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## President's Message...

The North Dakota Hunter Educators Association of 2010 is not the same association I joined many years ago or even served as president of in 2006. There have been so many areas of growth. A past member returning after a couple years absence might not know they are in the same group except for the name. The biggest change has been introduced by former board member Leland Bratlie to take kids on mentored hunts. Unlike our federal government, Lee even proposed the method for paying for the idea through an antelope tag raffle. The raffle idea was so profound the legislators mandated the Game and Fish Department to investigate and fund mentored programs.

There is no way you will ever convince me that the NDHEA idea was not the spark that started such successful debate in the Natural Resources Committees of the State Legislature.

Now we need to capitalize on a great idea by expanding the mentored hunts and family shoots so we can recruit new hunters, conservationists and shooting sports enthusiasts. Without hunters and shooting sports there will be no wildlife, no quiet places, and little conservation of soil or water resources. "Tree Huggers," "environmental wackos," "greenies" or whatever term you choose, and hunters are all after the same broad goal. As hunter educators we try to provide the training to make sure the hunter is an ethical, responsible, informed and safe person. We want all people to enjoy the outdoors, to respect life and wild things, to respect others, and to act ethically, responsibly and safely.

Many bad things can happen with guns, bows, and knives. It is YOU, the educator, that gives your best

and continues to improve our organization's teaching abilities and skills to prevent those incidences. I commend you for doing what you do and making the commitment to do it voluntarily with all the energy you can muster. It is easy to lead a group of such individuals.

I hope you will use this newsletter to share ideas, concepts, methods or whatever, to improve all of our instructional abilities. Just send your written contributions to Terry Fasteen, the newsletter chairman.

Please let others around the state know what works for you in the classroom. Do not assume everyone can teach as well as you do. I confess I have lots to learn and my students will be the benefactors of your sharing.

Rodney O'Clair, President



Board of Directors and District Representatives reorganizational meeting.

## Past President's Message

A recap of the past year saw a number of changes and growth for NDHEA.

- **Membership has increased above 225.**
- We have increased the number of *Life Members*.
- More people are actively involved in promoting shooting events and mentored hunts.

Much of this growth can be attributed to the tireless work that some individuals have put into this organization. Just like the Energizer Bunny, Terry Fasteen just keeps going, and going, and going. Rodney O'Clair has now taken the reins and leads our organization to further the vision that he and others had a few years back to grow this organization. There are those like Leland Bratlie who are no longer on the Board, but they continue to contribute their talents on subcommittees.

A number of board members continue to serve after having served for numerous years already. I have to

stop here because there are too many to name, but I would like to thank those officers that stood by me during the past year and helped to promote the mission of NDHEA. My Thanks go to Clint Baxter our treasurer, Curt Walen our vice president who served as secretary last year, and to Terry Fasteen our past president last year, and lastly to Rod O'Clair who now serves as our president. I also was blessed with a very supportive and reflective board. Your help and guidance is deeply appreciated.

I hope to be able to continue to help further the NDHEA mission and ask that each of you do your best to do the same. At this time, I ask you to please help support the activities of this organization by volunteering your time. Also, ticket sales are extremely important for us to be able to do all of the things we have worked so hard to accomplish. Please get out and do your best to promote NDHEA through sales of the raffle tickets.

Dale Patrick, Past President

## February Report

It's been a long winter for our family; lack of ice for fishing in November, snow starting in December, freezing in January with the snow now building up to the potential for another major flood. So why do we stay here? Well, for me it's the changing of each season, the abundance of game for hunting and the fishing opportunities that make this winter transition time easier to live with.

I want to thank everyone who has helped over the last four years served on the executive board. Without the advice, suggested course of action and words of encouragement, it might not have been as productive or as enjoyable. The mentorship program is moving forward nicely, but to make it even better, could use more than the 25 people that participated in the field events this past year. The contributions and fund raising efforts from everyone is second to none not only on enthusiasm, but also opportunities raised.

I had the opportunity to co-chair and participate in a raccoon hunting adventure in the Fort Ransom area in August with my brother, members of the ND Coon Hunters Association, 26 young hunters, and their parents

and relatives for an afternoon of shooting, education, and several hours in the pitch dark chasing raccoons. The smiles on the faces of those kids and their parents was worth every minute spent traveling and attending meetings, hosting tickets sales, listening to those who scoffed at the Associations goals. It brought back the memoires of my son's first hunts, their successes and watching them on their own.

Welcome back to Leland Bratlie who has taken on the Mentored Hunt Committee again this year. Thanks to Dale Patrick last year's president for his effort and welcome to new Secretary Jean Oster of West Fargo for her commitment to the organization.

