

## NDWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Yet to be Board Approved

President Leon Pederson called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Members present were Leon Pederson, Joan Lorge, Stan Wolf, Bill Walker, Gary Hartman, Brent Nelson, Terry Volk, Katie Clyde, David Hirsch, Chelsey Penuel and Merlin Leithold.

**Additional agenda items were:** Outreach Committee

**Minutes were reviewed.** Brent moved to approve the minutes as presented, Bill seconded the motion. M/C

**Financial Report:** Merlin gave the financial report, including the check register, memberships paid so far, and the budget update. Four counties have not paid their 2016 dues. Leon asked area directors to again check with their counties that have not paid their dues, to encourage to get them paid. Merlin will be re-sending statements soon. Good discussion on how to get these four counties to pay their dues. Joan moved to approve the financial report, Katie seconded the motion. M/C

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Derrill is at the NAISMA conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. No report

**Annual Meeting:** Merlin gave the board an update on the upcoming conference. Speaker slots are almost filled. May have a couple more booths. The committee will meet after the board meeting to add a few more finalizations. If we get sponsors for the breaks, we should be able to maintain last year's registration fees. Questions on how the breakout sessions will work. Katie worries that the sessions will not all be attended evenly. Will have to watch and possibly close some rooms at a certain point.

### **Agency Reports:**

**Government:** Dave gave the government report. He apologized to the board for missing the June meeting. Field days went well. We may have missed the peak harvest this season, with field days. Amazing how not many counties have field days. Should be more field days. How do we get more landowners involved in working their beetle sites? Have education days? Possibly more information, education, is needed. Merlin asked if Dave would like to speak at the annual conference on biocontrol, and how to set up a field day. Chelsey thought a round table discussion, with the counties that host field days, to discuss their success, and what works for them, and what doesn't. There is still quite a lot of need for biocontrol, but at the same token, biocontrol is working, and is in a lot of areas, just not necessarily collectable.

**NDDA:** Chelsey Penuel gave the NDDA report. Spotted knapweed biocontrol: Monitored *Larinus obtusus* and collected 1200 individuals. These were distributed to Bowman, McKenzie, Stutsman, and Ward counties. Monitored *Cyphocleonus achetes* and found about 35

individuals. These are establishing but are not collectable at this time. Leafy spurge biocontrol: Billings, Stark, Grant, and Stutsman counties hosted collection days. Numbers looked good at all sites. Yellow toadflax biocontrol: Received additional bio agents from MT in May. These were placed in Ward and Barnes counties previous sites in Ward were monitored using the Standardized Impact Monitoring Protocol (SIMP) Weed Seed Free Forage Program: There was fewer inspectors this year. There was also an increased demand due to a pipeline company recruiting landowners to get WSFF certification. Call Lane if you have questions on the 2017 season, at 701-328-2250

TAG has about 53% of the funding remaining. LAP has about 27% of the funding remaining.

United States Forest Service funds: 2012 grant expires end of September 2016 and all funds spent, 2013 grant has all remaining funds obligated, 2014 grant for Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) has about \$3,500 available, 2015 grant for Continuing EDRR has about \$28,000 available, Newest grant in 2016 is for supplementing the current noxious weeds program; there is \$35,000 available, If you have questions or ideas for special projects, please contact Chelsey.

Gary Pastushok has taken over as plant industries director. His office is in Bismarck, at Ag. North. Charles Elhard, who is in Fargo, is Chelsey's direct boss.

**Industry Report:** Bill Walker gave the industry report. Industry is rather quiet. Companies seem to keep merging. Rumor has it that some chemicals could sneak higher by 3 to 5% next season. DOW has not said anything on their prices. Bayer is quiet on the full labeling for Method and Perspective. Still waiting for EPA. EPA has done nothing on moving this forward. It has been 5 years already. States should start filing section 18's. That might help move it forward. Vaslan is now registered. A mirror label of Garlan3A, 3 to 4#. Garlan3A is basically phased out. DOW may be coming out with a Coline based 2-4D for resale on its own, for range and pasture. Virtually no grazing restrictions, compared to regular 2-4D. It will have a premium price. It could cost \$18/19 per gallon. It is now available in the premix Graslan L. Graslan L, the Picloram/Amine premix. The price structure/acre is rather higher than using Tordon and Amine, and tank mixing yourself.

## **Break**

**Legislative:** Merlin brought up a follow-up to Chelsey's NDDA report on LAP. He was wondering if the legislative committee needs to look at the formula, or request that more funds be put into LAP, seeing that quite of few counties have used their allocations for this biennium. Merlin will put a blurb in the October newsletter, letting counties know, that it will get discussed at the area meetings, to get a better feel from counties. The legislative committee will then meet in November, to go over area meeting results, and decide where and what to do. 47 counties and cities are eligible. To be eligible, you must either receive 3 mills, or budget equivalent of 3 mills.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Insurance: Leon asked the board what they had decided, since the June meeting regarding, liability and or directors insurance. The insurance would be through Liberty Mutual. A \$1 million policy for liability, per occurrence, 2 million annually, would be \$250/year/no deductible. Directors insurance, covering lawsuits for decisions by the board, etc., \$1,000/year/250 deductible.

