



North Dakota Hunter Educator's Association  
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***VISION STATEMENT:***

*A proactive, informed group of ND volunteers who dedicate themselves to promoting quality education, who are recognized as leaders in enriching our hunting heritage with respect to safety, integrity and conservation.*



**Cavalier class on April 5, 2007-36 Students were enrolled in the 14 hour course**

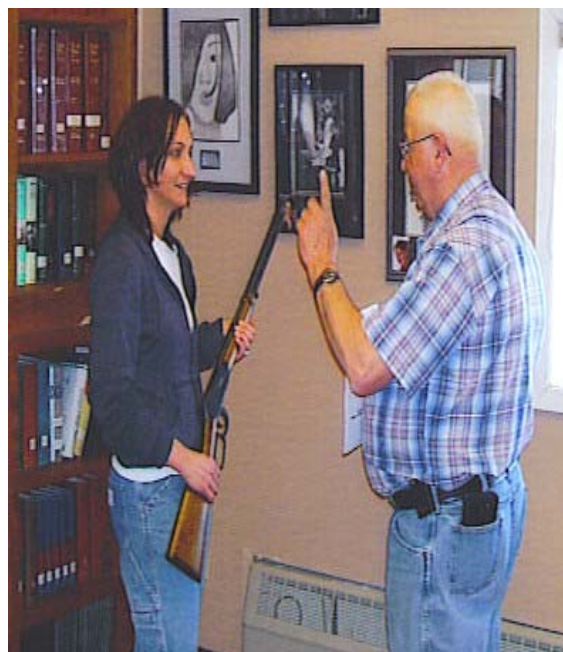
Photo above left: Rodney & Melvin Stark-Chief Instructors

Photo above right: Instructor Kenneth Schwandt doing hands-on with student.

Photo below left: Pat Stark correcting exams

Photo below center: Rene Arnold, Instructor testing student in hands-on

**Photos submitted by Melvin Stark-Thanks Melvin!! :)**



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**Please encourage**

**fellow Instructors to join  
the NDHEA today!! :)**

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## Legislative Committee Report

As a hunter education instructor there were some wins and losses in the legislative arena. Likewise, as a resident of ND or a parent, you will realize some gains and losses due to legislation that passed or failed. We have attached those bills that have passed and should be important to you as an Instructor of Hunter Education and mentor to those new hunters you have an opportunity to help. Please take a few minutes to send an email or make a phone call to those legislators that supported a piece of legislation you also supported - whether it passed or failed - and tell them thank-you.

**SB 2017** - (Introduced by Appropriations Committee at the request of the Governor) - Appropriates \$57,861,111 for the Game and Fish Department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. Includes \$100,000 to be used on activities to encourage youth hunting. Also, has the Department study the recruitment and retention of hunters in North Dakota and report findings to the legislative council before December 31, 2008. Passed Senate 44-0. Passed House 89-2. (Yet to be signed.)

**SB 2201** - (Sen's Heitkamp, Freborg, Lyson; Rep's DeKrey, Hanson, Wall) - Gives the hunter educators association one pronghorn license per year for a raffle. Passed Senate 45-0. Passed House 85-7. (Yet to be signed.)

**SB 2250** - (Sen's Heitkamp, Freborg; Representative S. Meyer) - Allows first-time spring wild turkey applicants ages 15 and younger to receive one spring wild turkey license. Passed Senate 46-0. Passed House 93-0. Signed by governor.

**SB 2251** - (Sen's Heitkamp, Freborg; Rep's S. Meyer, Nelson) - Makes available to the National Wild Turkey Federation one spring wild turkey license per year for a raffle or auction. Passed Senate 45-1. Passed House 90-1. Signed by governor.

**HB 1311** - (Rep's Headland, Dietrich, Weiler; Sen's Cook, Erbele, Wardner) - Allows the governor, by proclamation, to establish a pheasant hunting season for youth. Also, has the Game and Fish Department study hunter education requirements and hunter safety for all ages of hunters, and report findings and recommendations to the legislative council by July 1, 2008. Passed House 93-0. Passed Senate 45-0. (Yet to be signed.)

