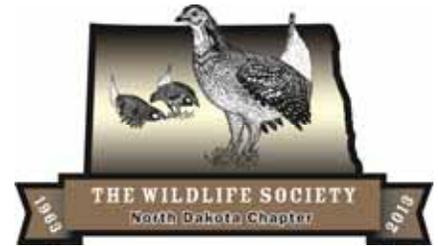




North Dakota Chapter

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.

Spring 2011



The Chapter's 2011 Annual Winter Conference marked the 5th Student/Professional Luncheon. The event was a great success with 85 students and professionals taking the time to share a meal and discuss wildlife conservation, education, and a host of other topics including the statistical probability of the Twins advancing beyond the first round of the playoffs. We were pleased to have students from Dickinson State University, Sitting Bull College, Valley City State University, North Dakota State University, and the University of North Dakota engage in lively discussions. MDU Resources Foundation once again awarded the Chapter a generous grant underwriting the cost of all students attending the luncheon. MDU's support for students and their participation in professional organizations is remarkable. Since the inception of the Student/Professional Luncheon in 2007, MDU has provided grants totaling \$3,500 to the Chapter in support of student activities.

We were honored to have Dr. Michael Hutchins, Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, serve as the luncheon speaker. Dr. Hutchins' remarks focused on student programs that have been developed by The Wildlife Society and the unique advantages for students who are actively involved in professional societies.

Immediately following the luncheon, the Chapter hosted its second Student Career Fair. Representatives from Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Western Ecosystems Technology, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visited with students and provided information concerning career and volunteer opportunities, skills needed to be competitive in today's job market, and hiring practices.

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Anniversary Notes – Lobbying for Conservation

For the past two decades (1991-2011), the Chapter has actively lobbied in the State's biennial legislative session. The Chapter obtained 501 c (3) non-profit status and later 501 h status with the IRS as a non-profit corporation in order to comply with IRS regulations on lobbying. In 1991, Nancy Dietz served as the first Chapter lobbyist. Wetland legislation was a major topic of interest then. There has been a learning curve, both with personalities and with procedures for Nancy and the lobbyist that followed her, but the Chapter has established credibility with a reputation of objective testimony based on "good science". Following Nancy, the other Chapter lobbyists have included Kevin J. Johnson (1993), Bill Pfeifer 1995-2003), and currently, Mike McEnroe (2005-2011). Chapter positions and testimony is developed each week during the session by the Chapter's legislative Committee. The Chapter has presented a voice for wildlife and natural resource conservation in the State legislature for the last 21 years (eleven sessions).

A Message From the President

As I write this message on the last Friday in February, the temperature is -4, it is overcast and an occasional flake of snow drifts down to join the flakes that have been piling up since mid November. It has been another long winter indeed, third in a row for our beloved great plains. We all know that in a few short weeks (hopefully) the temperature will moderate, the snow will recede and spring will again make an appearance. As warmer temps, southerly winds and longer days breathe new life into the prairies; migratory birds return and begin their courtship rituals. Resident game, having endured another tough winter, move into habitat more suitable for nesting or raising young. Sharp-tailed grouse gather on leks and rooster pheasants can be heard greeting the morning sunrise. Deer disperse from wintering areas and spread back out into the countryside. North Dakota becomes alive, again, and we all cherish the days that we spend outdoors during the spring. For many of us, spring is our busiest season as we struggle to complete wildlife surveys, habitat management and habitat developments. There is an urgency to accomplish as much as possible in the few short months we have available. But we aren't the only ones feeling this urgency. With the onset of spring, the destructive activities of energy development, tile drainage, native prairie conversion, and flood control kick into high gear. And as much as we'd like to put an end to it all, we can't. But it also doesn't mean we can stick our heads in the sand or throw our arms up in the air and give up, either. There is still a role that wildlife professionals can play. Our Chapter has numerous committees that are working very hard to play a part in what is happening on the landscape. The Energy committee and its subcommittees of Wind, Bio fuels and Fossil fuels; not to mention the Devils Lake, Red River, Wetland Resources and Prairie Resources committees all need your help. Contact me or the committee chair to lend a hand.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with this year's annual meeting. I have received so many positive remarks about the program and the excellent job the committee did in lining up such a wonderful array of presenters. Many have commented on this year's format and everyone enjoyed the historical perspectives brought out in the presentations. As we've often heard-it's hard to know where you're going until you know where you've been. The fundraising committee had another successful year and many thanks go out to Chuck Bosch and his crew of arm twisters. Without their ability to pry our hard earned money from our pockets, the Chapter wouldn't be able to do the things we do. And finally, another huge thank you goes out to Bill Bicknell for his organizational skills in arranging the meeting and making sure everything went smoothly. This is no small task and Bill does this flawlessly. Of course, asking for this type of volunteer commitment year after year can only last so long and Bill has indicated that he will be stepping down after the 50th anniversary meeting in 2013. I know there are new faces in the crowd who can and are willing to take over this task and now is the time to step forward while you still have the ability to work under Bill's tutelage.

