



North Dakota Chapter The Wildlife Society



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 2007

Dakota Prairie Legacy

DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY: UPDATE

Things have progressed since the Annual Meeting in February.

Donations – The membership voted to transfer \$12,347 from the Vanguard Wellesley account to the DPL Endowment fund. The Chapter has received \$270 in memorials and \$2,000 in direct contributions to the Endowment since the Annual meeting, for a total contribution to date of \$14,617.

May 1 Kick-Off – The Chapter will start its official fund-raising for the DPL Endowment on May 1, 2007. The Finance Committee will maintain a “Founders’ Club” of the major donors to the endowment. Gold members will be those who commit to contribute \$ 1,000 or more to the Endowment between May 1, 2007 and May 31, 2010. Silver members will be those who pledge \$250 or more during the same 3-year kick-off period. Gold and silver members will be recognized with a plaque presented at the annual meeting. The Committee is considering having a Founders Club raffle for gold and silver members at the Annual meeting. Your chance in the raffle is your Founders Club donation. There may also be a Founders’ Club mixer at the Annual Meeting. Regardless of contribution amount, all contributors to the Endowment will receive a personalized certificate.

Brochure – the Finance Committee and the Executive Board have reviewed and edited the Dakota Prairie Legacy fund raising brochure, and it will be printed in late April. The Finance Committee will be mailing a copy of the brochure to each Chapter member in late may or early June.

Three-Year Plan – As discussed at the Annual meeting, the Committee has set a goal of raising \$90,000 in short-term contributions over the next three-years, May 1, 2007-May 31, 2010. During that time frame, the Finance Committee contacts, Con Hillman and Mike McEnroe will mail the new brochure to all Chapter members, and will try to have one-on-one contacts with twenty Life members/ND Award winners in 2007, and thirty in 2008 and in 2009.

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Progress Reports – There will be a quarterly fund-raising progress report or graph in each Chapter newsletter.



A Message From the President

A new Chapter chapter!

You probably won't remember where you were on May 1, ten years from now, but it is one of those historic times for the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Chapter started a new era by officially kicking off the Dakota Prairie Legacy (DPL) endowment campaign. This has been years in the planning (and dreaming). The Chapter owes a special thanks to Chairman Mike Goos, and the Finance Committee that has developed the endowment concept and has advised the Board from its inception. This is one of those roll up your sleeves and get it done kind of things.

A successful endowment fund will allow the Chapter increased flexibility, greater attention to resource and administrative issues, and enhanced professionalism. There are lots of details on operating an endowment that need to be developed. The Board and Committee are working on them, and will be providing information in the newsletter beginning with this addition, and periodically thereafter. The endowment is and will continue to be an open process that needs your input. Don't be shy! Let the Board or the Finance Committee know your ideas.

I have to say that my experience these past three years on the Board has convinced me that endowment will be a good move for the Chapter. As our organization approaches its 50th anniversary, there is lots of opportunity as an active organization to expand our activities and influence in the state and among our members. With financial predictability that the DPL will provide, we will be able to conduct our business and work on issues that are currently beyond our reach. Having financial independence, professional assistance, and flexibility to take on a broader range of issues will surely be exciting. With nearly 50 years in the books, the next 50 years for the Chapter promises to be even more rewarding. Look for opportunities to promote the Dakota Prairie Legacy.

A couple of new projects that were mentioned at the Annual Meeting and endorsed by the Board in April are a redesign and printing of the Chapter brochure and a start-up committee for our 50-year anniversary which will be in 2013. That's not as far away as you think. Members that have an interest in either of these two activities, or ideas, let me know.

This is a busy time for folks in natural resources. Have a good summer, and we will keep you posted.