Lee Bratlie and Rod O'Clair

### **For Sale:**

Hunter Orange Caps! E-mail Rod O'Clair at [roc1949us@yahoo.com](mailto:roc1949us@yahoo.com). The Association has a good supply of Responsible Hunter mesh orange caps. If you can find a sponsor to support the good work we do, or even sell a few, an order of a couple dozen would raise funds for NDHEA projects. The hats are **\$5.00 each** so a box of 2 dozen is only \$120.00. Most of you belong to a wildlife club and you might bring up a motion for the membership to approve purchasing these safety oriented caps for your hunter education graduates.

Some civic clubs have also made donations for that purpose and a few hunting dentists, doctors and attorneys have also been open to sponsoring purchase of these caps. They are good advertising when you tell the students who donated them and it is a reminder every time they are worn. Give our students a safe send off after graduating from your course, put a mesh orange Responsible Hunter cap on their head.

Contact me today-Rod O'Clair!!

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

As always lets start this out right, all NDHEA members please reach out and talk with other instructors to join the NDHEA. The NDHEA is only as strong as are membership numbers.

As I speak, the raffle committee is already in action organizing it's first raffle. The tickets will sell for \$ 5.00 each for a chance to win 1 of 3 rifles, or 1 of 3 gift cards at a Scheel's store near you. Once we receive the tickets, we will be sending them out for each NDHEA member to sell. The tickets with a nice note, should be in the mail and received by you sometime late June or the first part of July if everything works out okay. All other information will be on the tickets when you receive them. **Once again I need to ask all the NDHEA members for your help for this raffle to be successful.**

The funds received from this raffle in 2007 will fund the future annual Antelope Tag raffle with other items for 2008. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at : [markw4785@wil.midco.net](mailto:markw4785@wil.midco.net) or call: 572-4891. Thank you for your support of the NDHEA.

I have also included an e-mail from a Past President of the NDHEA Mark Hunt who is serving in the military. See below:

Dear Mark and Neva

I am happy to see that I have not been forgotten. I know I was not very active last year but I had a lot going on in my private life and military career. As far as the note goes I have no objection to having it in the newsletter although I know I am no Ernest Hemingway. Life in Korea is vastly different than life in North Dakota, its funny how people take things for granted (including me) until they no longer have access to or can enjoy them. After my tour in Korea hopefully the Air Force will send me back to North Dakota if not then I will probably retire from the military and return to ND anyway. Although my wife and I are not native North Dakotans we have adopted the state to be our home. We have been stationed throughout the US and Overseas and North Dakota is the place we have chosen to reside. It has been a few years now since I was on the NDHEA Executive Board and things seem to have vastly improved, the website looks great someone has put a lot of time and effort in to constructing it. When I was on the board our main focus was to get the 501c3 in and approved and now the organization has made leaps and bounds from when I was there. I am glad to see that folks have stepped up to plate and taken a vast interest in the organization. Well this is turning into a novel, thanks so much for writing and keep up the good work!!

Mark Hunt-NDHEA Past President & Dist. 2 Hunter Ed Instructor

## **MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TERRY FASTEEN**

Cooperation and communication, two words that genuinely help every situation come to a functional conclusion. We are about to embark on the next phase of making our Associations proposed mentorship hunting program a reality.

We took an idea got it promoted in the State legislature and got a bill passed to grant the NDHEA a yearly antelope tag to raffle off to raise the funds to establish the means of covering the cost of this ambitious program. This month we will get the permission to hold the first ever State wide raffle this Association has had. Unfortunately due to the slow nature of politics, we will not be able to raffle off the antelope hunt this year, but we will have firearms, gift certificates and perhaps a goose hunt or ice fishing trip out of the Devils Lake area to offer to all.

We will need the help and cooperation of all NDHEA members to make this work. Once the raffle tickets have been printed we will be mailing several books to each of you to sell. Each District rep will have additional books to distribute until the deadline has been reached. The funds will be used to sponsor the initial mentorship hunts this fall and to fund the purchase of prizes for the big raffle to take place this coming year.

We will need input and support from all of the membership when it comes time to provide the mentored hunts around the state. Your input as to potential hunting opportunities will be needed and appreciated. Your expertise in teaching the first time hunters will be invaluable. The District Reps and Board of Directors are not able to do everything by themselves, nor should it be expected that one person will have to give up their hunting season for the benefit of others. But I think we can all find one day to share in the field to help bring a smile and a memory for the benefit of others.

Keep in touch, please consider the NDHEA shooting event in Zap this year and have a great summer.

# DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

## District 1-Ron Swenson

We have finished a regular class and an internet class here in Williston. We will be having another class in May. We just completed a quarterly meeting on April 21 in Bismarck. A lot of work was accomplished. I would also like to say "Welcome Board" to a new Dist. 1 Instructor, Torrie Vader!!

Ron-District 1 Rep.

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## District 4-Leland Bratlie

Greetings from the NE corner of the state! It looks like spring has sprung, this part of the state is usually the last to enjoy that occurrence.

As was pointed out elsewhere in the newsletter, this legislative session was another interesting one. It was probably a little less contentious than others in recent memory, but has had it's moments none the less. The outcome of one bill that I'll be watching closely is HB 1311, which is the youth pheasant season bill. This one went back and forth and at one point it seemed an amendment to this bill would restrict hunting in ND to only those who had successfully completed a Hunter Education class, which of course would have limited hunters in this state to be at least 11 years of age. This would have been for all hunting seasons included archery deer, not only the youth pheasant season. Thankfully that amendment wasn't successful and youth are still allowed to purchase a hunting license without Hunter Education until they reach the age of 12 years. Another thing HB 1311 did was direct the NDG&F Dept. to study the requirements of Hunter Education and explore at what age it should be required. This has the potential to affect all of us, maybe not in a way we would like either, depending on their findings. It'll be interesting to see how it all unfolds in the coming year.

I testified before the legislature on several bills this past session, and it is quite the experience. One thing that I found interesting was the lack of hunters and fishermen on the Natural Resource Committees. When we think of the HNRC or the SNRC we think in terms of hunting and fishing, however that is only a small part of what they do. I'd be willing to bet that hunters are in the minority in both committees, and that's a shame. Therefore they need to hear our thoughts on different pieces of legislation because believe me they are getting an earful from other organizations. If you haven't gotten involved with the legislative process before, I'd certainly recommend you do so next session. If you don't, please don't cry to me about things that got legislated after the session is over.

I was very disappointed to see, actually hear with my own ears, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation testify against SB 2201, the antelope tag for NDHEA bill. In fact that organization testified against every youth oriented bill in both the house and senate this past session. I'm not a member, but I know if I was I'd certainly find out what they truly stand for before renewing membership. I heard their arguments against the antelope tag bill and the youth pheasant hunting bill as I testified for both bills, and I have to say their arguments seemed weak to me, but disheartening to say the least from an organization that spends many dollars each year touting themselves as youth oriented.

Next order of business this spring is to catch a new state record paddlefish, and if that's unsuccessful, at least have fun trying!!

"Take a kid hunting and you'll never hunt for the kid"

Lee Bratlie

## District 10-Lynda Miller

The new year is really scooting by fast. Mandan's classes are starting and Elgin should be finishing up. Any instructor who needs our help, just call and we will find you some help. I ran into John Jones the other day and he said that he has been traveling all over to help with the practical. Any of us are willing to do that as well. I can see the passion that we all on the board have for NDHEA. It is heart warming that the dedication for the future of our organization is perpetual. All of us instructors work diligently to see that there will be a heritage to pass on. We have made some real strides, even in the legislature to promote safe hunting. Nothing happens over night, but there is a focus for our students. Watch for the MVSSA events coming up in August and Sept.. Do whatever you can to mentor your students there. There's room for all to help.

Lynda Miller -Dist #10 Rep.

**For Your Information:** Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Association is hosting 3 events this year.

8/08: ND Wildlife Federation Shooting Sports Youth Camp-Garrison, ND-time to be determined

8/11: Family Shooting Sports Camp at McLean Rifle Range from 9-4 pm

9/22: The First Time Pheasant Shoot-location still to be arranged-start time 8 am-all day

Any instructor willing to help or bring a student, please call me at 701-391-6303. We'd love your help.

Anyone needing additional information, contact Jack Kavaney @701-220-8564 or e-mail him at [Jwk1031@btinet.net](mailto:Jwk1031@btinet.net) or call Lynda at 701-301-6303.

