awards are in pretty good shape.

NDAG (Jacquie Ermer)—There will be a meeting March 9 – 10 at Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck. The meeting will be a half day each day, with dinner provided on March 9.

PRESIDENT ELECT’S PORTFOLIO (Randy Renner)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—NTR.

Legislative (Greg Link)— NTR.

Awards (Randy Renner)— NTR.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)— NTR.

Prairie Resources (Darla Lenz)— NTR.

PORTFOLIO A (Dave Azure)

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)— NTR.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)— NTR.

Historian (Chris Grondahl)— NTR.

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)— NTR.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—
NTR.

PORTFOLIO B (Glen Sargeant)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)— NTR.

Teaming With Wildlife (Chuck Bosch)— NTR.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—
NTR.

Forest Resources (Brian Prince)— NTR.

Invasive Species (Will Meeks)— NTR.

PORTFOLIO C (Kristine Askerooth)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)— NTR.

Missouri River (Randy Renner)— NTR.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)— NTR.

Fundraising (Brian Kietzman/Paul Halko)—
NTR.

PORTFOLIO D (Will Meeks)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis)— NTR.

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen, Anne Coyle)— NTR.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom)— NTR.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo, Jacquie Ermer)—The Board discussed procedures for review of the Furbearer Damage Management and Control position statement at the business meeting.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)— NTR.

On behalf of the Board, Mike Goos and Will Meeks expressed thanks to outgoing Board Members (Dave Azure and Glen Sargeant) and the Past President (Tim Phalen) for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Chapter.

Mike Goos noted that a Parliamentarian will be needed for future Business Meetings. Bob Seabloom will serve this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM (MSC Renner/Phalen)

2003 Annual Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	Net
INCOME			
Annual Meeting	6,000.00	8,119.00	2,119.00
Auction	5,000.00	5,505.50	505.50
Raffle	2,000.00	3,211.00	1,211.00
Membership--Regular	3,000.00	3,228.07	228.07
Membership--Student	100.00	72.00	(28.00)
Membership--Life	200.00	800.00	600.00
CMPS Incoming	150.00	125.00	(25.00)
Interest (Checking)	25.00	9.25	(15.75)
Interest (Money Market)	75.00	155.78	80.78
Interest (CD)	405.00	201.94	(203.06)
Prairie Resources Income	0.00	3,248.00	3,248.00
Uncategorized & Misc. Income	0.00	139.25	139.25
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,955.00	\$ 24,814.79	\$ 7,859.79
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses			
Annual Meeting	5,000.00	6,226.89	(1,226.89)
Raffle	1,000.00	420.00	580.00
Auction	1,500.00	1,139.51	360.49
2004 Raffle	250.00	421.67	(171.67)
2004 Auction	250.00	0.00	250.00
Newsletter	2,000.00	3,130.26	(1,130.26)
Postage	1,250.00	315.97	934.03
Other Printing	250.00	100.11	149.89
Student Scholarships	900.00	900.00	0.00
Awards	450.00	478.25	(28.25)
CMPS--Outgoing Dues	150.00	135.00	15.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	7.98	92.02
Sponsorships	600.00	3,440.00	(2,840.00)
Small Grants	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	149.15	(149.15)
TWS Endowment	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Committee Expenses			
Northern Great Plains Working Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative	8,500.00	6,801.69	1,698.31
Wetland Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership	50.00	0.00	50.00
Fishery Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Ed/Habitat Contest	300.00	125.00	175.00
Jr. Duck Stamp Contest	250.00	250.00	0.00
Western Lands	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Devils Lake Basin	50.00	0.00	50.00
Education/Information	200.00	250.00	(50.00)
Red River Watershed	50.00	0.00	50.00
Missouri River	50.00	0.00	50.00
Prairie Resources	1,000.00	2,215.29	(1,215.29)
Prairie Chicken	0.00	0.00	0.00
Endangered Species	0.00	0.00	0.00
Law Enforcement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wildlife Damage & Control	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	200.00	129.99	70.01
Total Expenses	\$ 30,350.00	\$ 32,636.76	\$ (2,286.76)
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ (13,395.00)	\$ (7,821.97)	\$ 5,573.03

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2004

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order by President Mike Goos at 1:15 PM at the Radisson Hotel in Fargo, North Dakota.