Al Sapa



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1, 2007

Commencement of the Dakota
Prairie Legacy Endowment

June 21, 2007

ND CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM

Audubon Refuge

CHAPTER NEWS

2007 CENTRAL MOUNTAIN AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY SUMMER MEETING

The 2007 annual meeting will be held during August 6-9 in Garden City, Kansas. This meeting will be in the heart of Lesser Prairie Chicken country, and will be a great opportunity to see and learn about the unique Sand Sage Prairie, Playa Lakes, Riparian, and Short Grass ecosystems of Southwestern Kansas. The Kansas Chapter extends a heartfelt invitation to all, and promises to make it both a fun and educational experience. Be sure to bring the family, as Garden City has a lot to offer kids and significant others while you attend meetings and tours. As details are worked out, registration, motels, transportation options, agendas, and entertainment will be available online at the following site:

<http://www.fhsu.edu/biology/kctws/kctws.htm>

Call for papers:

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length, with 5 minutes for questions from the audience. All presentations will be in electronic format (MS PowerPoint preferred). Submit name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s) of the authors, and titles to Elmer J. Finck by June 15, 2007. Submitters will be notified about the status of their presentations by July 1, 2007. Abstracts will be requested in July.

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RANGE FORUM

Where can we talk about grassland management in North Dakota in an agency neutral environment? Where can we keep up with the rapidly changing ideas and make contacts with other people working in grassland management? The Range Forum is the place to go www.RangeForum.com.

The Range Forum is a no-budget brown bag lunch operation which meets monthly during the fall, winter and spring. The Range Forum has grown over the past 2 years as a place for people who are interested in grassland management to exchange ideas and make contacts. It is "neutral ground" where we can talk about the science of grassland management unencumbered by politics and agency perspectives. Attendees include agency and private land managers, researchers, and producers.

Twenty to thirty people attend the monthly Forums and the email list is nearing 80 people. Attendees are primarily from the Bismarck/Mandan area but people from other areas attend when there is a topic of interest.

Forums have been held at Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Forest Service and the Game and Fish Department in Bismarck and at the A.R.S. in Mandan. Meetings qualify for 1 Continuing Education Unit through the Society for Range Management. Topics have included Effectiveness of Summer Precipitation, Control of Smooth Brome and Kentucky Bluegrass, Effects of Summer Fire in the Northern Great Plains, Fire Effects in McKenzie County and The Effect of Rest on Sandy and Loamy Grasslands.

There is no membership list and everyone is welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and simply drop in when you are in Bismarck. Scheduled Forums are on the website at www.RangeForum.com. If you would like a monthly meeting notice by email, send a note to mbrand@nd.gov.

The coordinating committee is Mike Brand, John Hendrickson, Sheila McNee and Jeff Printz.

SUGGESTED READING

These two books were recommended by Erik Fritzell at the Annual Meeting in February:

Omnivore's Dilemma (2006) Micheal Pollan
The Everlasting Stream (2002) by Walt Harrington

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North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes 17 April 2007

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:02 AM at the Ducks Unlimited Regional Office in Bismarck. Those in attendance included Al Sapa, Cami Dixon, Mark Sherfy, Randy Renner, Paul Myerchin, Curtis Bradbury, Sandra Hagen, and Kathy Baer. Also in attendance were Dave Dewald, Jeff Printz, Mike Goos, Mike McEnroe, Greg Hiemenz and Terry Allbee.

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 – Baer informed the Board that the version of Quicken currently being used will no longer be supported by Quicken and anticipated the cost of upgrading to be \$50 or less. The Board voted to have Baer purchase the updated version of Quicken (MSC Cami Dixon, Randy Renner).

Baer contacted a tax preparer in Washburn to do the Chapter's taxes. A couple of other options have been presented via e-mail. The Board voted to authorize Kathy Baer to find a tax preparer for \$500 or less and get the taxes done as quickly as possible. If the taxes cannot be prepared for \$500 or less, Baer will come back to the board. (MSC Sherfy, Hagen) An extension has been filed and we have until August 15. [After the meeting the Chapter secured a tax preparer in Washburn]

Kathy Baer mentioned that security requirements are increasing regarding computer usage on Federal Government computers. She suggested the Chapter look into purchasing a laptop that could be used by the Secretary/Treasurer. Ducks Unlimited has a contract with Dell and could potentially be used to purchase a computer for the Chapter. The Board will further address this at the June meeting.

We need to purchase second sheets that match the letterhead. A file/memory search will be conducted to determine where the original letterhead paper was purchased to obtain an exact match to the front sheet.

The board voted to approve the treasures report once provided by Baer (Renner, Sherfy MSC). Kathy Baer summarized the Chapter's current financial status. Currently we have received \$29,357.50, \$6,127.50 ahead of budget; expenses paid out amount to \$22,276.37, \$13,278.63 under budget, but several large items are yet to be paid out (Project Wild contract, remaining newsletters and mail outs, etc.) We are on track to come in on or under budget by the end of the year.

