

NDWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call Meeting, November 12th, 10:00 am

Yet to be approved

President Cody Schnabel called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Those on the phone were Cody Schnabel, Travis Jepson, Jim Hennessy, Brent Nelson, Ron Manson, Derrill Fick, Rick Schmidt, Katie Dillman, Bill Walker, Kent Luttschwager, Jamen Windish, Richard Weisz, NDDA, and Merlin Leithold, executive secretary. Guests included Chelsey Penuel and Charles Elhard, NDDA.

Cody stated that the reason for the meeting was to decide the fate of the annual conference, which would be held in January. Cody went on to state that with the Covid numbers where they are presently at, Burleigh County, the county where Bismarck is located in, is in the orange, as is the entire state, we could not hold the conference.

Ron said that it looks like it's a no go. Jim said that because the entire state is in orange, we could not even move the conference to another city. Rick asked Richard what the NDDA plans on doing with the commissioners weed forum. Richard stated that they would go along with whatever the association does. If we cancel our part of the conference, they will do the same.

After much discussion, Brent moved that we cancel the conference for 2021. Katie seconded the motion. Cody asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

Travis – Aye, Jim – Aye, Brent –Aye, Ron – Aye, Derrill – Aye, Rick – Aye, Katie – Aye, Bill – Aye, Cody – Aye. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Discussion took place on doing a virtual conference. After discussion, it was decided without any motion, not to do anything virtual, but to work on changing the format of the spring sprayer schools, to include topics normally done at the conference. Will revisit this at the January board meeting.

January Board Meeting: Cody asked when we want to have the January meeting, originally scheduled for January 11, at 5:00pm. Ron moved to have the meeting on January 12th, at 10:00 am at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck, an in person meeting. Derrill seconded the motion. Richard stated that he could provide a conference call for any who cannot make the meeting. Cody asked for a roll call vote on the motion, since on the phone it's hard to hear everyone at once.

Travis – Aye, Jim – Aye, Brent –Aye, Ron – Aye, Derrill – Aye, Rick – Aye, Katie – Aye, Bill – Aye, Cody – Aye. **Motion carried unanimously**

Annual Meeting: Cody asked Merlin to provide the board with his idea to the business meeting.

Merlin told the board that the annual meeting minutes are on the website. He would also put the budget on the website. Members would be asked to go on the website, and review the minutes and look at the budget. Then they would be asked to vote to either approve them or not. Members would also be asked to vote for industry representative and 2nd vice president. There would also be a space for them to sign the ballot and put down what entity they are voting for, such as a county, etc. Could put them in the newsletter, to cut out and send back. It was suggested that do a postcard, mailed separately to the members. An easier solution. Merlin agreed with that idea.

Travis stated that with the way the situation is presently, that would be the best option. Derrill also feels that would be the best option.

Bill made a motion to have Merlin mail the ballots to members in place of the annual meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Discussion: Katie said that it would be best to have the postcard postage paid, and a return address to make sure people vote. Also, she feels that the area directors should call their members to make sure they received the ballots and that they send them back. Merlin will contact the area directors when he mails the postcard ballots to members.

Cody called for a roll call vote on Bill's motion. Travis – Aye, Jim – Aye, Brent –Aye, Ron – Aye, Derrill – Aye, Rick – Aye, Katie – Aye, Bill – Aye, Cody – Aye. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Being no further discussion, Katie moved to adjourn the conference call meeting. Jim seconded the motion. **M/C**

Thank you to Richard and NDDA for setting up the conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary