



## 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.

**May 2003**

April snow today is providing much needed moisture. Like most folks I spend a lot of time hoping for life giving moisture. In North Dakota it doesn't matter if its rain or snow just as long as we get some. Drip by drop it nourishes the soil, the vegetation, and if we get enough to combine the drips and drops, water moves to recharge wetlands and lakes. Every drop is needed and every drip is appreciated.

Much of the work of the Chapter is done in the same manner. Drops of member energy combine with drips of member contributions to nourish our mission. Occasionally, there may be full fledged blizzard of activity such as hosting the Ninth Annual TWS Annual Conference, but most days it's a little here and a little there.

At the April Executive Board meeting a great deal of time was spent on our focus to strengthen the work of the Chapters Committee's. Several committees have informed the Executive Board that they are in need of new members. Several committee chairs expressed an interest in expanding their scope of work, but lack energy and contributions. A few hours contributed by a Chapter member on a committee can significantly contribute to our Chapter's accomplishments.

Many Chapter members are active and we all appreciate those contributions. I would like to see every Chapter member belong to at least one committee and participating.

If you are a Chapter member and would be willing to help on a committee please let that committee chair know of your interest. There are often tasks that only take a few hours to complete. For example, our membership committee currently consists of Dave Azure. Tracking our membership, sending out membership renewal reminders, changing member addresses, and so forth takes time and is an important function for the Chapter. Dave also has ideas for expanding Chapter membership, working with the website, and increasing student involvement, but simply does not have the time to work on these projects. If someone would be willing to help Dave for a few hours a year please volunteer.

The Chapter can use your expertise in your given field. For new members committee involvement is a great way to meet other Chapter members. For others working on a committee in an area unrelated to your current career would be a great way to gain experience in that area.

A drip here a drop there.

Mike Goos  
President

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10 International Migratory Bird Day

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13 Executive Board Meeting at 10:00 am at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters -

14 Prairie Day at the Cross Ranch, ND

*If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Mike Goos, NDCTWS, 3275 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Gerads

### **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: John Schulz  
Invasive Species: Scott Kahan

### **Portfolio C - Kristine Askerooth**

Missouri River: Randy Renner  
Red River Watershed: Vacant  
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 April 1, 2003**

The executive board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:10 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Jamestown, ND. Those in attendance included Dave Azure, Kristine Askerooth, 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**

Minutes: The board voted to approve minutes from the Chapter's Annual meeting, including a minor change in wording suggested by Glen Sargeant. (MSC: Sargeant/Renner)

### Correspondence sent and received:

Correspondence was passed around the room. A request for comments on delisting of the Eastern Distinct Population Segment of the gray wolf arrived from the Fish and Wildlife Service. This request will be forwarded to the Endangered Species Committee. Mike Goos thanked Randy Renner for continuing to keep up with the mail.

TWS Endowment campaign: The Chapter has sent in a check to the parent society and a thank-you was received.

Selecting process for ND Award: The discussion centered on written vs. verbal nominations for the award. This year's call for nominations will stipulate that only written nominations will be accepted. Board meetings are always open to member attendance, but deliberations and voting on the award will be restricted to executive board members.

Action Alert System: Action alerts are to be initiated only by the Legislative Committee, the Executive Board, or the President. Members should submit potential topics for action alert to Bill Pfeifer or Greg Link. A link to Bill's e-mail is on the chapter's website.

Red River Valley Committee Chair: Will Meeks has contacted Kelly Krabbenhoft as a possibility for this position. Kristine will follow up with Kelly to see if he is interested. Will and Kristine both support Kelly as the new chair.

Conducting Emergency/Urgent Business Outside Board Meetings: Options for urgent business include emergency board meetings, conference calls, or e-mail. E-mail is viable for discussions, but undesirable for voting. Voting on urgent matters will be by phone whenever possible. All efforts will be made to conduct business during regularly scheduled meetings.

Rock Lake Wetland Restoration: The chapter committed \$1000 to this project in 1996 as part of a NAWCA grant. Ducks Unlimited has requested our contribution. Mark will send a check.

Budget Discretion and Process: The budget needs to clearly outline our anticipated income and expenditures, including recurring sponsorships and commitments made in previous years. Our system should allow us to support worthy projects while maintaining the board's accountability to the membership. An increased discretionary line item is an option. The board will review previous years' commitments to sponsorships before making a decision on this issue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bulk Mail Permit: The Chapter will allow its U.S. Postal Service bulk mail permit to expire, and will conduct all future bulk mailing under PreSort's permit. Our principal need for bulk mailing is the newsletter.