I also want to recognize some other members for their dedication to the Chapter. Terry Allbee has been our Secretary/Treasurer since 2009 and has done an exemplary job. Although this is one of the most difficult positions on the board, Terry made it look easy. He kept track of our budget, took excellent notes and reported the minutes of each board meeting in the newsletter. In addition, he picked up the mail, scanned in important correspondence and emailed them out to the board members for distribution to committee chairs. Terry was an integral part of every board meeting and I want to thank him for his commitment and dedication. In fact, Terry was so valuable that we had an extremely difficult time finding a replacement for him! But thanks to some arm twisting and coercion by several board members, we were able to convince Scott Collins into taking over the Secretary/Treasurer duties after Terry, pending Executive Board approval. I appreciate Scott's willingness to take on this important commitment and look forward to working with him. I also want to thank Sandy Johnson for all her hard work and dedication as our newsletter editor. Sandy has been our editor for the past 4 years and, in my opinion, has taken the newsletter to a new level. She maintained a very high standard and it showed; each and every issue. We are very fortunate to have talented individuals, like Sandy, in our Chapter. Finally, I want to thank Jeremy Guinn for graciously taking over as our newsletter editor and we look forward to high quality newsletters in the future.

Enjoy the spring and all the wonders that make living in North Dakota so special. But as you're busy completing a bird count, restoring a wetland, conducting a burn, planting grass, working with a producer or simply enjoying the sights and sounds of nature- remember - this fragile ecosystem we call the Great Plains is under constant threat and it is our responsibility to ensure it is left in the best condition possible for future generations.

Brian Kietzman
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

10:00 A.M.

Ducks Unlimited office in Bismarck

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North Dakota Chapter TWS 2011—Executive Board Members and Committees

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Wetland Resources	Vacant—Chair Needed		
Historian	Karen Kreil	nrtkaren@btinet.net	701-223-8501
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State Wildlife Grants	Bruce Kreft	bkreft@nd.gov	701-328-6224
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Devils Lake Basin	Roger Hollevoet	roger_hollevoet@fws.gov	701-662-8611
Garrison Diversion	Bill Bicknell	william_bicknell@fws.gov	701-355-8512
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Tribal Wildlife	Dave Azure & Jeremy Guinn	dave_azure@fws.gov	701-285-3341

Inactive Committees	Representatives	Contracts	Energy Subcommittees
Fishery Resources, Mike Olson	USDA Tech Comm., Karen Kreil	Legislative Liaison, Mike McEnroe	Wind Energy, Jill Shaffer
Forest Resources, Tom Claeys	Garrison Master Plan, Al Sapa		Bio-fuels, Scott McLeod
Prairie Chicken, Greg Link	CMPS Rep., Glen Sargeant		Fossil Fuels, Mike Rabenberg
ND Action Group, Casey Anderson	NDNRT, Scott Peterson		

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2011

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:00 AM at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, ND. Those in attendance included Jane Austin, Kent Luttschwager, Brian Kietzman, Terry Allbee, Jeremy Guinn, Stacy Adolf-Whipp, Bob Anderson, and Kathy Baer. Also in attendance were Patsy Crooke, Mike McEnroe, Al Sapa, and Bill Bicknell.

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.

I. Treasurer's Report: Terry presented the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society's (Chapter) the final 2010 actual to budget, account holding summary and Meek's report. The 2011 budget had three adjustments since the December meeting. These included an increase in award income of \$150, adding \$450 for Officer and Director Liability Insurance expense, and removal of \$500 for Legacy Trust Initiative expense. The final 2011 budget will be present to full membership at the annual business meeting. A motion was made to approve treasury report (MSC Kietzman, Stacy- Adolf-Whipp).

II. DPL/Finance Committee – Mike McEnroe updated the Executive Board (Board) on the transition of the Chapter's investment manager. The Chapter has transferred funds from Raymond James to Investment Centers of America. The Chapter will have three accounts. The accounts are DPL, Life Membership, and all other funds.

III. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes from previous meeting. The Board minutes from the meeting on December 15th were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to approve minutes (MSC Austin, Allbee).

B. Correspondence - In 2010 the Chapter had received over 245 items of correspondence and had sent over 65 items of correspondence. After a full year of recording into the correspondence log, the Board would like the Secretary to continue recording all items received and sent in the correspondence log.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Audit Committee – The audit committee met at the ND Natural Resources Trust on February 8th to complete the Chapter's annual audit. The audit committee invited Patrick Brown, Brady Martz and Associates, a CPA firm in Bismarck to discuss audit and audit procedures of nonprofit organizations. The

committee asked Mr. Brown for costs to complete a full audit and cost to complete agreed upon procedures. Tom Sklebar will present the options and costs at the annual business meeting.

B. Arrangements and programs – Bill Bicknell reported on the arrangements for the annual meeting. The Seven Seas Inn has been a host of the meeting for many years. Kent Luttschwager has invited Stanley Lyson, Senator from District 1 and chair for the Natural Resources Committee, to address the membership at the awards banquet. Dr. Michael Hutchins, Executive Director, The Wildlife Society, will speak at the student/professional luncheon, business meeting and be the keynote speaker for the awards banquet.

C. Fund-raising – The annual fundraiser will be February 9th.

D. Mission statement from all standing committees– All committees will complete a committee mission statement by end of 2011.