Notes: MSC = "Moved, seconded, and carried" followed by names of Chapter members making and seconding the motion. NTR = "Nothing to Report" from the committee chair.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Mike Goos)

The membership voted to approve the minutes from the 2003 Annual Business Meeting (MSC Lee Albright/Mike Olson).

Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Sherfy)—Mark Sherfy provided a written report and an oral summary of the Chapter's financial position at the end of 2003. Expenses exceeded revenues, but not to the extent expected in a legislative year. Overall, the chapter remains solid financially.

Mike Goos summarized the proposed 2004 budget. Keith Trego provided an overview of the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program easement project on the Missouri River, for which the proposed budget includes a \$3000 contribution from the Chapter. Keith answered questions from several members regarding total cost and duration of the easement, sensitivity of the site to development, and relationship to the Grassland Reserve Program.

The membership voted to approve the proposed 2004 budget (MSC Bob Meeks/ Floyd Bentz).

Newsletter (Stacy Whipp)—Stacy was unable to attend the meeting, but has requested feedback on production and content of the newsletter.

CMPS (Jerry Heiser)—Stan Kohn provided a written report.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—Scott Peterson provided a written report.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Mike Goos)—Mike Goos noted that one position statement was received and will be voted on during New Business.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Tim Phalen)

Arrangements (Tim Phalen)—Tim Phalen thanked Kristine Askerooth, Mark Sherfy, and Brian Kietzman for their help with annual meeting arrangements.

Program (Tim Phalen)—Tim Phalen thanked the Program Committee (Mike McEnroe, Doug Staller, Sandy Hagan, Marsha Sovada, Jacquie Ermer, Rick Nelson) for their work on the program, the Wildlife Commercialization Committee (chaired by Mike McEnroe) for coordinating the panel discussion, and Jacquie Ermer and Will Meeks for their last-minute presentations that covered for 2 weather-related cancellations.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—An audit of the chapter's 2003 financial records has been completed.

Membership (Brian Wehausen)—Dave Azure submitted a written report. Brian Wehausen has assumed the role of committee chair. The Chapter welcomes Will Meeks as a new Life Member.

Nominations (Tim Phalen)—The committee has identified 2 candidates for President and 4 candidates for the Executive Board.

NDAG (Jacquie Ermer)—Jacquie Ermer reported no activity by the group however, the North Dakota Action Group will be meeting March 9 - 10 at Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck.

PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Randy Renner)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—There are no proposed changes to the bylaws under consideration.

Legislative (Greg Link)—Greg Link provided oral and written reports. He thanked Bill Pfeifer for his work as lobbyist and the relationships he has built in Bismarck. Bill has become a reliable source of information and science on natural resources for legislators. Greg also thanked Scott Kahan for his work on legislative alerts. Mike McEnroe was introduced as the Chapter's new lobbyist, effective January 4, 2005. The written report outlines next year's goals for the committee, including improvements to the website and legislator forums.

Awards (Randy Renner)—The committee has completed its work. Award recipients will be announced at the banquet.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)—Greg Link provided oral and written reports. Work has focused on reintroductions and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Plan. Greg provided a summary of the committee's August 14 meeting, and summarized upcoming goals for the committee.

Prairie Resources (Darla Lenz)—Darla Lenz provided an oral report. Prairie Day 2003 was held at the Cross Ranch. It was a successful event, with 100 attendees participating in sessions on wildflowers,

birding, bison, and a speaker on birds of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Prairie Day 2004 will be held on Forest Service land near Medora on June 12.

PORTFOLIO A (Dave Azure)

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)—A written report was submitted by Cami Dixon. Mike Goos thanked Cami and the committee for their hard work, and noted that they have prepared several comment letters this year.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)—An oral report was provided by Mike Olson. The committee's principal issue is working with the American Fisheries Society on an environmental concerns resolution for the I-94 bridge corridor.

Historian (Chris Grondahl)—NTR.

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)—A written report was provided by Scott Kahan. The committee is open to ideas for improvement of the website.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—Mike McEnroe provided an oral report, summarizing six focal areas the committee is considering: fee hunting & fishing, law enforcement, hunting contests, nature-based tourism, game farms & shooting preserves, and allocation of lottery licenses. The committee provided written copies of draft papers on each issue, which will be developed into position papers for the next legislative session. This is considered to be a better approach than reacting to new legislation. Seventeen legislators were invited to the special session on February 11. Jack Lalor suggested a change in wording for the law enforcement focal area.