Wildlife Commercialization Committee: There was a motion to create the Wildlife Commercialization Committee under Portfolio A (MSC: Meeks/Askerooth). An umbrella statement was received from the committee. This is viewed as defining the issues the committee addresses, rather than a Chapter position statement. The Board appreciates this communication and would like to keep informed about committee activities. The umbrella statement is committee business, and the committee should have discretion to set its own priorities. Members who are interested in the issue are encouraged to contact Mike McEnroe.

Committee Support: Board members will be contacting committee chairs to discuss their current level of activity, future plans, and needs. There are many opportunities for members to become involved in committees, and potential for spending Chapter funds on committee activities. Members interested in particular topics are encouraged to contact committee chairs or board members.

Board Member Plans for This Year: Each board member outlined their reasons for pursuing board membership and their vision for improving the chapter. A common theme was the need to increase member involvement, particularly in committees. Other issues included finishing the filing system and directing Chapter funds to worthy projects. Several board members described personal and professional benefits of serving on the board.

2005 Annual Meeting: Bill Bicknell received a bid proposal from the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan for the 2005 annual meeting. A motion was received to approve the Seven Seas and the dates of February 9-11, 2005. (MSC: Renner/Askerooth).

Secretary/Treasurer Position: The board considered whether an amendment to the bylaws would be necessary if the position were split again

in the future. No immediate action is needed unless a split is considered.

## **PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO - Mike Goos**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Mark Sherfy: The chapter remains in a solid financial state. A \$100 donation to the Prairie Day account was received. Requests were made to update the board on fees owed to Bill Pfeifer and the results of the annual meeting fundraiser. Mark reports that he is coming up to speed and getting comfortable in the job. The bills are paid, the minutes have been approved, and the audit was successful.

Newsletter - Stacy Whipp: The newsletter will be available on the website, and members should let Dave Azure know if they do not want a paper copy mailed to them.

CMPS - Jerry Heiser: NTR.

Natural Resource Trust Advisor - Scott Peterson: NTR.

Resolutions - Mike Goos: NTR.

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO - Tim Phalen**

Arrangements - Tim Phalen

A short discussion was held concerning the location and dates for the 2004 Annual Conference. Jamestown was unable to meet the needs of the Chapter to host a conference, so Fargo was selected. With the help of the CVB, two facilities bid for the conference. The Radisson in downtown Fargo has tentatively been selected to host the conference. The conference dates will be February 11, 12 & 13, 2004.

Program - Tim Phalen

The Program Committee is still being formed. All volunteers are welcome. The Commercialization Committee has requested a

half day be devoted to papers on this subject at the next annual conference. Mike McEnroe has volunteered to be on the Program Committee along with another member of this committee.

Audit - Tom Sklebar

Tom Sklebar and Jane Austin audited the books for Mark Sherfy for the year 2002. The books were found to be in good order. Thank you Greg!!!

Membership - Dave Azure

Dave Azure handed out current membership list. A list of past members who have not paid their 2003 dues was also handed out. Membership is down from past conferences in Bismarck/Mandan.

This is atypical for an annual meeting in Bismarck, as we didn't grow like usual. There was discussion regarding sponsorship of new members. An updated membership list was circulated to the board.

The following new members were approved: Fred Ryckman, Trevor Krabbenhoft, Chuck Loesch, and Larry Brooks (MSC: Azure/Phalen).

Nominations - Tim Phalen

The board was asked to look at membership list and pass on possible candidates. The membership is encouraged to contact Tim Phalen with potential candidates.

ND Action Group - Jacquie Gerads: NTR, but note that Jacquie is the new committee chair.

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PORTFOLIO - Randy Renner**

Bylaws - Paul Myerchin: NTR.

Legislative - Greg Link: Randy Renner has attended meetings. Bill Pfeifer is stepping down after this legislative session. Several possibilities for replacements are being considered. Most of

the bills of interest to the Chapter have been acted upon by the legislature.

Awards - Randy Renner: NTR. The press release on our awards appeared in the Bismarck newspaper and either the Devils Lake or Grand Forks paper, but it did not appear in the Fargo paper. The awards will be covered in the next DU magazine.

Prairie Chicken - Greg Link: NTR.

Prairie Resources - Darla Lenz: NTR. Prairie Day will be on June 14 at TNC's Cross Ranch. The Chapter will sponsor, along with TNC and DU. The program will be similar to previous years, and will include activities related to Lewis & Clark and bison.