Correspondence Sent & Received – Al Sapa reviewed recent correspondence, including our letter to the National Park Service regarding the elk issue. Several thank you letters were sent out to supporters of the Annual Meeting and members of the Myrnk family for contributions to the Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment. Al Sapa sent an e-mail to John Organ regarding TWS's stand on the elk issue in TRNP. The e-mail mentioned the need to coordinate with State Chapter's prior to issuing letters on issues specific to the State.

Board meeting/newsletter schedule – Al Sapa would like to standardize the newsletter and board meeting dates. Al sent out a standardized schedule e-mail to the board and will try to follow that schedule for the next year. With this schedule, the Chapter will hold Board meetings in December, February, April, June, and September, with newsletters following in January, March, May, August, and November. There was some discussion that we could go to a quarterly newsletter and keep the membership informed. This along with promoting e-mail newsletters will be discussed at future Board meetings.

EETAP Correlations Contract – Last year the Chapter partnered with Game and Fish Department to complete correlations to State standards for Project WILD activities. This year we have again contracted with Council for Environmental Education for Phase II (final) of the project. The Chapter receives \$300 in administrative overhead to administer the contract, and base funds to pay Sherry Neisar, the project contractor. The Board will look for an opportunity to use the overhead for education.

NEW BUSINESS

New Committee Chairs -- Paul Halko resigned for the chair of the fund raising committee. Al Sapa recognized the fine job Halko and his crew have done in the past. The Board voted to appoint Chuck Bosch to be the new Fundraising Chair (Sherfy, Bradbury MSC).

Board members are working to fill other vacant positions, including the Missouri River and State Wildlife Grant Committee Chairs.

The Board voted to appoint Karen Kreil to be the Chapter's representative to the USDA State Technical Committee (Renner, Dixon MSC). She replaces Arnie Kruse who represented the Chapter for many years.

Annual Meeting ideas/adjustments – A written proposal for the 2008 annual meeting was presented by Dave Dewald and Jeff Printz. They would like to have Richard Knight come in and present on "Recreation and Exurban impacts to Wildlife". His fee is negotiable depending on the group he is working with; and potential for other groups (Grazing Coalition) to assist with costs. Program committee for the 2008 Annual meeting will consist of Randy

Renner, Marsha Sovada, Dave Dewald, Jeff Printz, Mike McEnroe, Dan Svingen and Cami Dixon. Due to lack of available meeting space later in February, the ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD January 30 –February 1.

Portfolio Realignment – It was recommended that the portfolios be realigned such that financial/administrative functions would fall under one of the three presidents, and wildlife/resource committees be aligned under the board members. It was also recommended that the Board create an inactive list of committees; for those committees that are important, but are not currently active. The list would keep a contact name for those inactive committees should the need to reactivate the committee arise. Al Sapa will send out a draft to Board to review and then adjust at the next board meeting.

50 year anniversary (2013) – Al Sapa requested that a preliminary committee be formed that would work on the time driven items; especially talking to the members that were part of forming the Chapter. Several options for committee members and/or chair were mentioned. Al will look for a chair for the preliminary committee.

Chapter Brochure – Only four of the old brochures remain. The format is badly in need of updating for 50th anniversary, to use with the legislature, to recruit new members, endowment etc. Someone is needed to go through and make the brochure current. Sandy Hagen will check with the NDG&F's graphic artists to see what they could help with. Cost of the brochure will be worked into next year's budget.

The need to locate an original version of the Chapter's logo surfaced. Past searches have not proven successful. We may need to recreate the logo using more modern techniques if an original drawing can not be located.

Alaska Conservation Solutions – This organization is providing information on global warming. The Federation is organizing the group coming to the state. The organization will be in the state for a week. Al Sapa and Randy Renner expressed interest in attending.

Fish and Wildlife Service CCPs – The limited interested refuges CCP is complete and available at state offices. A copy of the CCP will be placed in the chapter's archive. Currently two CCPs are in the process of being completed, one for the remaining WMDs and one for the remaining Refuges. Currently in public comment gathering stage. Comments need to be received in the next month.