Until next time-Lynda Miller

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### A letter to Jim Carter from Mark Hunt-Dist. 2 Instructor & Past Pres. of the NDHEA

I do not have a personal e-mail for you so I apologize up front if I am not suppose to contact you through this media. I have been in Korea now for 3 months and I sure do miss North Dakota. There is not much opportunity here for hunting or camping but seems to be some avenues for fishing. I haven't tried my hand at it as of yet but plan to in the near future. As far as I can tell there is absolutely no hunting possible. It appears that all of the land is occupied either by cities, villages or small rice farms. I have seen an abundance of ring neck pheasants around and because there is no hunting they are huge. There is a small river next to the base where I have seen local people fishing from shore, I do not know what they are fishing for but there seems to be a lot of them doing. I am not sure I would eat any of the fish that have come out of there because they do not have the same environmental laws that the U.S. has waste water appears to flow directly into the water shed. The base does offer some deep sea fishing trips that I plan to take advantage of later in the summer. I have found a skeet shooting range but not sure if I am going to go because the price per round is approximately \$20,000 won (about \$21 dollars) so I am thinking it may be cost prohibitive for me since I have put myself on a strict allowance. I trust the annual awards banquet went well. I sure hated to miss it. I always enjoy the annual gathering and talking with instructors from other parts of the state and picking up new ideas to use in the class room. The annual gathering has always served as a great networking tool. Not too much else going on at the moment we have just finished with a major inspection from the Pacific Air Forces Command and it seems we have done rather well so the troops can now take a bit of a breather. I will close for now as this is turning into a novel. I will write again and my personal e-mail is [mhunt63@hotmail.com](mailto:mhunt63@hotmail.com) or [mark.hunt@osan.af.mil](mailto:mark.hunt@osan.af.mil) Take care and stay in touch as I will hopefully be back in North Dakota and teaching again next year.

Mark Hunt  
Hunter Ed Instructor-Dist. 2

**5th ANNUAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP TRAP SHOOT AND FUN DAY IN ZAP, ND**

**4 AUG. 2007**

**12 PM TO 4 PM—MOUNTAIN TIME**

**1 PM TO 5 PM—CENTRAL TIME**

1. Zap Gun Club is located 6 to 7 miles west of Beulah on Hwy. 200. It is at the west entrance to Zap and on the north side of Hwy. 200.
2. Camping and Motels are available for stay over if needed.
3. A steak supper with dessert will be served following the fun shoot.

**COSTS: NO MORE THAN \$10.00 PER PERSON FOR MEALS AND/OR SHOOTING. ADDITIONAL COST WILL APPLY FOR ANNIE OAKLEY & OTHER SHOOTING GAMES.**

4. Some ammo will be supplied by the ND Game & Fish.
5. A limited supply of shells will be available for purchase at the Gun Club, feel free to bring your own if you wish.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED (to make sure we have enough food):**