## **PORTFOLIO A - Dave Azure**

Wetland Resources - Cami Dixon: State assumption of the 404 program is the biggest issue facing the committee. The Swank decision is a big upcoming issue before Congress because it exempts isolated wetlands from 404 jurisdiction. If it heats up in Congress, the committee should send a letter to Congress through Mike Goos.

Fishery Resources - Mike Olson: NTR.

Historian - Chris Grondahl: NTR.

NDCTWS Website - Scott Kahan: Scott has accepted a position in Minnesota, but his continued role with the website has not been clarified. The board would like to see him remain involved in the website. The website has been redesigned.

Wildlife Commercialization - Mike McEnroe: See New Business above.

## **PORTFOLIO B - Glen Sargeant**

Western Lands - Bill Jensen: NTR.

Teaming With Wildlife - Chuck Bosch. NTR. The issue is inactive, but the committee should be retained for future activity.

Education/Youth Ed - Kristine Askerooth: This committee is now the Education & Outreach Committee. There are 4 main activities:

\* Junior Duck Stamp - Judging is complete, and photos of the best of show have been sent to Scott for the website. About 700 entries were received. Chapter funds help pay for kids to come to the banquet. 2003 budget is \$300.

\* Keep ND Clean Poster Contest - This year's theme was "Refuges: Homes for Wildlife" to celebrate the refuge centennial. The contest winner will be made into a billboard. The Chapter sponsorship goes toward the award ceremony in Bismarck. Over 1000 entries were received. 2003 budget is \$250.

\* Youth Food and Habitat Plot Program - Information on this program is in the February newsletter. 2003 budget is \$500.

\* North Dakota Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Camp Sponsorship - 2003 budget is \$150.

This committee is available to work with other committees to help make posters and conduct outreach activities.

Forest Resources - John Schulz: NTR. This committee is essentially defunct.

Invasive Species - Scott Kahan: There are 8 interested members and the committee is developing mission statement, but it is preliminary. A new chair will be sought to replace Scott after his move to Minnesota.

Glen Sargeant volunteered to coordinate discussion of a Chapter position statement on chronic wasting disease. This would probably become an ad-hoc committee, although no committee has been formally proposed yet.

## **PORTFOLIO C - Kristine Askerooth**

Red River Watershed - vacant: See Old Business regarding identification of committee chair.

Missouri River - Randy Renner: The battle of Missouri River setbacks for Bismarck ordinances has been lost. Most Burleigh County residents wanted new setbacks. Sierra Club and the committee will watch action in adjacent counties.

Devils Lake Basin - Roger Hollevoet: NTR.

Fundraising - Brian Kietzman/Paul Halko: A report from the 2003 banquet was in the February newsletter.

## **PORTFOLIO D - Will Meeks**

Northern Great Plains Working Group - Kevin Willis: The Northern Great Plains Working Group (NGPWG) will continue to work on making recommendations to the Farm Bill throughout the year. The group recently provided correspondence to the Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture on managed and emergency haying and grazing of CRP. The Group urged Sec. Veneman to consider the substantial regional differences in interim final ruling of haying and grazing CRP. They included many recommendations for consideration. For a copy of the letter, please contact Kevin Willis, NDCTWS representative to the NGPWG, at 701-355-8526.

Endangered Species - Terri Thorn: There is a lot of work occurring in North Dakota with T&E

species, so this committee should have a continued role.

Law Enforcement - Jackie Lundstrom: The award has been their principal activity, but other roles are being considered. The committee approached the Legislative Committee to ask for the Chapter's support for 3 new game wardens in the Game & Fish budget. This committee is currently seeking more involvement from the Chapter membership to broaden its emphasis to maintain the role law enforcement has in wildlife management. For more information contact Jackie Lundstrom at 701-328-9541.

Wildlife Damage Management - John Paulson: The committee is working on a "furbearer damage management and control" position statement, and has completed statements on deer and migratory birds (blackbirds) that were accepted by the chapter. Tim Phalen led a discussion about Canada Goose management in Richland and Sargeant Counties. The review should be complete for the annual meeting in 2004.

Finance - Mike Goos: Greg Hiemenz is joining the committee. Consideration is being given to moving money (\$5K-\$10K) into a CD. This decision will be made after June when the Chapter's financial position is clearer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM (MSC: Meeks/Askerooth).