E. Legislative update – Mike McEnroe reported on the legislative social. The social was well attended with approximately 65 legislators attending. The legislative session has been active. Committees and members have the opportunity to get involved in legislation issues and testimony by attending the weekly legislative meeting every Friday at the ND Game and Fish Department or by emailing or calling Mike directly.

F. Update from Energy Committee

G. Communication issues - The Board wants to make sure membership is informed about legislation through email communication when possible.

H. 50th Anniversary and Logo – The Committee has finalized the 50th anniversary logo and the new Chapter logo. The logo was used to produce several clothing items that will be used at the Chapter's fundraiser. The 50th Anniversary committee is preparing a professional paper to be published in TWS in winter of 2012. The committee needs to identify keynote speakers and work on arrangements. The 50th anniversary cookbook effort has been canceled. Recipes that were gathered will be printed in the 50th anniversary program.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Replacement for Sec/Treas – The Board is searching for a new Secretary/Treasurer. The Communication Committee is searching for a new replacement for newsletter editor.

B. Rural Leadership ND- Keith Trego has requested time during the business meeting for Marie Hvidsten, Rural Leadership North Dakota to present.

C. 2015 TWS conference – TWS is requesting bids to host the annual conference in 2015. The Board is interested in submitting a bid, but wants to discuss at a later date in order to gather additional information. The Chapter previously hosted the TWS conference in 2002.

D. Call for new business – Terry Allbee recommended the Board establish registration committee for future annual meetings. This would give the Chapter additional accountability for registration income. Other registration issues included the ability to use credit cards for payment and multiple year memberships.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 PM (MSC, Luttschwager, Guinn).

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2011, at the Ducks Unlimited office in Bismarck, ND.

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Business Meeting Minutes February 10, 2011

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 1:24 at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, North Dakota. A quorum was present with approximately 80 in attendance. Randy Renner served as parliamentarian.

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.

I. Call to order – The annual business meeting was called to order at 1:24 at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, North Dakota.

II. Secretary Report – The 2010 annual business meeting minutes were presented. There were no corrections. *A motion was made to approve the 2010 annual business meeting minutes (MSC, Tom Sklebar, Al Sapa).* The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society's (Chapter) correspondence process was presented and membership was informed on the numbers items sent and received in 2010.

III. Treasurer's Report – The end of 2010 account summary, Meek's report, and 2010 actual to budget report was presented. *A motion was made to approve the 2010 treasure report (MSC, Tom Sklebar, Kevin Willis).* The 2011 budget was presented. *A motion was made to approve the Chapter's 2011 budget (MSC, Tom Sklebar, Bob Meeks).*

IV. DPL/Finance Committee Report – The committee has completed the transfer from Raymond James Financial to Investment Centers of America. The Dakota Prairie Legacy account balance is \$37,882 and the Life Membership account balance is \$17,275.

V. Committee Reports/Old Business

A. President's Portfolio (Jane Austin)

Secretary/Treasurer (Terry Allbee) - Previously reported and financial report was included in the business packet.

CMPS (Glen Sargeant) – A written report was previously published in the Chapter newsletter. The next CMPS meeting will be held this August in Nebraska. The Chapter will send a written report to the CMPS of annual meeting.

ND Natural Resources Trust (Scott Peterson) - Written Report included in business packet.

Resolutions and Public Statements (Jane Austin) – Written report included in business packet.

Finance (Mike Goos) – Previously reported during DPL/Finance Committee and an additional written report was included in business packet.

B. Past President's Portfolio (Kent Luttschwager)

Arrangements (Kent Luttschwager) – The arrangements for 2011 are great and the Chapter appreciates the work of Bill Bicknell.

Audit (Tom Sklebar) - The audit committee, including Tom Sklebar, Kent Luttschwager, Al Sapa, and Mike Goos, reviewed the 2010 income and expense. The committee is recommending the current secretary/treasurer document the accounting procedures for future Chapter secretary/treasurers. Patrick Brown, a certified public accountant with Brady Martz and Associates of Bismarck, provided cost option for completing an audit and for reviewing the financial procedures. The completion of a full audit would be difficult and costly, mainly due to the fact that the Chapter has never completed an external audit. The cost for an audit would be between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The committee does not recommend a full audit, but would recommend a completion of agreed-upon procedures. The agreed-upon procedures would review three years of financial records and make recommendations for improvements in the internal auditing process. Preliminary estimates of the cost are approximately \$2,500.

Membership (Mike Szymanski) – Written Report included in business packet. Mike reported the current membership is at 318. The committee will send a reminder to all members who missed the annual meeting to renew their membership. This annual reminder has increased the membership by 10% or more.

Fundraising (Chuck Bosch) – Chuck thanked the membership for their generosity in completing another successful fundraiser. Dry Dock Sports from Carrington, ND, provided the firearms at a discounted price and attended the fundraiser, which allowed the firearm winners to take their prize home that night. The fundraising income was as follows: guarantee auction \$355, auctions \$1,897.50, plinko \$271.01, waterfowl table \$912.65, gun raffle \$1,209.16, general raffle \$2,187.35, road ringer \$330, and coat rack \$300. This produced a net income of \$7,562. Chuck expressed thanks to the fundraising crew which included Judd Jasmer, Levi Jacobson, Chad Klindtworth, Cory Lawson, John Bauer, Mike Graue, Scott McLeod, Matt Shappel, John Mazur, Chad Carlson, Matt Van Thuyne, Ryan Shively, and Jesse Beckers.