**Deadline to register is the 28th of July, 2007.**

**Contact: Lori Schweigert @ (701)873-2234 or e-mail: [ljschweigert@hotmail.com](mailto:ljschweigert@hotmail.com)**

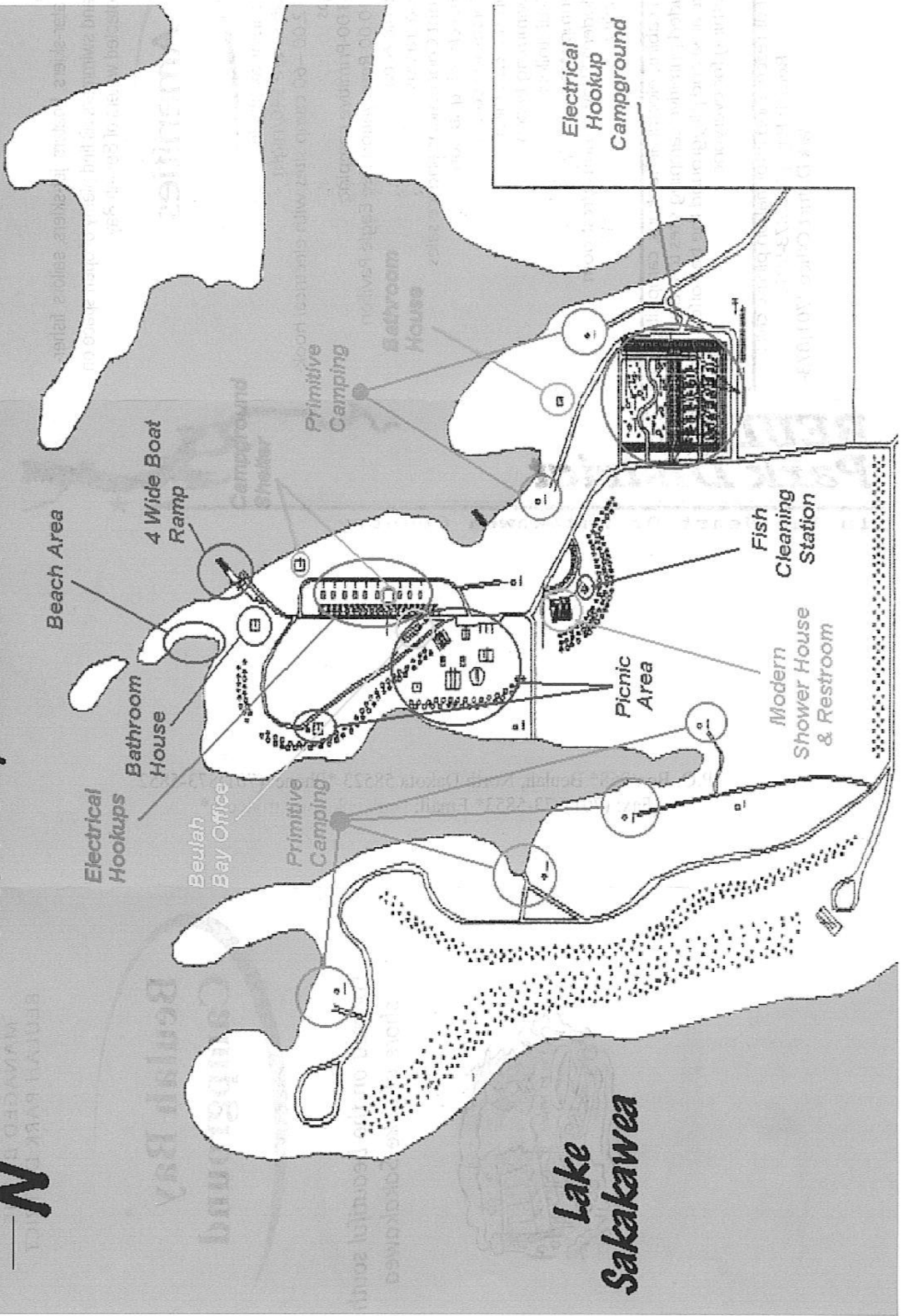
Cancellation: Please inform Lori no later than 7/28 if you can't attend.

**GUEST INSTRUCTORS ARE WELCOME:**

Registration will be \$25.00 for the same amenity as above. \$10.00 to be used for NDHEA membership fee.

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# Beulah Bay Recreation Area







THIS YEAR (2007) MARKS THE 14th YEAR THAT MVSSA (MISSOURI VALLEY SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION) HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH BRINGING HUNTER EDUCATION AND FIREARMS SAFETY TO THE YOUTH OF OUR AREA.

We are a 501C3 non-profit charity and we exist on donations and grants from many groups and individuals. The MVSSA supplies the guns, ammo, hearing and eye protection and other items that our volunteer members and instructors use to provide an introduction to the SHOOTING SPORTS.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

To introduce young people and their family to the fun and rewards of the various shooting sports. All events provide instructions in firearm safety, gun handling, and techniques and principals of accurate shooting. A recent development has been the necessity to explain and show the correct firing line safety measures to be used at the local ranges and how to safely shoot Clay Pigeons.

**PROJECTS FOR 2007:**

A. August 8, 2007, MVSSA Shooting Sports Camp for ND Wildlife Federation Youth Camp, Triangle Y-Camp, West of Garrison, ND. We will have 80 teenagers and show them how to shoot .22 rifle, pistol & 20 ga. shotguns at clay pigeons, archery, and black powder. Contact: Jack Kavaney for more info @ [jwk1031@btinet.net](mailto:jwk1031@btinet.net) Time to be determined in future.