**The next Executive Board meeting will be at Audubon National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on Friday, June 13 at 10:00.**

**North Dakota Chapter of  
The Wildlife Society  
2003 Annual Business Meeting  
February 12, 2003**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order by President Tim Phalen at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, North Dakota. Committees had the option of providing written or oral reports. A business meeting packet containing an agenda and written committee reports was available to attendees. Copies of the packet are available from Tim Phalen on request.

**President's Portfolio**

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the 2002 annual business meeting were published in the June 2002 newsletter. There was a motion (Mike Johnson), second (Randy Renner), and unanimous vote to approve the minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report - Tim Phalen thanked Greg Hiemenz for his extended service to the Chapter while a new Secretary/Treasurer was sought. Greg reviewed the Chapter's 2002 end-of-year budget and the proposed 2003 budget. Chapter assets were \$41,183.84 at the beginning of 2002 and \$49,115.85 at the end of the year. There was a \$20,000 discrepancy in both income and expenses due to failure of the Sierra Club grant to materialize. The increase in assets during 2002 was due to fundraisers for the TWS national conference in Bismarck.

The proposed 2003 budget shows revenues of \$16,955 and expenses of \$29,850. The Legislative Activities line item is \$7300 higher than in 2002; the increase will be offset by \$10,000 we received from TWS in support of the national conference. Mike McEnroe asked

if an assistant to Bill Pfeifer had been hired. Tim Phalen responded that none had, so the funds presumably will not be expended. We budgeted \$5000 in 2002 for student registration, but spent only \$1600. The \$3400 savings plus another \$1600 comprise the \$5000 contribution to the TWS Endowment in 2003 (see below). Members can contact Mike McEnroe regarding individual contributions to the Endowment. There was a motion (Bill Shaller), second (Rick Nelson), and unanimous vote to approve the 2003 budget.

Newsletter - Tim Phalen thanked Alicia for her past work on the newsletter, and introduced Stacy Whipp as the new newsletter editor. Newsletter submissions should be e-mailed to Stacy at stacy\_whipp@fws.gov. She can be contacted by phone at Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge. WordPerfect is the best format for submissions, but MS-Word or text files may also be submitted.

Central Mountains and Plains Section - No report.

Natural Resources Trust Advisor - Scott Peterson provided a written report.

Resolutions and Public Statements - Tim Phalen reported that no resolutions had been received.

**Past President's Portfolio**

Arrangements and Program - Tim Phalen thanked Bill Bicknell, Darla Lenz, Mike Olson, Steve Krenz (AFS), Dave Frieda (AFS), and Jerry Gaulke (audio-visual) for their work on coordinating the meeting. Darla Lenz reiterated her thanks for the help she has received.

Audit - The Chapter does not have a current audit, but Greg would like to have one

completed as his term as Treasurer expires.

Membership - Dave Azure provided a written report. The Chapter had 302 members at the end of 2002, and added its 70th Life Member during 2002. We have added 2 more Life Members during 2003. Membership is about 100 below the level of the 1980s, but is up from the 1990s.

Nominations - Tim Phalen introduced the 4 candidates for Executive Board positions (Lee Albright, Kristine Askerooth, Bruce Kreft, and Will Meeks), and the 2 President-Elect candidates (Phil Mastrangelo and Randy Renner). Phil and Randy made brief statements prior to the break.

2002 TWS Annual Conference - Bill Bicknell and Mike McEnroe provided a written report, and Bill presented a slide show of conference highlights. 1400 people attended the conference, 1/3 of which were students. Attendees came from 48 states and 10 foreign countries. The conference was coordinated by a team of 25 Chapter members over a 3-year period, and Bill provided details on Chapter involvement. The trade show was sold out, and fundraising set a record for the national conference. Over 100 volunteers from the Chapter helped during the conference. Tim thanked Bill and Mike for their hard work on coordinating an excellent event that reflected favorably on our state and Chapter.

North Dakota Action Group - Jacquie Gerards is the new chair. No report.

### **President Elect's Portfolio**

Bylaws - Paul Myerchin provided a written report.

Legislative - Greg Link provided oral and

written reports. He noted that it is good to still have Bill Pfeifer active on behalf of the Chapter. The legislative phone tree is no longer active. E-mail is our current vehicle to get information out regarding legislative topics. However, members who wish to receive legislative updates must register with Scott Kahan. The Legislative Committee meets Fridays at noon at the Game & Fish headquarters in Bismarck, and any interested members are invited to attend. Ray Greenwood asked about how bills are selected for which the Chapter takes a position. Greg responded that we try to select bills with resource impacts, biological, or scientific topics, rather than those dealing with license allocation or similar matters. The committee is open to input on this process. Ray also asked if the Chapter has a formal position on wildlife commercialization. Greg responded that there is no Chapter position statement, nor has the Chapter taken a position on bills that are headed that direction.