C. President-Elect Portfolio (Brian Kietzman)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin) – The committee will be revising the Bylaws in 2011 to include a sunset provision for resolutions and public statements.

Legislative (Mike McEnroe) - The legislative social was a success with 65 legislators and 30 Chapter members in attendance. Mike provided legislative reports and material for all membership. Mike has reviewed over 83 bills affecting the natural resources of North Dakota.

Awards (Brian Kietzman) — NTR

Small Grants (Brian Kietzman) — The Board has approved two small grants for 2011. The ND Cooperative Fur Harvester Education Program and the Prairie Waters Education and Research Centers in Valley City were selected for a total of \$1,986.00.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom, Tim Phalen)— NTR

NDCTWS Website (Carol Aron)— Sandy Johnson is resigning as newsletter editor. Jeremy Guinn will be new editor.

D. Portfolio A (Bob Anderson)

Wetland Resources (Curtis Bradbury) – NTR

Historian (Karen Kreil) — NTR

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe) – NTR

Energy (Ron Shupe) — Written Report included in business packet. In addition to the written report, Mike Rabenberg reported on the wind and fossil fuel subcommittee. The wind subcommittee has written responses to seven wind power development project in 2011 and has provided oral testimony at North Dakota Public Service Committee public meetings. The wind subcommittee has updated the wind position paper also. The fossil fuels subcommittee has been active in addressing environmental concerns on the 5,500 active wells in North Dakota. In 2011 the projections are to have an addition 2,000 to 2,500 new oil wells and a projection of 50,000 active oil wells in the next 20 years. The legislative session has not addressed the environmental concerns.

50th Anniversary (Al Sapa) - Written Report included in business packet. Al Sapa reported that the committee is working on a professional publication for TWS in 2012 on the Chapter's last 50 years. The 50th anniversary logo has been completed. The 50th anniversary cookbook has been discontinued. The committee plans a summer raffle for 2011. Please contact Al with any craft ideas or donations. If membership has any old copies of newsletters, programs, or any other Chapter items, please share with the committee.

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E. Portfolio B (Kathy Baer)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen) – Written Report included in business packet.

State Wildlife Grants (Bruce Kreft) – NTR.

Education and Outreach (Kristine Askerooth) – Written Report included in business packet.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald) – NTR.

Professional Women in Natural Resources (Cami Dixon and Kristine Askerooth) – Written Report included in business packet.

F. Portfolio C (Stacy Adolf-Whipp)

Missouri River (Al Sapa) – Written Report included in business packet.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet) – Written Report included in business packet.

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell) – Written Report included in business packet.

Prairie Resources (Vacant) – NTR.

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor) – NTR.

G. Portfolio D (Jeremy Guinn)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis) – Written Report included in business packet.

Endangered Species (Eric Rosenquist and Patrick Isakson) – NTR.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo) – Written Report included in business packet.

Legacy Trust Initiative (Bill Bicknell) – Written Report included in business packet.

Tribal Wildlife (Dave Azure and Jeremy Guinn) – NTR.

VI. New Business

Passing of the gavel – Jane Austin passed the gavel to incoming President Brian Kietzman.

Rural Leadership ND (Keith Trego) – Keith Trego presented to the membership a need for participants and funding for the Rural Leadership North Dakota program. The Chapter could assist by providing the link between the natural resources, agricultural, and economic leaders. Marie Hvidsten, Executive Director, Rural Leadership North Dakota, addressed the membership and provided program overview.

Updates from TWS – Dr. Michael Hutchins gave a presentation on how TWS membership benefits Chapter members.

Election Results – The election for executive board members had an interesting twist as two candidates tied in votes. According to Chapter Bylaw a revote was conducted. The election was completed. Scott McLeod was elected President-elect and Dan Halstad and Dan Svingen were elected as executive board members.

Secretary/Treasurer Position – Terry Allbee is stepping down and a replacement is needed for 2011-2012.

Planning for 2012 joint meeting with Minnesota Chapter – The 2012 annual meeting will be a joint meeting with Minnesota Chapter of TWS in Fargo. The meeting will be held February 6, 7, and 8.

Achieving the 2011 annual meeting – A motion was made to encourage the capturing the presentations of the “changing of the guard” conference in print or other formats for archiving (MSC, Alexis Duxbury, Dan Halstad). Jill Schaffer will contact presenters. The membership is also interested in documenting the 50th anniversary meeting.

Approval of new members - Mike Szymanski received new membership applications for the following individuals: Mark Anderson, Rob Bundy, Rachel Bush, Chad Carlson, Steve Czczok, Laura Dixon, Kevin Doherty, Antoine Fettig, Seth Gaugler, Kristine Hanson, Levi Jacobson, Brent Jamison, Jonathan Jenks, James Job, Wade Jones, Matt Leir, Todd Lundquist, Jennifer Malaterre, Jerry Reinisch, Joshua Schoenfelder, Matthew Shappell, Brian Wangler, Darren Wheeling, Ned Wright, Paul Barnhart, Dillon Belisle, Tabitha Berglund, Charles Black, Jennifer Connery, Vida Dogskin, Travis Fleck, Shelby Hewson, Trenton Hieb, Palani Liuger, Sean Lofgren, Sally Markegard, Tom Naas, David Remmen, Nate Rvssart, Coutlin Smith, Ashley Steffen, Luke Vaneps-Waldner, Kim Reid-Wolf, and Larissa Necklase. *Motion was made to accept the new members and student members into the Chapter (MSC, Jill Schaffer, Jane Austin).*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM. (MSC, Randy Renner, Alexis Duxbury).