B: August 11, 2007, At the FAMILY SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP from 9-4 pm. Location 22 miles south of Bismarck on Hwy. 1804 AT 106th St. SE at the McLean Rifle Range. Fee: single is \$10, family is \$25. We expect 110+ shooters. MVSSA members and other instructors assist all family members with activities such as shooting with shotguns, archery, muzzle loading, small bore rifle and pistol (.22), large bore rifle (.223) and pistol (.38sp), and instruction on hunting safety, firearms cleaning and firearm safety. We will have demonstrations of trapping, retrieving and other shooting events. We had 103 shooters last year. Contact: Jack Kavaney for more info @ [jwk1031@btinet.net](mailto:jwk1031@btinet.net)

C: September 22, 2007, The MVSSA/NRA FIRST TIME PHEASANT and CHUKAR HUNT. Time: 8 am-all day; location yet to be determined. Fee: \$15 refundable if you cannot make it that day. The hunt is only for persons who would be making their first trip afield with the intent to personally harvest game. The hunt is limited to a maximum of 24 participants, and they must have a Hunter Education Certificate. In 2006, 20 new hunters harvested 22 Pheasants and 10 Chukars. The FIRST TIME PHEASANT HUNT is conducted on an open range, at a private ranch, in order to replicate actual upland game hunting scenarios.

**Contact: JACK KAVANEY 701-220-8564 [jwk1031@btinet.net](mailto:jwk1031@btinet.net) with any questions on events.**

**WHAT ARE WE OFFERING:**

Someone to show good shooting practices with experienced shooters and instructors and in a controlled environment. Also, the fact that many hunter safety graduates do not have the chance to experience live firing in the field.

**NDHEA Meeting Minutes**  
**Game and Fish Building**  
**1:05 PM April 21, 2007**

President, Mark Walsh called the meeting to order. The Agenda was approved with some additions.

**Secretary called Roll:**

Members present included: Mark Walsh, President; Terry Fasteen, Vice President; Dale Patrick, Secretary; Ernie Trudeau, Treasure; Don Meyer, Past President; Ron Swenson D-1; Neva Walsh, Newsletter Editor, D-1; Clint Baxter, D-2; Lynn Lawler, D-3; Leland Bratlie, D-4; Lori Schweigert, D-5; Scott Fasteen, D-6; Curt Walen, D-7; Al Klatt, D-8; Dale Kilwein, D-9; Lynda Miller, D-10; Clayton Thompson, D-12, Sylvia Brockman, Membership. Absent: Larry Kaul, D-11, Rod O'Clair, cap chair & Jim Carter, NDG&F.

**Secretaries report:**

February 10, 2007 meeting minutes were presented by past Secretary Terry Fasteen.

Motion to approve: Dale Patrick, Secretary Elect  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Dale Kilwein, D-9

Re-organizational meeting minutes, from February 11, 2007, were presented by Dale Patrick, Secretary.

Motion to approve: Don Meyer, Past President  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ron Swenson, D-1

**Treasurers Report:**

- Ernie Trudeau, Treasurer Elect, received a balance only from Dave Cox because of the absence of records for calendar year 2005. Ernie will start new records from 2006 to present date.
- Ernie discussed expense reports and questioned how to handle expense requests that are sent to him. It was stated that the District Representative was responsible to approve any expenses from the district account. The guidelines state that the District Representatives control the property purchases for the district along with all other pertinent material.
- Income tax was prepared and filed on time.
- Ernie asked that District Representatives indicate the district number when sending in donations.

Motion to Approve: Lori Schweigert, D-5  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Al Klatt, D-8

**Old Business:**

- Treasure and historian records have been picked up from Dave Cox; Terry Fasteen will go through the records and report at the next meeting.
- Ernie Trudeau will keep the 2005 records until other arrangements for proper storage are made.
- Terry Fasteen will do some research on a commercial storage facility for storing records.
- Ernie Trudeau completed the task of printing 500 sheets of NDHEA letterhead.
- Rod O'Clair, agrees with the policy guidelines regarding donations as discussed at a earlier meeting per Ernie Trudeau. Motion dismissed for lack of interest.
- Discussion on how many past newsletters should be posted on the website and for how many years. Currently newsletter is posted back to 2004. Discussion revolved around how long to keep them on the website. It was decided that they would be maintained until there was no more room on the website.
- Bacon signs - Ryan Trudeau will work with Neva in appreciation for their support.
- The consensus was that the Secretary will send out thank you letters for those that have supported the organization.

## Old Business (con't)

- 8-14-06 meeting regarding fundraisers as discussed by Don Meyer - this item has been dismissed.
- A lengthy discussion on contributed items to Game & Fish (Jim Carter keeps tract of equipment leaving Game & Fish) - Who should keep inventory of guns not purchased with NDHEA funds? If those firearms were issued to someone by ND Game & Fish, then NDHEA Representatives do not need to keep track of them. Al Klatt, D-8 suggested to drop equipment.