Bill Pfeifer spoke after the break. He said that the emphasis of his activity is that wildlife should be managed by the Game & Fish Department and not by the legislature. He was unsure whether taking a position on commercialization of wildlife fits our mission statement, nor whether commercialization would negatively affect natural resources. The Chapter did not formally oppose the hay yard bill because only 3 landowners were involved, and the potential negative reaction from other landowners was undesirable. Lloyd Jones also spoke regarding the benefits of having a Chapter lobbyist, and also said that Bill had been recognized by the legislative committee in a way that no other lobbyist has been.

Awards - Mike Goos reported that the process is completed.

Prairie Chicken - Greg Link provided a written report, which he orally summarized.

Prairie Resources - Darla Lenz reported that Prairie Day 2002 was a success. The Chapter was 1 of 8 sponsors, and over 100 people attended. The Committee received the Grasslands Interpreter Award from the U.S. Forest Service for its work on Prairie Day. Thanks to Karen Kreil, Jill Shaffer, Kristine Askerooth for their hard work. Prairie Day 2003 will be held June 14 at Cross Ranch Nature Preserve and Park. Karla Womback from Montana will speak about Lewis and Clark.

## **Portfolio A**

Wetland Resources - Cami Dickson is the new chair in place of Scott Peterson. A written report was provided by Scott.

Fishery Resources - Mike Olson encouraged attendees to work more closely with fishery biologists, particularly by taking time during the break to view AFS posters and interact with their meeting attendees. The Committee is working with North Dakota Natural Science Society on a joint resolution regarding the soft approach to James River restoration. The Committee has recently reviewed Randy Renner's testimony on Missouri River management.

Youth Education - A written report was submitted by Jack.

Historian - No report.

Website - Scott Kahan provided a written report.

## **Portfolio B**

Western Lands - Bill Jensen provided a written report.

Teaming With Wildlife - Chuck Bosch provided written and oral reports. CARA has been a low priority with Congress since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, but Tom Franklin reports that CARA is not dead and remains a TWS priority. Members should contact their legislators to request their support. Senator Dorgan is of particular importance due to his position on the Interior Appropriations committee.

Education - Kristine Askerooth provided a written report. Tim Phalen reported that the Board believes that the Youth Education and Education Committees have similar missions and should therefore be combined into 1 committee. This would make budgeting easier, and it is likely that the Board will approve this merger.

Forest Resources - John Schulz provided a written report.

Invasive Species - Because this is a new committee, there is no report. Scott Kahan is the committee chair, and members interested in serving on the committee should contact him. Watch the upcoming newsletter for more information.

## **Portfolio C**

Missouri River - Randy Renner reported on activities of the Burleigh County Commission regarding setbacks from the river. The Chapter originally favored a 300' setback, while local stakeholders favored a 100' setback. The Commission has indicated that 200' is a possible compromise, although there is significant pressure to adopt a 100' limit. A 100' setback would actually be less protective than the current 50' setback because the river's high water mark has been adjusted downward. Lexis Duxbury reported that a potential conflict

of interest exists because many Commissioners are developers. Attorneys are reviewing this issue. Burleigh County residents should contact Commissioners and tell them that 200' is a compromise that developers should be able to accommodate. This is an important issue, as other counties (e.g., Morton, Oliver) will likely follow Burleigh's lead.

Red River Watershed - This chairperson position is vacant. Chuck Fritz and Genevieve Thompson presented a talk on initiatives that have natural resource implications for the Red River Valley. The Red River Initiative is an umbrella effort that encompasses many facets of restoration, recreation, and management for the watershed.

Devils Lake Basin - Roger Hollevoet provided written and oral reports. Relocations are continuing in the basin, and the principal alternative to alleviate flooding is construction of 2 outlets. The Corps' Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement is being reviewed in Washington with 2 primary alternatives. The first is the west outlet to the Sheyenne River, including a 400 cfs outlet through Lake Alice NWR from the upper watershed. The second is the state outlet. A new birding trail in the Devils Lake region will be dedicated in June in the upper basin.