Wetlands Resources Committee Chairperson Needed

The Wetlands Resources Committee is in need of a Chair to lead the committee. If you or someone you know has got “The Right Stuff”, please step forward or encourage a colleague to volunteer for the Chair. Please contact Bob Anderson at bob.anderson@vcsu.edu or 701-845-7338 if interested.



2011 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

FUNDRAISER SUMMARY

Item	Profit
Guarantee Auction	\$ 355.00
Auctions	\$1,897.50
Plinko	\$ 249.02
Waterfowl Table	\$ 912.65
Gun Raffle	\$1,229.16
General Raffle	\$2,187.35
Road Ringer	\$ 330.00
Coat Rack	\$ 300.00
Cash Contributions	\$ 100.00
	\$7,560.68

Congratulations to the raffle winners!

Big Raffle

\$200 Cabela's Gift Card: Korrine Weisbrod

\$100 Bass Po Shops Gift Certificate: Jill Shaffer

McEnroe Carving: Rob Hoflan

Bushnell Binoculars: Mike Szymanski

Buck Knife: Brad Bradbury

Gun Raffle

Remington SPR O/U 20g: Terry Allbee

Browning X Bolt 223: Matt VanThuyne

Remington 715 7mm: Kory Richardson

Thanks again to everyone who donated items, purchased something, or participated in the various raffles and games. The fundraising committee had a great time putting on this years auction and fundraising event and hope you had a great time attending. We look forward to next year in Bismarck. Hope to see you all there.

Chuck Bosch

Fundraising Committee Chair

Fundraising Committee Members

Judd Jasmer, Levi Jacobson, Chad Klindtworth, Cory Lawson, John Bauer, Mike Graue, Scott Mcleod, Matt Shappel, John Mazur, Chad Carlson, Matt Van Thuyne, Ryan Shively, Jesse Beckers, Chuck Bosch

Note: A mallard coat rack was donated but the fundraising committee does not know the donor was. If you are the donor, please contact Chuck Bosch so you may receive proper acknowledgment in the next newsletter.



2011 Annual Meeting Contributors

Paul Van Ningen	Hand-made fishing creel
Patrick Isakson	Prints "Winter Foragers" and "Autumn Mist"
Karen Kreil	Chase Lake Print
Garth Zimbleman	Hunting Light Kit
Scott Peterson	Blue bird houses
Chuck Bosch	Various gloves, flourescent dog collar
Mike Johnson	Case of steel shot
John Bauer	Tackle box
Bob Anderson	"The Journey" print and Canada print
Carl Edgerely	"November Bluebills" print
Ron Reynolds	"Storm Warning" and "Duck Masters" prints
Cami Dixon	Prairie flower photo
Randy Renner	"Winter Seclusion" print
Prairie Committee	Various T-shirts and water bottles
Corey Lawson	Blaze orange dog vest
unknown	Metal mallard coat rack
Bobby Cox	Goose Hat
Karen Kreil & Eileen McEnroe	White Lady Slip Orchid Quilt
Scott Stephens	Final Approach blind bag, cap, skull cap
Curt Bradbury	Winchester knives
Randy Kreil	Vintage DU print and "The American Hunting Dog" book
Chris Flann	9 books
John Mazur	"Canada Geese" print
Des Lacs NWR	Corner Gun stand
Tedd Gutzke	Banding pliers, color bands, scales
Northern Badlands Chapter MDF	2 hats, shirt & water bottle
ND Conservation Fund	"Changing Seasons III" print
Sitting Bull College Ecology Club	Blanket and prints
Bob Seabloom	Belt buckles
Phil Mastrangelo	Shell box and box of shotgun shells, Book 2 FB duck decoy bags, floating decoy bag, 2 floating gun cases, 4 avery skull caps
Great Plains Regional Office, DU	Hand-made lanyard
Stephanie Tucker	Mason Bluebill Decoys
Harold Kantrud	Pine needle basket
Eileen McEnroe	Mourning Dove Sculpture
Mike McEnroe	"History in Wood: Redhead Block", "Winter Bouquet", "The Adventures of Tympie Nuchus"
Ross Hier	Rhubarb wine
Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center	Glass pitcher and glasses
Karen Kreil	2 fishing rods and 1 reel
Mike Goos	Sharptail Apron
Marleen Sapa	"Of Chickens and Modern Society"
Randy & Karen Kreil	Guided catfishing trip
Jay Leitch	2 fleece vests
50th Anniversary Committee	"Autumn Wings" print and Walnut End Table
Kory & Laurie Richardson and Bill Schaller	Coat rack and mirror
Ed Meendering	Knives and multi-tools
NWTF	Gun cleaning kit, scope cover, goose flag, call lanyard, book, falcon print, "Winter seclusion" print
Jane Austin	Single rose stand
Morgan Johnson	Cowboy sculpture
Valerie Naylor	5 packages of hand-harvested wild rice
Rod Ustipak	"Sundown"
Paulette Scherr	Sharptail Photo
Jerry Kobriger	Turkey Feather Painting
Andy Knudson	
Natural Resource Trust	\$100.00

North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Annual Award Recipients

February 10, 2011

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual Awards Banquet on February 10, 2011 at the Seven Seas in Mandan, North Dakota. Awards were presented to three wildlife professionals, an Engineer with the Public Service Commission, MDU Resources, five undergraduate students, and two graduate students. A special recognition award was also presented to the outgoing President.