President's Portfolio (Al Sapa)

Secretary/Treasurer (Kathy Baer) – Transaction fees were charged by bank for the large number of transactions in February during the annual meeting. The

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Board is recommending that the Chapter look for a bank with fewer transaction fees.

The board voted to approve the treasures report once provided by Baer (Renner, Sherfy MSC).

Newsletter (Sandra Hagen) — Glen Sargent requested including a list of scientific papers the members are publishing be worked into the newsletter. Sandy will go back to Sargent and see if he will gather the information.

A copy of the newsletter will be sent to each of the universities for posting. The copy would be addressed as a "student" copy and sent to the Department and should be available to all the students. List of universities will be generated and given to Szymanski. Next newsletter should announce that Valley City State University and Sitting Bull College now have Wildlife Programs.

CMPS (Stan Kohn)— Al Sapa submitted annual meeting summary to CMPS and they printed it in their newsletter. This year's CMPS meeting will be in Garden City, Kansas, Aug 6-9, 2007.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—NTR

Resolutions & Public Statements (Al Sapa)— Alternative Energy Committee submitted a resolution. After lengthy discussion, resolution was tabled until the June meeting.

Legacy Trust Initiative (Bill Bicknell) — Bill Bicknell and Dave Azure went to Sitting Bull College and met with Jeremy Guinn. Good meeting and relationship started. Bill Bicknell and Cami Dixon met with UND students. The group would like to see a fall career fair type meeting. It would give students idea of a wider selection of options for career, as most are only aware of the state game and fish departments and FWS. It would also offer the students something to fund raise for and provide a chance for students to network amongst themselves. UND student chapter is a bonafide TWS student chapter; the other universities are "wildlife clubs." The students will be asked for an article for the next newsletter.

Past President's Portfolio (Randy Renner)

Arrangements (Randy Renner)— The Ramada Inn was booked for January 30, 31 and Feb 1. Holiday Inn, across the street from Ramada, will be used for the Student Lunch. The Board voted that due to the limited availability of facilities in Grand Forks, the 2008 annual meeting will be held Jan 30, 31 and Feb 1. (Renner, Sherfy MSC)

2009 meeting is scheduled for Mandan and the Seven Seas has already been reserved. 2010 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Minot, Randy Renner and/or Bill Bicknell will look into tentatively scheduling for Feb 2010.

Program (Randy Renner)— See New Business.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—NTR

Membership (Mike Szymanski)— We are at 268 paying members, 86 are lifetime, 2 benefactors, 1 LP, 1 patron, 154 regular and 25 student. The Board voted to accept three new members (Paul Germolus (reg), Mike Balaalid and Jordon Wein (students)) (Curt, Sandy MSC).

Nominations (Randy Renner)— NTR

NDAG (Casey Anderson)— A meeting will be held at Ducks Unlimited April 25, starting at 1:00.

President Elect Portfolio (Mark Sherfy)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)— Parent society approval of bylaw change approved at the Annual meeting will not occur until September council meeting. Board needs to look at bylaws and see if any additional revision is needed.

Legislative (Randy Renner)— Written report submitted. Randy expressed his appreciation for Mike McEnroe's job well done this past session. Mike suggested a lobbyist workshop so that other wildlife clubs may gain knowledge on how to properly lobby, lobby more effectively, get them to look at something other than the hunting bills.

Awards (Mark Sherfy)— The Board wants to consider adding Sitting Bull College and Valley City University to the undergrad award. Schools will first be asked if they would be interested in participating.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)—NTR

Prairie Resources (Jill Shaffer)— Prairie Day will be held at Turtle River State Park. Grand Forks Prairie Partners want to include the liability statement in posters, flyers... The statement is a warning, where a release, releases the Chapter of liability. Paul Myerchin expressed concern that a partner is dictating to us how we expose our selves to liability. He recommends that we only host Prairie Day on Federal Lands in the future to limit/eliminate our exposure.

Portfolio A (Paul Myerchin)

Wetland Resources (Curtis Bradbury) — A UND Grad Student plans to revisit some of the mitigations sites this summer. She wants to see if the predications made in the HGM were close.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)—NTR.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz)—NTR.

NDCTWS Website (A.J. Klein) — Committee may move to president's portfolio at the June meeting and designate that the president and lobbyist are the ones who can authorize changes.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe) — NTR.