Fundraising - Brian Kietzman reported preliminary totals from the 2003 Chapter meeting, including \$8900 gross take from the auction and raffle (~\$7000 net). Raffle boards were \$5/square this year instead of \$3. The live auction grossed about \$2200, and the big raffle about \$3000.

## **Old Business**

TWS Endowment Campaign - Mike McEnroe and Bill Bicknell reported that the Chapter will

be making a \$5000 contribution to the national organization's endowment. These funds support legislative and policy activities. Bill Bicknell explained that our use of Endowment funds ensures that Chapter views are represented at the national level, and that this issue was brought before the Executive Board in December. Mike McEnroe stated that it was unclear whether TWS bylaws dictated how Endowment funds are used.

NPS Proposed Boundary Expansion - Glen Sargeant explained that the Board decided on a moderate position on the Eberts Ranch acquisition by the National Park Service. Gov. Hoeven initially opposed the expansion but has since softened his stance. No Action Alert was issued because the governor moderated his position and there was no time constraint on member action. Members should contact the Congressional delegation to express their support for the acquisition.

Project WILD Account - Tim Phalen and Mike Ell reported that this account has been closed. The remaining balance of \$1338.05 was earmarked for educational purposes.

## **New Business**

Passing of the Gavel - The gavel was passed to new President Mike Goos.

Election Results - The Chapter's President-Elect is Randy Renner. New Executive Board members are Will Meeks and Kristine Askerooth. All candidates were thanked for stepping forward. There was a motion (Patsy Crooke), second (Terry Shaffer) and unanimous vote to destroy the ballots.

Secretary-Treasurer - Mark Sherfy has agreed to serve in this position. Mark is a research biologist at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research

Center, and can be reached at 701-253-5504 or msherfy@usgs.gov.

Chapter Newsletter - There was a discussion about sending the newsletter by e-mail to interested members. This issue will continue to be discussed.

Wildlife Commercialization - There was a motion (Greg Link), second (Randy Renner), and unanimous vote to form an ad hoc committee to discuss this issue. A suggestion to devote a portion of next year's program to this issue was also made.

Section 404 - Patsy Crooke led a discussion on proposed rule making by the Corps of Engineers on 404 activity. The issue will be forwarded to the Wetland Committee.

New Members - The new members listed below were presented to the Chapter. There was a motion (Greg Hiemenz), second (Mike Johnson), and a unanimous vote to accept the list.

Duane Pool	Steve Adair
Bobby Cummins	Colin Penner
Brett Wiedmann	Shawn Hawks
Patrick Isakson	Thad Manuwal
Dale Resnow	Sue Kvas
Kelly McDermott	Thomas Jones
Brian Tangen	Greg Meyer
Paul Link	Jeremy Duckwitz
Ryan Huber	Jim Burnd
Wendy Reed	Mark Clark
Carlyle Ducheneaux	

There was a motion (Rick Nelson), second (Mike McEnroe), and unanimous vote to adjourn.

## **TWS Membership Poster Contest**

Dear Members,

I'm pleased to announce The Wildlife Society's Membership Poster Contest! The Poster Contest gives our members a chance to create a poster that invites membership in The Wildlife Society. Winning posters will be used around the world to help attract new members to the Society. This is a great way for our members to help promote our organization, and have the chance to win up to \$500 in gift certificates redeemable for TWS books or merchandise, as well as registration or membership fees!

All entries should highlight the benefits of membership in The Wildlife Society. The winning poster will be selected at the 10th Annual Conference in Burlington, Vermont. A downloadable Adobe Acrobat version of the Poster Contest Guidelines is available on the TWS website at [http://www.wildlife.org/about/Membership\\_Poster\\_Contest.pdf](http://www.wildlife.org/about/Membership_Poster_Contest.pdf).

Please help us make these Poster Contest Guidelines available to all members of the North Dakota Chapter, and any other artistic co-workers who may wish to try their hand at promoting The Wildlife Society.

Additionally, a TWS Membership Application can be found on TWS' website, [www.wildlife.org/about/index.cfm?tname=membership](http://www.wildlife.org/about/index.cfm?tname=membership).

Strengthening TWS' membership is a win for all of our programs. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lisa Moll  
Program Assistant, The Wildlife Society

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The following letter was sent with our Chapter's contribution to the TWS Endowment Fund. The NDCTWS can be proud of our leadership and I would encourage individual members to make contributions.