NORTH DAKOTA AWARD: DR. MARSHA A. SOVADA, USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

Marsha received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in 1976. She received her Master of Science degree in Biology at the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1979. In 1993, Marsha received her Ph.D. from North Dakota State University, under the guidance of Dr. James W. Grier. She is employed at the US Geological Survey's Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota, where she has worked nearly continuously during the past 30 years. Marsha has authored or co-authored over 65 scientific papers, technical reports, chapters, and books. Many of her publications focus on the ecology and management of mammalian predators. In addition to her published works, she has authored or co-authored nearly 100 presentations at professional conferences, workshops, universities, and local organizations. Her particular areas of research interest include predator ecology and management, mammalogy, waterfowl ecology and management, ornithology, and natural resources management. She is known for her exceptionally broad and insightful knowledge of mammalian predators and her passion to understand their behavior and ecology.

When Marsha began her career at Northern Prairie, her skills and background in field research complemented and contributed to Northern Prairie's studies of waterfowl and predator ecology. Marsha, Al Sargeant, and Ray Greenwood set new standards for work on predator ecology and predation management in the northern Great Plains. They co-authored several seminal papers and monographic works on these topics, including the widely-acclaimed USGS/Ducks Unlimited publication on interpreting evidence of depredation of duck nests in the Prairie Pothole Region and the often-cited U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Resource Publication on the distribution and abundance of predators that affect duck production in the Prairie Pothole Region. Marsha conducted several independent investigations in North Dakota, including studies on small mammal abundance and diversity, distribution and abundance of Richardson's Ground Squirrels, home range and habitat use of American Badgers, Redhead brood parasitism in Canvasback nests, and fragmentation effects on Red Fox and Striped Skunk. In the mid-1990s, she began studies of Swift Fox biology and reintroductions in the central and northern Great Plains. Later, she joined colleagues from the St. Louis Zoo and the National Park Service to study the breeding success and productivity of captive populations of the endangered Channel Island Fox on islands off the coast of southern California. Among ornithologists and bird enthusiasts, Marsha is recognized as an expert on American White Pelican ecology. During the past decade, she and her collaborators have conducted extensive studies of American White Pelicans at colonies in the northern Great Plains. Reproductive failures at the Chase Lake pelican colony in North Dakota sparked international interest in the fate of these birds, and Marsha's studies led to the discovery of West Nile virus as a major mortality factor of pelican chicks at Chase Lake and other colonies in the northern Great Plains. She currently is a senior researcher on Northern Prairie's Missouri River Research Team that is conducting studies directed at improving management and monitoring of the federally listed Interior Least tern and Piping Plover populations in North Dakota and South Dakota.

The quality of Marsha's research has been recognized in many scientific and conservation circles. Marsha has served on, contributed to, or chaired several professional committees, task forces, and evaluation panels for federal, state, and private organizations. For example, between 1998 and 2000, she was invited to chair a working group of the Predation Avian Recruitment Team, which is a task force of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Under Marsha's leadership, the team published a peer-reviewed, comprehensive literature review of predation issues for waterfowl in arctic and prairie breeding areas. Marsha is recognized as one of the North America's leading experts on foxes, having produced with students and collaborators, a body of research that has greatly added to our understanding of canid ecology. Between 1995 and the present, Marsha has been an invited member of the North American Swift Fox Conservation Team. On that team, she serves as the chairperson for the Research Technical Committee and the Competitive Granting Review Committee. The Team's efforts led to an

increased understanding of the life history and habitat requirements of the Swift Fox and ultimately led to the Swift Fox being removed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's candidate species list. Since 2005, she has been the chairperson of the Captive Breeding Task Force of the Channel Island Fox Recovery Coordination Group, which is charged with developing research, management, and husbandry plans for subspecies of the endangered Channel Island Fox. In 2006, she was invited to join the Canid Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Marsha is active in several professional societies and natural resource organizations. She has been a member of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Central Mountain and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, and their parent organization since 1983. She received the Central Mountains and Plains Section Professional Award in 2010. She has authored or co-authored several presentations at annual North Dakota Chapter meetings, including one that received the best professional paper award in 1989. Marsha served on the Executive Board of the North Dakota Chapter between 2005 and 2007, and has been a member of the Program Committee for the Chapter's annual meeting for the last seven years (including chair of this committee for 2 of the 7 years). In 2006-2007, Marsha served on The Wildlife Society's Aldo Leopold Memorial Award Committee, which is charged with selecting an individual for The Wildlife Society's most prestigious award. Marsha also is a member of the American Society of Mammalogists, the Society for Conservation Biology, the Waterbird Society, the Great Plains Natural Science Society, and the North Dakota Archaeological Association.