Alternative Energy (Paul Myerchin) — A written resolution was submitted to board. Paul Myerchin presented a letter drafted to send the PSC regarding wind energy development.

Portfolio B (Cami Dixon)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)— The Chapter provided comments to Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) in March on strategies to be included their Draft Environmental Impact Statement on elk management at TRNP. (Western Lands Committee). This letter supplements an earlier scoping letter in 2004. TRNP is proposing a range of alternatives for the initial reduction and long-term maintenance including round-ups, sharpshooters, translocation and fertility control. An issue that was not included was the use of volunteer hunters to control or maintain the expanding population. This issue has become politically sensitive, and there are strong opinions on both sides. The Chapter recommended in its letter that the TRNP include an alternative using volunteer hunters as an opportunity to educate the public by identifying the pros and cons, result efficiency, and any regulations or policies that relate to the alternative. Regardless of the alternative selected, including this alternative the EIS process will identify a full range of options for decision-making. In a related action, The Wildlife Society signed on to a letter generated by the American Wildlife Conservation Partners supporting hunting of elk in TRNP. (Winter Issue of The Wildlifer)
Cami Dixon forwarded a notice of intent to poison prairie dogs to the Western Lands Committee.

State Wildlife Grants (vacant)—NTR.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—Jr. Duck banquet is scheduled for May 5 in Bismarck.

Forest Resources (Tom Claeys)—NTR.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald)—NTR.

Tribal Wildlife (Dave Azure, Jeremy Guinn) —NTR.

Portfolio C (Curtis Bradbury)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)—NTR.

Missouri River (Al Sapa)—Al Sapa reported that they are working with Senator Dorgan and his staff to amend the 1944 flood control act. E-mails were sent to the 8 states wildlife chapter and fisheries chapters. Master plan on Lake Sakakawea is in its draft plan.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)—NTR.

Fundraising (Chuck Bosch)—NTR.

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell)— GDU/Red River water supply, received an extension on comments for the EIS. Plan proposed is to use the McClusky canal to put water into the Sheyenne and then use the Sheyenne to deliver water. The plan calls for water delivery to only be used in drought conditions. Concerns still exist if water will be used for other items. A comment letter emphasizing using the Natural Resources Trust as an environmental component for the project and using an adaptive management approach for future modifications to the project was sent on April 24.

Portfolio D (Sandy Hagen)

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

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen)— The Administration is revising Act.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom, Tim Phalen)— At the annual meeting, Bill Schaller asked that the Chapter become a life member for the game warden museum for a onetime \$750 payment. The subject is tabled until Bill can come back to the board and provide supporting information.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo)— Phil Mastrangelo is looking for a donation of \$250-500 towards the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group to defray costs of the 12th Annual Wildlife Damage Conference. More information on the conference is needed.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—

Administrative: Finance committee recommends that we look for a new bank. The Board voted to have the Finance committee research and make a recommendation to the board on another bank to use for the chapter's checking account. (Dixon, Renner MSC) Discussion on items to look for in a new bank.

CD Interest: The Board agreed with the FC recommendation to add a line item to the income portion of the budget to track CD interest income.

Life Membership Income: The Board agreed to add a line item to the income portion of our budget to track LM income. The Board voted to establish a base number of \$13,500 for the life membership in the investment accounts (Dixon, Myerchin MSC). Discussion: amount was picked as compromised from the actual amount collected and the amount that would have been collected if Life Membership rate would have always been \$200.

Rules: We can't withdraw if the amount is below the \$13,500 amount, calculation date of September 30

so interest income is available for the fall budget meeting. Each time a new life membership is received, the base will go up by the amount of the Life Membership paid. Dixon moved approving the three sections of the proposal that the finance committee made on the Life Membership accounts operating procedures. We are directing the finance committee to draft a document in policy format for the president's signature. Motion was withdrawn and guidance given to finance committee for a policy at the next meeting.

DPL: Planning continues for a May 1 kickoff. Mike McEnroe presented a draft informational brochure. A couple of minor edits were noted. Mike McEnroe and Con Hillman will incorporate the edits and finalize the document.

Recognition Plan: Committee presented a proposed founder's club recognition plan. Recognition will be adjusted after 2010 Drive.

Draft Administrative Rules: Committee presented a packet of information to the board.