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Mr. Harry E. Hodgdon  
Executive Director  
The Wildlife Society  
5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Dear Harry,

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society strongly supports The Wildlife Society's ongoing commitment to address policy and public education issues. This challenging work provides the most significant opportunities to develop programs that directly affect wildlife resources in every state throughout the nation. The Wildlife Society is uniquely positioned to cooperatively work with legislative leaders and decision makers to develop innovative conservation programs and establish sound national and international policy decisions. This work is essential if we are to address the increasing threats to the world's wildlife resources.

At the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Annual Business Meeting on February 12, 2003, the membership unanimously voted to contribute \$5,000.00 to The Wildlife Society's Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation. The Chapter offers its contribution to the Endowment Campaign as a challenge to other Chapters and Sections throughout the North America. We urge all groups affiliated with The Wildlife Society make a contribution to this vital effort. As the largest and best established organization of wildlife professionals in the world, we must do our part to ensure that sustainable wildlife populations and their habitats are present for generations to come.

Theodore Roosevelt stated that, "Far and away the best prize life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." The Wildlife Society's commitment to the hard work of ensuring the best biological information is used to develop sound policy and legislative decisions affecting wildlife certainly is work worth doing. Best wishes with the leading the Endowment Campaign to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Goos  
President, NDCTWS

cc: Bruce Morrison and Lester Flake  
CMPS Endowment Campaign Co-Chairs

Thomas J. Ryder CMPS Representative

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NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER  
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*2003 Executive Board*

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## FINAL 2003 LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Bill Pfeifer

The 2003 legislative session was again successful due to hard work on the part of the legislative committee and also because of input from the membership through use of the web site. Weekly legislative updates were provided to members thanks to the efforts of Scott Kahan. The following is a summary of the 2003 legislative activity:

- ! Seven Chapter supported bills that passed.
- ! Two Chapter supported bills that failed.
- ! Eight Chapter opposed bills that failed.
- ! No Chapter opposed bills that passed.
- ! One Chapter tracked bill.

The final 2003 legislative report includes copies of introduced bills which were of Chapter interest, engrossed (amended) bills, written testimony provided at committee hearings, and voting information. Please contact Greg Link (701-328-6331) if you need more information.

Much of the Chapter's testimony emphasized the need for wildlife management decisions, such as season setting, remain the responsibility of a professionally staffed, wildlife-managing agency, not the legislature. At times, some legislators wish to legislate personal opinions without the technical background needed to make such decisions.

A legislative social was held on February 18, 2003. Legislator attendance was down a little due to time conflicts which are common at cross over, a time when all bills must clear the house of origin. District Game Warden Bill Schaller, Killdeer, North Dakota, gave a brief history of the events, which led to the arrest and conviction of an illegal guide and outfitter ring in western North Dakota.

Individual legislators were very complimentary concerning the Chapter's willingness to provide factual information. Many legislators are becoming more dependent on the Chapter's advice concerning natural resource issues.

### Recommendations:

1. Continue to provide a lobbyist; the Chapter often provides the only factual testimony on some resources issues.
2. Expand the web site to include all members as a method of updating the membership of legislative activity.
3. Continue pro-active legislator/conservation discussion efforts during the interim. Expand to include meetings in the urban areas.

## Bismarck and Valley City Youth Take Top Honors

A lesser scaup and a mallard were the top two winning ducks chosen as the 2003 Best of Show and First Runner-up in the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest. "Yellow-eyed King", is the title of the Best of Show winning painting by 16-year-old, Daniel Dwyer from Bismarck. Daniel used acrylic paints to depict a lone drake lesser scaup floating on the water. Aaron Didier, a 17-year-old student from Valley City captured First Runner-up Best of Show honors and first place in his age category. Aaron used colored pencils to show a drake mallard lifting off a marsh on a windy day. Daniel and Aaron's artworks were selected from over 700 entries from North Dakota.



Daniel's painting will compete at the end of April 2003 in Maryland at the National Jr Duck Stamp Contest alongside 49 other state entries. First place winners of the National Jr Duck Stamp receive a trip to Washington DC, a \$4000 cash award and their entry made into a stamp.

Daniel is a sophomore at Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck. Daniel has competed for several years in the North Dakota Jr Duck Stamp Contest and has always placed in the top three in his age category. Daniel enjoys hunting with his friends and family. He also loves to play soccer, baseball and basketball.

Aaron is a senior at Valley City High School where he loves to draw and play sports. This is Aaron's first entry in the North Dakota Jr Duck Stamp Contest. His teacher encouraged him to enter because she knows "I like to draw and I like to draw wildlife pictures", Aaron commented. His love of drawing goes back to when he was three years old.