After good discussion, Katie moved to get the liability insurance for \$250/year. Stan seconded the motion. M/C. Leon will contact Jeff Mostad, Liberty Mutual, and have him send the forms to Merlin to be filled out.

**Caps, Jackets, Vests:** Merlin passed around the final choices on caps, vests, and jackets. Gary moved to purchase caps, get several jackets and vests to take to the area meetings for sizes. Charge \$12/cap, \$75/jacket, and \$55/vest. Bill seconded the motion. M/C. Merlin will have order forms at the area meetings, along with jackets and vests to try on.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Baker, Montana Weed Mtg.:** Katie said that we are invited to the weed meeting in Baker, Mont., October 11, 12, & 13. The 12<sup>th</sup> is the main day, with a round table discussion on weed issues, concerning surrounding states. Leon plans to attend. Katie and Joan also plan to attend.

**Palmer Amaranth:** Stan mentioned that Palmer Amaranth has been found in CRP in Iowa. The seed could have been in the seed source in the CRP planting. Should we be concerned? Do we need to contact the NDDA on this matter, so they get the word out to various agencies? Chelsey stated that it has been found in a pollinator seeding in Minnesota. The NDDA is aware, and they have contacted various agencies already, including NRCS and NDSU. Bill said that it would be extremely tough to spot in seed, as the seeds are so tiny. Also, Bill stated that it is not that difficult to kill, in ROW or CRP or rangeland. You need to go back to old style chemistry, and it will be gone. However, it is difficult to kill in cropland, due to carryover of certain chemicals. Merlin will ask Rod, to see if he can touch on Palmer Amaranth at the conference.

**Other Legislative issues:** Stan was wondering why the procedure that Chelsey gave him, regarding noncompliance of noxious weed control, and what steps to take to bring someone back into compliance, are different than what is stated in the century code. There is an extra step in Chelsey's. Chelsey's extra step, takes longer, but may be better, in the long run.

## **Lunch Break:**

Gary Pastushok joined us at this time. He is the new plant industries director, taking the position that Carrie Larson held. He comes to the department from industry. Has been in this job for a couple of months. With budget cuts looming, interesting days ahead. Introductions around the room took place. Will help us throughout the session in any way he can. Gary stayed

for the rest of the meeting. Merlin asked that we be included in up to date updates concerning the legislatures.

**Budget:** Worked on the 2017 budget. Merlin questioned if we need the exhibit line in the budget, on both revenues and expenses, since it has been run through the education line. Brent moved to remove exhibit lines from the budget. Joan seconded the motion. M/C. Joan moved to put liability insurance as a line item under expenses. Bill seconded the motion. M/C. Brent questioned on why we need to balance the budget, when we have a rather decent carryover projected of funds. We could actually run a deficit spending budget for a year or two, and be fine. Good discussion took place, for and against doing this. Katie moved to approve the preliminary balanced budget for 2017 at \$47,050.00. Stan seconded the motion. M/C.

**Area Meetings Agenda:** Directors in areas I, IV & V are up, and are eligible for another term of two years. Second vice president nominations. Nominees can only be from areas I, II, III. Directors will get to Merlin other agenda items by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Directors will contact their counties, inviting them to the area meetings.

**Other:** Mike Schalla is now on the Ag side with DOW. Karissa Floerchinger is the new rep for DOW.

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting. Stan seconded the motion. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Merlin Leithold

Executive secretary

Convention Planning Meeting  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, following board meeting

Those present were Katie Clyde, Leon Pederson, Stan Wolf, Bill Walker, Chelsey Penuel, Gary Pastushok and Merlin Leithold.

Katie chaired the meeting. Merlin explained the breakout sessions. Katie has concerns on how they will work. Worried that there could be too many at one session, and not enough at the next. They will have to be monitored.

Merlin showed the costs with breaks. With the costs, the average break will be \$480. The committee decided to go with that for sponsors.

Tentative Schedule: January 9-12, 2017

Monday evening: board of directors meeting

Tuesday: NDDA Commissioner Weed Forum

Tuesday Afternoon: 3:00 pm Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday Evening: Beer and Brat social (and wine and cheese)

Wednesday Morning: Speakers

Wednesday 11:00: luncheon with speaker and ladies luncheon

Wednesday Afternoon: Three room breakout sessions, 45 minutes in length, with a vendor break somewhere in the middle. Speakers in main room to close out the day.

Wednesday Evening: Banquet with social and entertainment

Thursday Early Morning: Vendor Breakfast.

Thursday Morning: Speakers until noon then adjourn conference

Thursday Noon: board of directors meeting