Mike McEnroe laid out a draft three year plan for fundraising.

Finance committee briefed the Board on activities of the Endowment.

Thank you letters: draft letters were provided.

Draft Investment Plan/Financial Planning: Need to do a true financial plan with a financial planner. Greg Hiemenz will lead the planning effort. Board endorsed a financial planning effort by the financial committee.

Mail Out: Newsletter will pre-warn of the newsletter to come out; letter will come out later in June.

Newsletter Progress Symbol: Al suggested a filling thermometer, filling wetland, etc to include in the newsletter to show how the fundraising is going.

Executive Director Draft Position Description: The Board expressed a need to have the finance committee come up with 2 PDS, one for a part time ED and one for a full time ED.

Need to have a financial number so that we have an idea as to when we would be able to launch the ED. Put it on the agenda for the next meeting in June to discuss scenarios of where we are at.

FINAL NOTES

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM (Myerchin, Dixon MSC)

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Audubon NWRC on June 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.



Report on the 60th Legislative Assembly

Legislative Report – The legislative Session ended on April 25, after 78 days, the longest legislative session in the State's history. The Chapter followed seventy-one bills during this session; 43 dealt with wildlife and natural resource management, 16 were energy related, and 12 dealt with diverse issues such as the new state prison, inhumane treatment of animals, penalties for non-profit corporations who do not adhere to state rules when buying land, and confined animal feed operations.

Mike McEnroe was hired as the Chapter's lobbyist. Bill Pfeifer also lobbied for the Chapter on the Baiting Bill and on several other bills in Mike's absence.

The Chapter testified on 13 bills, in both houses in some cases. Of eight bills the Chapter supported, five passed. Of five bills the Chapter opposed, four failed. Following is a summary of those bills;

HB 1039, the Baiting Bill, Chapter supported, bill failed narrowly in the House.

HB 1085, Project Safe Send (Dept. of Ag), Chapter supported in Senate, passed.

HB 1146, as passed provides a 2-year moratorium on severing hunting access from the surface rights to land, and requests a Legislative Council study on effects on land values of severed hunting access. Chapter supported as a study resolution, with recommendation to look at other severed rights; wind, viewshed, etc.

HB 1364, set up a \$35 license fee for antlered deer, and a \$10-20 license option for antlerless deer. Chapter opposed, on North American principles, selling a more desirable license for more money. Bill failed.

HB 1406, provided a second gratis license to landowners; bill failed. Chapter opposed.

HB 1469, started out as a prohibition on blocking a road/trail while hunting. Morphed into allowing off-trail driving for upland birds during deer gun season. Chapter opposed; bill eventually failed in spite of majority party strong arm tactics in both houses.

HB 1515, Biomass-ethanol demonstration project. Chapter supported concept with concerns over using CRP and/or PLOTS to establish biomass production. Bill passed.

SB 2017, GFD budget, Chapter supported. Several funding proposals were attached; \$ 810,000 for Wildlife Services, \$ 1 million for Sweetbriar Dam repairs, and an additional \$500,000 for PLOTS without the Youth PLOTS requirement.

SB 2096, Sovereign Lands management, bill provided SWC authority to develop rules to manage State's sovereign lands. Chapter supported in both houses; bill passed.

SB 2229, required written landowner permission for waterfowl/crane hunting. Chapter opposed; bill failed.

SB 2254, the game farm/elk ranch bill. Chapter supported. Bill failed 3-44.

HCR 3023, supported oil production in ANWR. Chapter opposed in both houses; resolution passed.

HCR 3044, study and re-formulate the 1944 Flood Control Act. Chapter supported in both houses; resolution passed.

Other bills of Chapter interest; HB 1015, the Prison Bill. House version called for selling 900-acre of Missouri River bottomlands within the State Correctional Farm to help pay for the new prison. Sale of land not provided for in final version. There is agency/legislative interest to look at way to keep these lands in public ownership.

HB 1456; a study to look at siting criteria for wind development. Bill passed, fate of selection for study not known.

The Chapter along with Ducks Unlimited and the ND Natural Resources Trust hosted a Legislative reception in February. The reception was well attended by Legislators, and many Chapter members continued to discuss natural resource issues with their Legislators well into the evening.