PORTFOLIO B (Glen Sargeant)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)—NTR.

Teaming With Wildlife (Chuck Bosch)—The committee submitted a written report.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—The committee submitted a written report. Mike Goos complimented Kristine for the high level of activity and good work being done by this committee.

Forest Resources (Brian Prince)—A written report was submitted. On behalf of the Board, Glen Sargeant thanked John Schulz for his 21 years of work as chair of this committee. The Board has prepared a resolution and certificate for John in thanks for his efforts.

Invasive Species (Will Meeks)—Will Meeks provided oral and written reports. Through the Committee, the Chapter has partnered with several organizations on a grant proposal to develop an

Integrated Pest Management manual for North Dakota, and to develop a noxious and invasive species workshop. The Chapter's 2004 budget includes a \$500 contribution to this effort.

PORTFOLIO C (Kristine Askerooth)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)—The Chapter welcomes Jack Lalor as the new chair of this committee.

Missouri River (Randy Renner)—The Chapter welcomes Jeb Williams as the new chair of this committee. Randy Renner provided a written report.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)—Roger Hollevoet provided oral and written reports. The proposed Federal project would be a 300 cfs outlet withdrawing water from Pelican Lake to the Sheyenne River, including a sand filter to minimize risk of biota transfer. State Department review of the Corps' project has determined that the Boundary Water Treaty will not be violated. Nelson County is pursuing an east end outlet, and construction on the state outlet is slated to begin in 2004.

Fundraising (Brian Kietzman/Paul Halko)—Paul Halko thanked the Chapter for its support of Wednesday night's auction and fundraiser. Preliminary gross income figures are \$2493 for the big raffle, \$1365 for small raffles, \$2016 for the auction, \$295 for Road Ringer, and \$1081 for games. Net income was \$5926.45, which compares favorably to last year's net (\$6377) considering the weather and meeting location. This year's committee tried to cut down on expenses by having Chapter members donate items. The committee thanks the J. Clark Salyer staff for donating goose decoys, and Roger Hollevoet and Rick Nelson for donating the layout blind. Brian and Paul thank the entire committee for their work on this year's fundraisers.

PORTFOLIO D (Will Meeks)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis)—A written report was provided by Kevin Willis.

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen, Anne Coyle)—Sandy Hagan provided an oral report. The Game & Fish Department is working on updates to the Rare Ones publication, which is a list of uncommon and declining wildlife with a focus on species of concern. The committee is also staying informed on efforts to get prairie dogs off the candidate list.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom)—NTR.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo, Jacquie Ermer)—The committee provided a written report, and has also submitted a position paper on Furbearer Damage Management and Control to be discussed with New Business.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—Mike Goos provided a written report, and stated that the Chapter remains in good financial position.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter Archives—The Chapter's files are located in the basement of the Game and Fish building in Bismarck. Work has been done to organize the files by committee. Members are reminded that their Chapter materials that need to be archived should be included in the files.

Scientific Review Team—Several Chapter members are on the Scientific Review Team that is providing a review of Allotment Management Plans for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Rick Nelson provided an update on recent activities, including a letter from Rod Bachman to the Chapter requesting a review of SRT activities. The Chapter has responded with a letter emphasizing our support of the SRT and its role in providing scientific guidance on grassland management. Doug Johnson also spoke about the SRT's interest in ensuring that all of the available science is presented from both sides of the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections—Mike Goos introduced the 4 Executive Board candidates (Jacquie Ermer, Mike Oehler, Allyn Sapa, and Alicia Waters) and the 2 President candidates (Dave Azure and Larry Brooks), and reminded attendees that voting was only open to members in good standing. Mike Goos asked if there were Executive Board nominations from the floor. There were none, and the membership voted to cease nominations (MSC Jon Roaldson/Phil Mastrangelo). Mike Goos asked if there were nominations for President from the floor. There were none, and the membership voted to cease nominations (MSC Jon Roaldson/Phil Mastrangelo).

Election Results—Congratulations to new Executive Board members Jacquie Ermer and Allyn Sapa, and to new President-Elect Dave Azure. The membership voted to destroy the ballots (MSC Scott Peterson/Kristine Askerooth).