HABITAT AWARD — MARK KNELL, Public Service Commission

The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award is presented to an individual or group that has made a substantial contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat in North Dakota. This year's award recipient is Mark Knell. Mark, an environmental Engineer and Project Manager with the Abandoned Mine Lands Division of the Public Service Commission, oversaw reclamation work on the Custer Mine Wildlife Management Area. One portion of the project involved forming a shoreline around the 8 acre Custer trout pond so that now anglers can fish about 95% of this pond from the shore. In addition to this, five small wetlands were constructed and 26,500 feet of trees and shrubs were planted. Mark also worked on reclamation projects within the North Beulah Mine and Harris M Baukol Wildlife Management Areas. Included in this restoration work, a series of diversion ditches, ponds and channels were built to control runoff. Wetlands were designed in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and were constructed to provide wildlife habitat, especially for waterfowl. The reclamation areas were seeded to dense nesting cover or trees. During his career, Mark has managed the reclamation of 76,560 feet or 14.5 miles of dangerous high-walls. This was accomplished by moving over 10 million cubic yards of spoil material, which is equivalent to building a 24 foot wide by one foot thick road from Boston to Los Angeles. Mark has been involved in the re-vegetation of approximately 3000 acres, the construction of 50 wetlands and planting of over 58,000 trees. He is an avid outdoor enthusiast and lives in Bismarck with his wife Connie.



CHARLES V. PULVER CASE OF THE YEAR AWARD — BRENT SCHWAN, North Dakota Game and Fish Department

This case began in October 2008, when Game Warden Brent Schwan received information on a dead deer north of Charlson. Investigations continued through March 2010 when search warrants were secured for DNA samples. A juvenile was charged in May 2010 for illegal possession of big game, hunting big game without a valid license and wanton waste of big game.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD — MDU RESOURCES FOUNDATION

One of this year's recipients of the Chapter's Special Recognition Award is **MDU Resources Foundation** in recognition for their continued support of the Chapter's Student/Professional Luncheon. The luncheon is held each year at the Chapter's Annual Winter Conference. Since its inception at the 2007 conference, MDU Resources Foundation has awarded an annual grant enabling all interested students to attend the luncheon compliments of MDU. The Student / Professional Lunch has been a great success thanks in large part to the generous contributions from MDU supporting natural resource students and their active participation in professional organizations. The luncheon provides a forum for students and professionals to gather and informally discuss issues important to students, such as career and internship opportunities and student wildlife activities. It also provides an opportunity for the Chapter to highlight the importance of students as they progress along their individual paths towards becoming tomorrow's conservation leaders.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD — MICHAEL OEHLER, U.S. National Park Service

The other recipient of this year's Special Recognition Award is **Michael Oehler** in recognition for the outstanding contributions he has made towards furthering the aims of professional wildlife conservation in North Dakota. As the Wildlife Biologist at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Mike's commitment to the sportsmen and women and our natural resources is demonstrated in his work on the Elk Management Plan. This project that Mike has worked on for nearly 10 years is controversial, has inspired tremendous interest among the people of North Dakota, has been cooperative in nature and has resulted in the unprecedented opportunity for supervised sport-harvest of elk within a unit of the National Park Service. Mike's professionalism, dedication and cooperative relationships with other agencies, particularly the North Dakota Game and Fish Department resulted in this novel approach to wildlife management. Under Mike's supervision, the elk removal program was very successful in its first year, removing over 400 elk from Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Each recipient is nominated by the faculty at their university for excelling in academics, quality research, and professional involvement..

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA — GRADUATE

Annmarie Krmpotich



NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY — GRADUATE

Justin Fisher



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA — UNDERGRADUATE

Jessica Greer

DAKOTA COLLEGE — BOTTINEAU

Karly Brummond

SITTING BULL COLLEGE

Audra Stonefish



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Josiah Nelson



VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY Kyle McLean

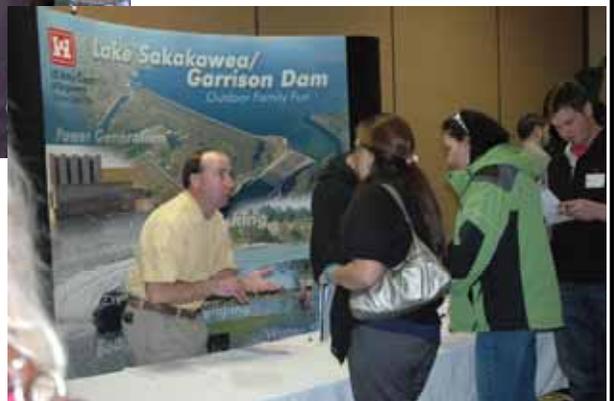


NATURAL RESOURCE COMMUNICATION AWARDS

Each year the Chapter recognizes the time and effort expended by those who present scientific information at the Annual Meeting. The evaluation committee, chaired by Dan Svingen, conducts evaluations of style, substance, and adherence to allocated time. Thanks to Wenck Associates, Inc. and Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. for providing honorariums for best student paper and best student poster.