Mike McEnroe and president Al Sapa met several times with state legislators to discuss Missouri River issues and the need to modify the 1944 FCA to authorize the Corps of Engineers to consider uses other than navigation in management decisions on the River.

For more specific information on these or other bills, please contact Mike McEnroe.

Valley City Youth Wins North Dakota's Junior Duck Stamp Contest

A trio of gadwalls featured in a quiet wetland habitat has been chosen as the 2007 "Best of Show" artwork in the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Seventeen year old Megan Gilbertson from Valley City, titled her winning artwork "Three's Company". Megan is a student of Kelly Callahan, art teacher at Valley City High School. Her artwork was selected from almost 500 entries received from across North Dakota. Megan has competed in the ND Junior Duck Stamp contest twice before.

In April 2007, Megan's artwork will compete at the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest along with 51 other state and U.S. territory entries. First place winners of the National Contest receive a trip to Washington DC, a \$4,000 cash award, and the honor of having their entry made into a stamp.



Megan attends Valley City High School where she enjoys dancing on the varsity dance team and senior choir at school. She loves to hang out with her friends and go for walks around town.

Brennen Stotts, an 11 year old student from Lisbon received Best of Show runner-up honors. Brennen used a colored pencil medium to create a drake wood duck sitting proudly on a log.

The Junior Duck Stamp Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held for all first, second, and third place North Dakota winners in Bismarck on May 5th in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club banquet. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes donated from Ducks Unlimited, and other wildlife organizations. The winning artwork will be exhibited throughout the state at national wildlife refuges, local malls, the Bismarck Library, and other events throughout the summer.

The other place winners (age) and town in the four age categories are:

First Place Winners:

Noah Christenson (9) Maxbass
Rebecca Christenson (11) Maxbass
Zach Christenson (7) Maxbass
Charles Coleman (13) Bismarck
Thomas Dwyer (17) Bismarck
Penny Lam (16) Valley City
Jaiden Langlie (9) Fargo
Tanner Morehouse (15) Valley City
Taylor Teske (13) Westhope
Jade Teske (11) Westhope

Second Place Winners:

Shane Callahan (16) Valley City
Hannah Christenson (13) Maxbass
Abby Colville (15) Valley City
Joseph Dwyer (13) Bismarck
Timothy Kietzman (7) Edgeley
Kali Miller (11) Deering
Ethan Miller (10) Newburg
Cody Sivertson (18) Valley City
Mark Staples (12) Harwood
Jayme Thompson (7) Newburg
Ashley Thoreson (18) Nome
Megan Tichy (8) Tower City

Third Place Winners:

Abby Anderson (17) Menoken
Ashley Berg (16) Valley City
Katie Fairfield (18) Valley City
Gabriela Henson (14) Carrington
Stephanie Kietzman (13) Edgeley
Molly Lodoen (9) Westhope
Shaylee Miller (7) Deering
Ashley Miller (13) Newburg
Emily Nelson (7) Lisbon
Hadlee Schell (12) Westhope
Paige Stratton (10) Westhope
Dylan Wiek (9) Wahpeton



LEGACY TRUST INITIATIVE OFF to a GREAT START

Since the formation of the Chapter's Legacy Trust Initiative in September 2006, several steps have been taken to strengthen the connection between natural resource students and the wildlife profession. The 1st Annual Student - Professional Lunch and the Best Student Paper Award were great additions to the Chapter's Annual Meeting. The Legacy Trust Committee has also had the privilege of meeting with students and advisors at North Dakota State University, Sitting Bull College, and the University of North Dakota to gather needed information for structuring a sustainable program that benefits both students and professionals. The Committee is looking forward to the opportunity to meet with natural resource students and faculty at Valley City State University and Minot State University – Bottineau during the 2007 Fall Semester. The 12 items listed below highlight the principle ideas students and their advisors have recommended.

This initiative would not be possible without the insights and gracious support of both students and faculty. While many people have contributed to this effort, we would particularly like to thank Sarah McIntyre, Brianna Schneck, and Dr. Craig Stockwell at NDSU, Jeremy Gwinn at Sitting Bull College, and Kendall Strand and Dr. Rick Sweitzer at UND.