An awards ceremony will be held for all the first, second, and third place North Dakota winners in Bismarck on May 3rd in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club banquet. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes donated from various state wildlife, sportsmen's groups and other organizations. The winning artwork will travel around the state to local malls, national wildlife refuges, the state fair in Minot, and other events throughout the summer.

The other first place winners in the four age categories are: Alycia Overbo and Sarah Monette, Devils Lake; Angie Lipp, Mandan; Emma Klingenstein, Valley City; and Charles Coleman, Johnny Coleman, Judah Coleman, Joseph Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, and Danielle Molinaro, Bismarck. Second place winners are: Madeleine Zacher, Parshall; Darren Young, Leeds; Tyler Rubbert, Aaron Rubbert, Jameson Hall, Tanner Hall and Jasmine Hall, Upham; Nicole Molinaro, Michael Jochim, and Rachel Dwyer, Bismarck; Jamie Differding, Valley City; and Garrett Baker, Devils Lake. Third place winners are: Jill Wieser, Wahpeton; Lauralee Simons, Grand Forks; Melissa Sailer, Mandan; Mary Owen and Chelsey Klinger, Valley City; Amanda Molinaro, Bismarck; April Moen and Ashley Johnson, Upham; Ashley Miller, Newburg; Kendra Leibfried, Penn; Stephanie Kietzman, Edgeley; and Brian Chepulis, Devils Lake.



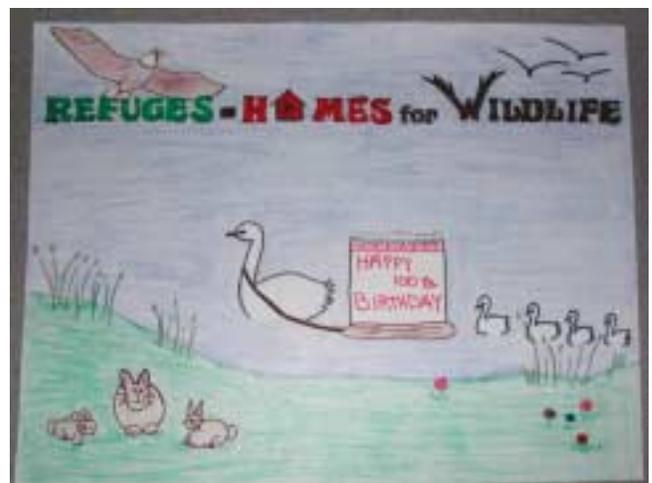
## "REFUGES: HOMES FOR WILDLIFE" THEME FOR KEEP NORTH DAKOTA CLEAN POSTER CONTEST

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sponsor the 6th grade in the Keep North Dakota Clean (KNDC) Poster Contest. The theme for 6th grade was "Refuges: Homes for Wildlife" in honor of the National Wildlife Refuge System's 100th birthday.

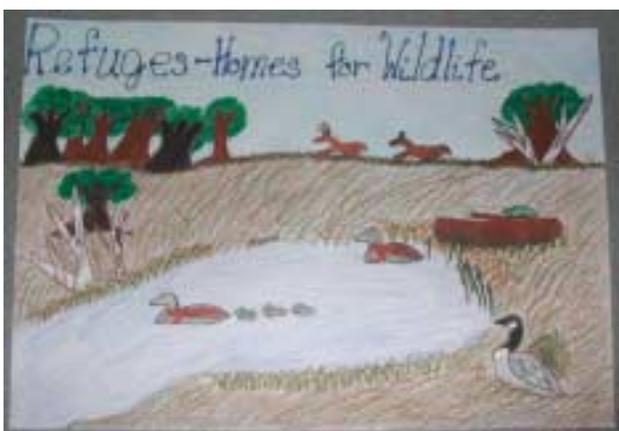
Over 10,000 students in grades 1-8 from schools all over the state participate in the KNDC poster contest. Each school selects a first place winner in grades 1-8 and these posters are judged for first, second and third place in each grade. An awards ceremony and luncheon will be held May 2, 2003 at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Honker will attend the awards ceremony to present ribbons to the 6th grade poster contest winners. The Governor will be present for pictures with the poster contest winners. First, second and third place winners for 6th grade are:



1<sup>st</sup> Place – Carmela Levey – Turtle Lake, ND



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cheyenne Unterseher – Bowdon, ND



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ashley Salwey – Rugby, ND

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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.

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