## New Business:

- Zap Club Shoot - First Saturday of August (4<sup>th</sup>) in Zap. Lori Schweigert, D-5, wanted ideas on how to get more persons to come out for the event. Lori would like to have ideas to increase attendance. Ernie suggested that each district bring a team of 4 shooters for the shoot and create a district competition. This is for family members as well as the District Reps and members of the Association. Shoot starts at 1:00 PM.
- ND Wildlife Federation Donation Request: by Shawn McKenna, Executive Director has requested financial support to help with Youth Conservation Camp. Leland Bratlie suggested that the donation be reduced by half.  
Leland Bratlie, D-4, moved to donate \$250.00 for one scholarship;  
Seconded by Ernie Trudeau.
- Ernie Trudeau suggested, "because of our support for youth, NDHEA should consider supporting NDWF in the same fashion as in the past". Terry Fasteen, suggested that NDHEA request an explanation of their stand regarding the Antelope Tag for youth, and Lori Schweigert, suggested that we continue to fund at \$500.00.  
Amended by Lori Schweigert to change to \$500.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Meyer  
Motion Carried on amendment  
Vote on amended motion – Carried
- A letter should be drafted by Dale Patrick, Lori Schweigert and Clint Baxter and sent to the Federation regarding the concerns of the NDHEA members .
- Caps - Funds go into District Fund and General fund. Ernie Trudeau, stated that some of the caps are being paid for and given to Instructors using district funds. Terry Fasteen, stated that sometimes funds are being used to buy supplies for their class.
- Disabled Veterans hunt - Lori Schweigert, D-5 discussed the possibility of financially supporting a hunt for Disabled Vets. Mike Peterson from Hazen organizes the event.
- Hunt of a Lifetime - Non-profit organization, started by Tina Patterson, to provide hunting opportunity for those youth less than 21 who are seriously ill. Lori Schweigert, D-5 presented the information and provided a tape to view. Brian Solem, of Fargo, will be sending Lori more information and she will present at the next meeting.
- Don Meyer has information on hunters "log books", to be used by hunters interested in writing down hunting experiences.
- Raffle in 2007 - Antelope tag - No emergency clause was placed on the bill so the legislation does not become effective until August 1, 2007. Tag raffle will not happen until next year. Suggestions of having a additional raffle, for this year, in preparation of the Tag raffle. Tag raffle is for residents only. Scheels will sell firearms at a discounted price above their cost. Scheels will make arrangements at one of their stores for distribution of firearms or other prizes.

- Discussion on a need to have about \$1400.00 for the raffle. Lynda Miller suggested that a gift certificate could be purchased from the ND Beef Commission to be used anywhere in the state. Discussion on different kinds of prizes, how to distribute the tickets, ticket price, when to start, when and where to have the drawing. There was discussion regarding the requirements for the permit and how to package the tickets.
- Discussion on advertising regarding the raffle. TV, Radio, Bill Boards, Newspaper, etc.
- Motion to have a raffle planning committee.  
     Motion:           Lynda Miller  
     2<sup>nd</sup>:             Lori Schweigert

Motion Carried.

Lynda Miller made a motion requesting \$500.00 for Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Assn for two events.  
 Leland 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Audit/finance - No Report
- Caps Chair - Written report submitted by Rod  
                   Rod has already developed a cap report format
- Grievance - No report
- Historian - No records beyond 2003 in the box from Dave Cox
- Legislative - Report on 2 bills in the middle of the hat report
- Membership - 137 members - 5 lifetime members  
                   Letters for unpaid members sent out after the annual meeting. Some response to those letters have resulted in renewal.
- Newsletter/Website - Nothing other than what has already been discussed
- Guest report - None

**District reports:**

- #1 - just finished on line class
- #2 - Several classes on line
- #3 - Couple classes on going
- #4 - One class
- #5 - Finished class in March, instructors meeting planned shortly
- #6 - Nothing
- #7 - Classes coming up
- #8 - Couple classes on going
- #9 - Just finished 2 classes
- #10 - Classes starting in April.
- #11 - No report
- #12 - A number of classes have been held since the first of the year. Class size is slightly reducing.

Ernie Trudeau, has received a couple of plaques and would like to know what he should do with them?

These items could be placed on the membership table at the annual meeting.

Motion to Adjourn - Ron  
 Second - Don  
 Approved

/s Dale Patrick, Secretary