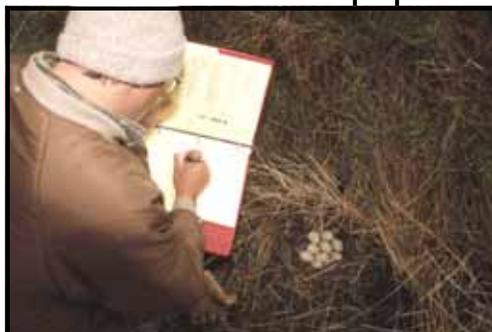
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS AND THE WILDLIFE PROFESSION

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - JANUARY 17, 2007
SITTING BULL COLLEGE - MARCH 13, 2007
UNIVERSITY of NORTH DAKOTA - MARCH 21, 2007

1. Pair students with a professional for a portion of the Chapter's Annual Meeting. Meeting Mentors provide a unique opportunity to welcome student participation in the Annual Meeting. Meeting Mentors can also make introductions, discuss various aspect technical papers, and help students gain greater insights into the workings of the Chapter/profession.
2. Organize a "Career Lessons" panel discussion immediately prior to the start of the Chapter's 2008 Annual Meeting. Invite five to seven experienced biologists from a wide spectrum of agencies and organizations to succinctly summarize the most important things they've learned over the course of their career. Each biologist on the panel will be given five minutes to discuss their "Career Lessons". The remainder of the seminar will be devoted to questions from students and young professionals.
3. Continue the Student/Professional Lunch and the Best Paper Award for Students at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Grand Forks.
4. Encourage student participation at Executive Board Meetings and with the Chapter Newsletter. Provide time at the Annual Business Meeting for Student Chapter reports.
5. Coordinate with the student wildlife groups about organizing a Career Fair and/or a one-day Job Shadowing Program in Bismarck during the next year. The Job Shadowing Program would pair interested students with professionals for a "walk a mile in my boots" individual experience.
6. Work with TWS to gather information about the activities of student chapters throughout the country. Use this information to structure programs that will work in North Dakota.
7. Evaluate opportunities for students to adopt a Waterfowl Production Area or State Wildlife Management Area, prepare management plans, and work with wildlife managers. The opportunity to work together in the field, ask questions, and make contacts was widely supported by both students and faculty alike.
8. Evaluate opportunities to develop a volunteer program to assist with land management activities and other work initiatives on wildlife areas near campus.
9. Devote a page in the Chapter's January Newsletter to highlight summer job opportunities with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, North Dakota Game and Fish, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and other agencies and organization. Information concerning deadlines, forms, web sites and contacts will be provided.
10. Work with students to develop a seminar/lecture series. A theme for the seminar series and specific topics will need to be developed.
11. Consider the possibility of developing a biological techniques field day.
12. Focus attention on developing year round coordination activities with students and professors. Students seemed particularly interested in one-on-one contact when possible.

New Fisheries and Wildlife Program at Valley City State University

Valley City State University (VCSU) is now offering a B.A. or B. S. in Fisheries and Wildlife. Dr. Bob Anderson has been hired to develop the program. This newest education opportunity in the State is accredited through the State Board of Higher Education and the curriculum was developed to allow students to meet certification requirements of The Wildlife Society and the American Fisheries Society. The Department also has a student organization, the Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Club. Although the program is fairly new, over 20 students are registered in the program including transfers from other State institutions. More information is available on the University website (www.vcsu.edu).



Sitting Bull College offers a B.S. Degree in Wildlife

Sitting Bull College has offered an A.S. in Environmental Science for more than a decade and will begin offering a B.S. degree in Fall 2007. The wildlife option focuses students on the issues, techniques, and career skills of Wildlife Management and Conservation Biology. The program requires students to conduct and defend separate field research projects in both their sophomore and senior years. Summer research programs for 2007 include insect and amphibian studies in Costa Rica, Loggerhead Shrike telemetry projects in Solon, ND, and turtle population studies on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The primary goal of this program is to supply local agencies with highly trained and motivated employees. Recent graduates have taken positions with the US Fish & Wildlife Service in North Dakota, Tribal Game & Fish Departments in ND and SD, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Program students are in the process of forming a student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and attended the state Chapter and the national meeting during this school year. Information about our programs is available at www.sittingbull.edu or by contacting Dr. Jeremy Guinn or Dr. Dan Buresh at 701-854-8000.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Mike Szymanski, 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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