Position Statement—Phil Mastrangelo provided an overview of the Furbearer Damage Management and Control position statement, including its support of scientific management of furbearer populations and its interface with concerns of the Wildlife Commercialization Committee. Glen Sargeant asked for clarification of the meaning of "fees for certain species" in issue #7, and suggested that "certain species" be deleted. The membership voted to approve the position statement as amended by deletion of "certain species" in issue #7 (MSC Mike McEnroe/Will Meeks).

Passing the Gavel—Mike Goos passed the gavel to President Randy Renner.

Approval of New Members—Randy Renner read the list of new members. The membership voted to accept their memberships (MSC Fred Giese/Con Hillman).

Business From the Floor—Fred Giese recommended that committee reports be provided at registration so that members have time to read them before the business meeting. Dick McCabe asked for clarification on the bylaws with regard to position statements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM (MSC Will Meeks/Greg Link)



The Executive Board met briefly following the Business Meeting, and set its next meeting date for April 1, 2004 at 10:00 AM at Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck.

Approved 2004 Budget		
North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society		
Income		
Annual Meeting	\$	7,000.00
Auction	\$	5,000.00
Raffle	\$	2,000.00
Membership--Regular	\$	3,000.00
Membership--Student	\$	100.00
Membership--Life	\$	200.00
CMPS Incoming	\$	150.00
Interest (Checking)	\$	25.00
Interest (Money Market)	\$	75.00
Interest (CDs)	\$	405.00
Prairie Resources	\$	-
Misc.	\$	-
Total Income	\$	17,955.00
Expenses		
Operating Expenses		
Annual Meeting	\$	7,000.00
Raffle	\$	1,000.00
Auction	\$	1,500.00
Newsletter	\$	2,700.00
Postage	\$	500.00
Student Scholarship	\$	900.00
Awards	\$	500.00
CMPS Outgoing	\$	150.00
Miscellaneous	\$	200.00
Sponsorships	\$	750.00
Small Grants	\$	1,000.00
Discretionary	\$	2,000.00
Committee Expenses		
Legislative	\$	2,000.00
Wetland Resources	\$	250.00
Membership	\$	50.00
Education & Outreach	\$	2,550.00
Missouri River	\$	3,000.00
Prairie Resources	\$	1,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$	200.00
Invasive Species	\$	500.00
Website	\$	200.00
Total Expenses	\$	28,450.00
Net	\$	(10,495.00)

2004 Donated Items - - THANK YOU!

#	Donated By	Item
1	Greg Hiemenz	Pintail Decoy (general fiber)
2	Greg Hiemenz	Dry Bag
3	Phil Mastrangelo	2 boxes of 3.5 inch shells
4	Paul Van Ningen	Willow Creel
5	Roger Hollevoet, Rick Nelson	Finisher Blind
6	Coyote Fur	ND Wildlife Services
7	Linda and Gregg Knutsen	3 shooting vest
8	Roger Hollevoet	\$50 gift certificate
9	Mark and Susan Vaniman	Custom made basket
10	Mike Goos	Heart basket
11	John Halko	Wigeon Decoy
12	Lee Albright	Cardinal Tapestry
13	Heather Duchscherer	Canada Goose print and 3 t-shirts
14	Tim Phalen	Pintail Marsh print
15	John Halko	Goldfinch carving
16	J. Clark Salyer Staff (Lee Albright, Bob Howard, Gary Erickson, Todd Grant, Dan Duchscherer)	4 Big Foot Decoys
17	Karen Johnson	Blue-jean quilt
18	Greg Link	Hunting Stool
19	Greg Link	Carry-lite Turkey decoy
20	Mike Johnson	4 boxes of shotgun shells
21	Pam Pietz	Mott the spot t-shirt
22	Pam Pietz	Big c t-shirt
23	Andy Schollett	Walleye carving
24	Mike McEnroe	2 shorebird carvings
25	NWROA	Camo hat
26	Ed Meendering	Oak table

27	Unknown	Plants of the tall grass prairie
28	Will Meeks	Misty Morning
29	Mike McEnroe	6 Canada goose decoys
30	Anna Halko	Sterling Silver bracelet
31	ND Game Wardens	ND Game Warden Assoc
32	Mike Grabow	Mallards at Meyer Lake
33	Migratory Bird Office	Posters
34	Bismarck Convention and Visitor Center	4 cook books, coffee mugs, t-shirts, video
35	Randy Miller	Paddlefish carving, paddlefish photos, spearing decoys
36	Ron Reynolds	Handmade Duck Call
37	Rod Ustipak	5 bags of hand harvested wild-rice
38	Scott McLeod	1 doz. Flambeau Canada Goose Decoys
39	Gerald Kobriger	Sharp-tailed Grouse Print
40	Ray Parsons	(2) fifty pound bags of bird seed
41	D.J. Lippert	Custom Truck Hitch
42	Ross Hier	Hand painted coneflower
43	Goldfinch Print	Harold Dubbert and Jack Lalor
44	Waxwings Print	Harold Dubbert and Jack Lalor
45	Misc. Hats	Gene VanEeckhout

The 2004 Big Raffle winners were:

Bob Meeks -----\$300 Cabela's Gift Certificate
 Natoma Buskness -----\$150 Scheel's Gift Certificate
 Randy Krei-----Case of Steel Shot
 Jon Roaldson-----McEnroe Carving
 Gerald Jaeger -----\$50 Scheel's Gift Certificate

Thanks again to everyone who donated an item, purchased something from the auction, or participated in our various raffles and games. We had a great time putting this on and we hope you had a great time attending.

Paul Halko

North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Announces Annual Awards Recipients

The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society held its annual awards banquet in Fargo, North Dakota, on February 12, 2004. 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; and to provide scientifically sound information concerning the wise use of natural resources in support of a conservation land ethic.

North Dakota Award

The prestigious North Dakota Award is presented annually to a wildlife professional that has made outstanding contributions to North Dakota's natural resources over the course of their careers. This year it was awarded to Gary L. Krapu of Jamestown, ND. Gary has been a Research Biologist at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown for over 33 years. His research has had a positive influence on waterfowl ecology not only in North Dakota, but also throughout North America. He has conducted highly complex studies addressing a wide range of resource management needs. Gary has produced over 100 scientific papers and reports and has

distinguished himself among his colleagues as an outstanding research scientist. His work has contributed significantly to our understanding of waterfowl brood ecology, factors that regulate mallard reproduction, and wetland habitat requirements of waterfowl and other waterbirds.



Figure 1 Randy Renner, Chapter President and North Dakota Award winner Gary Krapu.

Habitat Award

The 2004 Habitat Award was presented to the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. The mission of the Trust is to preserve, restore, manage and enhance wetlands, riparian areas, grasslands and other associated habitats. From its inception, the Trust has played a role as facilitator between agricultural and conservation issues. Since 1986, it has been involved in over 304,000 acres of wildlife habitat conservation projects and NDNRT has provided over \$2,500,000 in direct payments to over 2,500 landowners for conservation programs.



Figure 2 Randy Renner, Chapter President and Keith Trego, executive director of the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust recipient of the 2004 Habitat Award

Charles Pulver Memorial Law Enforcement Case of the Year Award

This award is presented annually in recognition of law enforcement and its benefit to wildlife management. Criteria used to select the award recipient are the significance of the case, the severity of the infraction and degree of investigative work required to get a conviction. This year, a cooperative undercover investigation into illegal guiding, outfitting and taxidermy in North Dakota was recognized. The investigation involved many agencies and personnel, but an undercover agent of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Cameron Hayden, Assistant US Attorney of the US Attorney Office for North Dakota stood out.



Figure 3 Major Bill Spence, Minnesota Special Investigative Unit Coordinator, Randy Renner, Chapter President, Cameron Hayden, Assistant US Attorney

Past Presidents Award

The Past President's Award recognizes the hard work, time and effort that the President of the Chapter puts forth during the past year. This year's award was presented to Mike Goos of Washburn for his outstanding contributions while serving as president.



Figure 4 Randy Renner, Chapter President and Mike Goos, Past President

Student Awards

Five students were presented awards or scholarships for their outstanding academic achievement and research initiatives in the field of wildlife ecology. The 2004 Graduate Student of the Year Awards was presented to Jessica Gregory of the University of North Dakota and Jeremy Guinn of North Dakota State University. The 2004 Undergraduate Student Scholarships were presented to Robyn Kunick from the University of North Dakota, Elinor Hammond from North Dakota State University, and Richard Rice from Minot State-Bottineau.



Figure 5 Elinor Hammond, Student NDSU, Jeremy Guinn, Graduate Student NDSU, Jessica Gregory, Graduate Student UND, Robyn Kunick, Student UND, and Chapter President, Randy Renner

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**Brian Wehausen
Membership Committee Chair**

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