- **Professional paper:** Johann Walker, *Occupancy of Wetlands by Duck Broods Relative to Wetland and Landscape Characteristics in the Prairie Pothole Region of North and South Dakota*
- **Student paper:** Caitlin Smith, *Effects of Sedimentation Removal on Vegetation Communities in Prairie Pothole Wetlands in North Dakota*
- **Student poster:** Ryan Haffele, *Nest Density and Nest Site Selection of Upland Nesting Ducks in Dense Nesting Cover and Restored Native Multi-Species Plantings in the Devils Lake Wetland Management District, North Dakota*

Student Career Fair



Student-Professional Luncheon



More Students



PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Women's in Natural Resources committee held its annual social on Thursday afternoon. Over 30 women attended the social. Discussions centered on sending one student to the National Wildlife Society meeting this fall. AnnMarie Krmpotich, a Master's student at the University of North Dakota was selected to go to the National meeting in 2011. The money raised by the committee from last year and this year will be used to help defray expenses of the trip. The committee also enlisted Individuals who were willing to be mentors or would be willing to help guide younger women and a contact list will be disseminated out to the group. The goal of the committee is to provide a time and opportunity for people to get together and network in a fun atmosphere. Thank you to Sue, Patsy, and Karen who headed up the arrangements for the social this year.



As a member of the NDCTWS, you are also a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of the Wildlife Society.

The Fall 2010/Spring 2011 newsletter is now available:

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
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 By Bruce Leopold, TWS President (Presented at the Wildlife, July 2010)

I have stated on a few occasions (to Council, to the Membership) that we need to strive to be The Wildlife Society rather than *A* Wildlife Society. I was thinking about this issue a few days ago while visiting TWS Headquarters during my most recent "quarterly visit", which was my last visit as President (a bit emotional to say the least).

I see, with every visit, a staff extremely dedicated to making our professional society, THE Wildlife Society, the "go to" place whenever there is an issue regarding wildlife. I see it regarding our publications, website, policy activities, provision of member services and mail services, format of our annual conferences, etc. I see Council, all volunteers, not paid one dime for their time to serve as members of our Governing Board, work tirelessly to make this society, THE Wildlife Society!!! And lastly, but not least, our Executive Director, who I meet, eat, drink, sleep, and dream of THE Wildlife Society!!! Even when they are on vacation, they are still checking emails and responding to issues that have arisen. But, this isn't enough. And this is what makes me up about once a week, remarkably always between 2:30 and 2:30 am!!!

If what people will use is true, many of you can relate to this phenomenon, but perhaps at a different time. Dr. Robert Brown, while he was Head of the Wildlife and Fisheries Department at Mississippi State University, once told us (the faculty) that "what makes a professional is that he/she takes his/her work home with them!!" If this is indeed the metric, then I am truly astounded by Professionals!!! However, much more is needed for us to be THE Wildlife Society: that professional organizations whose legislators, policy makers, school teachers, city or county administrators, school children, local ranchers, hunters, trappers, fisher people, even the paper delivery person, come to when there is an issue pertaining to our wildlife resources.

So, what will it take then??? Well, Cheryl Walker tells us that our membership is growing at an exceptional rate, and within a year, we may actually hit 10,000. Jan Miller, during her TWS Presidency, had as one of her mantras, "10,000 by 2008". Well, we are only 1 decade late huh??? The TWS staff has provided, and to my

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Wyoming section member wins pronghorn award

Wyoming Wildlife biologist and CMPS member Richard J. Coonrod of Laramie received the 2010 Pronghorn Award at the 14th Annual Pronghorn Workshop held in Laramie. This award is the most significant award offered through the Wildlife Association of Field & Wildlife Agencies International Pronghorn Workshops and is given to an individual as a group of colleagues who have made noteworthy contributions to pronghorn management or research. The award is named for a 1960s pronghorn that epitomized the spirit faced by all pronghorn.

Coonrod said, "Thinking this award was a huge surprise and a truly humbling, as there is no higher honor for those of us fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with one of North America's most unique land mammals. I have had the great honor to work in Wyoming where pronghorn are so abundant. In accepting this award I want to recognize the support and wisdom of my parents and all those who have helped me throughout my career. Without them this award would not have been possible."

CMPS member Ann Lueker (center) receives the 2010 Pronghorn Award at the Wildlife Pronghorn Workshop.

"Professional wildlife in Wyoming and across the West recognize the knowledge of pronghorn back up by frequently visiting and his experience and savvy. His quiet, unassuming demeanor often results in his remaining in the background when 'bears' are passed on. But, under an unobtrusive, but long-term academic dedication and efforts to conserve pronghorn make him more than deserving of this prestigious award," said Tom Fyler, Executive Director of The Wildlife Society.

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Mission statement and strategic plan up for review

As I sit in the office looking out at the snow and eagerly anticipating the new semester, I'm reminded of a letter I received in October. It was the meeting again in South Dakota. And while it's a reminder to look at our own future, there are lessons to be learned and to be.

In the meantime, we have gone a long way in accomplishing our mission. It is time to look at the future and to see if we are still on track. We have a lot of work to do, but we have the opportunity to review and update our mission statement and strategic plan. We have a lot of work to do, but we have the opportunity to review and update our mission statement and strategic plan. We have a lot of work to do, but we have the opportunity to review and update our mission statement and strategic plan.

By BRUCE LEOPOLD, PRESIDENT

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