I am looking for the return of the snow geese this spring and walleyes in the river. Thanks for all of the assistance during the past four years and the opportunities your efforts provide for the others.

Terry Fasteen

## In Memory of Dear Friends

### Duane Tollefson



A long time friend of NDHEA has passed following our gathering this year and we request that you please keep Duane's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Duane Scott Tollefson, 63, Bismarck, husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 19, 2010. Services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck.

Duane was born Feb. 21, 1946, in Bismarck, the son of Ernie and DeLores (Seele) Tollefson. He was raised and graduated from Regent High School in 1964. Duane attended Dickinson State University. He joined the Navy in 1965 and served as a sonar tech on the USS Bronstein. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Drum and Bugle Corp and Fargo American Legion Gouchos. Following discharge from the Navy in 1969, he attended NDSU in Fargo where he met his future wife of 40 years. Duane and Judith Rose Keepers were married on Nov. 7, 1970, in Fargo.

In 1970, Duane and Judi moved to Minneapolis, where he worked for Minnesota Linseed Oil Co. In 1972, they moved to Robinson where he worked for Whitman Construction Co. As a third generation carpenter, he started Tollefson Construction Co. which operated from 1975 to 1991. Robinson is where Duane and Judi made their home and raised their family. He was a Kidder Co. Deputy Sheriff for many years there. Later, the family moved to Bismarck

where Duane worked for Recreational Supply Co., Industrial Enterprise Inc. and Larry's Electric. Duane was a 30-year hunter safety instructor, served on the board of Robinson Public Schools, a member of Robinson Lions and Bethany Lutheran Church where he was a Sunday school teacher. He was also a member of the Tuttle, Regent and Bismarck VFW Clubs, Pheasants Forever, NRA and Hogs Motorcycle Assoc.

Duane had an abundance of hobbies and thoroughly enjoyed each of them, Arrowhead hunting, wild and upland game hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, coin and gun collecting, restoring vintage cars, metal detecting, and his beloved Harley Davidson bike.

In Duane and Judi's union, they were blessed with six children — Leah (Doug) Anderson, Gladstone, Laurie (Tom) Tollefson, Circle Pines, Minn., LaVonne (Donavan) Hoffer, Bismarck, Loren (Andrea) Tollefson, Chandler, Ariz., Lance (Lindsay) Tollefson, Bismarck, and Larry (Katrina) Tollefson, Fargo. The greatest joy in his life was his grandchildren, Anthony, Aaron and Austin Anderson, Cooper Hamm, Tristen and Taylor Hoffer, Graham Tollefson and twin boys due in April, Hannah, Lexi and Cali Tollefson and Brooke and Brody Tollefson. He is also survived by his mother, DeLores Tollefson, Mesa, Ariz.; and his sisters, Diane Wilhelm, Wickenburg, Ariz., and Joan Swallow, Mesa. Duane was preceded in death by his father, Ernie Tollefson in 1991.

Go to [www.parkwayfuneral.com](http://www.parkwayfuneral.com) to share memories of Duane and sign the online guest book.

### Todd Foss



Todd Foss, 55, of Fargo, ND, died Thursday, February 25, 2010, in Fargo. Todd was born January 23, 1955, in Fargo, North Dakota, to G. Alan and Janet (Schwer) Foss. He graduated from Fargo South in 1973. Todd attended University of North Dakota receiving an accounting

degree in 1976 and a law degree in 1979. While in college, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity. After law school, Todd had a wonderful opportunity to practice law with his father for five years at the law firm of Van Osdel, Foss and Miller in Fargo. In 1984, he joined the Stefanson Law Firm in Moorhead, MN, eventually becoming a partner with Randolph E. Stefanson and Dan Plambeck. He practiced law in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Todd married Lana Breunig on August 27, 1983, at St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo.

Todd and Lana shared 26 beautiful years of marriage raising their children, Colby and Dana.

Todd enjoyed following his children's dance and theatrical activities and had a passion for hunting. Todd was a hunting safety instructor for 20 years. He was member of the Nativity Knights of Columbus and Southwest Fargo Optimist Club. He also served on the board of directors for Gooseberry Park Players, Sandhills Archers and Red River Human Services Foundation. He served as a volunteer for the Destination Imagination and Trollwood Performing Arts programs.

Todd is survived by his wife, Lana; his son Colby, Broomfield, CO; his daughter, Dana, who attends the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND; his mother, Janet Foss of Fargo, ND; his brother, John (Brigitte) Foss, Colorado Springs, CO; his sister, Julie (Myron) Rothstein, Plymouth, MN. He is preceded in death by his father, G. Alan Foss. Memorial Service: Monday, March 1, 2010, at 2:30 PM, at Nativity Catholic Church, Fargo, ND Please remember Todd's family in your thoughts and prayers.

# DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

## DISTRICT #3

I just finished blowing the snow out of the driveway for the umpteenth time this year and now to more important things. The status of the shooting sports has been in my tired little mind of late. It appears that the shooting sports are alive and doing very well in North Dakota. The new indoor ranges in Minot and Bismarck are prime examples. I have yet to visit them but hear they are great facilities. Here in Rolla, I have access to a small indoor range operated by the Turtle Mountain Rifle and Pistol Club. I know that because I just made a new sign for the door. We shoot bull's-eye pistol and light rifle in the Gateway and Bottineau paper leagues. It is also available for live fire for our hunter education classes. We also have a small trap range for the warmer months and shoot in a paper league with surrounding communities. I know that too because I'm the scoring secretary. Maybe I'm just lucky, but year round shooting opportunities are great! I always emphasis in hunter education classes that you can shoot a ton of ammo and nothing dies if you don't want it to.

Darwin Buchloz

## DISTRICT #4

Hello District 4!!

My name is Don Meyer and I was elected as your district representative at the annual conference held in Bismarck this February. If you have any concerns or needs for putting on classes feel free to contact me. We will try and get the items and/or instructors to your area.

The Conference was a success, and hats off to Jon for putting it together. Jon gave the district representatives a proto type of the new manual for Instructors to "critique" so ask your area's representative to look at a copy and see hoe you like it. In paging through it appears to be user friendly.

If you have any news worthy item you want on our NDHEA web site, contact Terry Fasteen or myself and we will try to get it on there for you. Our association now has over 220 members. This is great!! Our raffle tickets are now out and if you need any to sell, again contact me and I will get some out to you. Remember the proceeds are going to several great causes such as mentored hunts, family fun shoots, and advertising around the State for safe hunting practices. As an association we can make a difference in the hunting accidents through our project while supporting the sport we all enjoy soooooo much!!!

Our organization continues to grow stronger because of the diversity of our members. Each and every one of us contributes and our organization is stronger because of it. Family Fun shoots are being planned across the State and help is needed at each event. Missouri Valley has been a great participant in these events providing weapons and personnel to help run the events. Contact myself or Dale Patrick when you are planning to have a shoot and we will help with the paper work that needs to be filled out so the event will be insured through our organization. I tentatively scheduled a shoot for June 26 but may have to schedule it a week earlier depending on range availability. I will keep you posted. Keep an eye on our web site for dates and times of other activities you may be wanting to attend. The web site is more user friendly and even I can get on and look up information!!!

Again, keep the lines of communication opened and have a safe and fun spring season. Yes, it is on the way!!

Don Meyer

## DISTRICT #5

Hello. After having a good conference, I hope everybody is excited and geared up for classes this year. There is now one in Zap, one will start in Beulah at the end of March and I believe one will start at end of August. I don't know of any others but if you need some assistance or supplies, please let me know.

The upcoming board meetings will be: April 10th, July 17th, and Oct 16th at 12 Noon (Central Time) in Bismarck at the G&F bldg. If you are interested and want to come please do. We are here for you.

As I was reminded, I will remind those of you who have not sent me your list of NDHEA and G&F equipment. Please do so as we would like to finish that project and know what we have out there. Especially in case something was

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stolen or lost or broke.

Also, remember to put on your calendar about the state fair and helping out with the pathway to hunting. The annual Instructor Shoot at Zap is on August 7th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) with a steak supper following the shoot. Mark your calendar!

I hope the winter is short and not much more snowfall. I, for one am tired of shoveling. Glad my neighbor bought a new, big, powerful snow blower.

Stay warm. Lori Schweigert

## DISTRICT #6

Thanks to Scott Fasteen for your years of service on the Board. I hope to see you continue your involvement in NDHEA.

Just a note to all District 6 instructors, to let you know that I would like to try to get together with you sometime this summer if possible to talk about NDHEA activities that we could promote in the area. I obviously am new to this position and would like to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Dale Patrick

## DISTRICT #7

District 7 consists of Wells, Eddy, Foster, Kidder and Stutsman counties. It's not too early to start thinking about a Family Fun Shooting Event in your area. If you would like some help putting on an event in your area, let me know and I would be glad to lend a hand. Contact me at [keith.domke@gmail.com](mailto:keith.domke@gmail.com) or 252-8433.

Last fall was probably the best waterfowl season that I can ever remember. Not in terms of the number of birds bagged but the milestones reached. My 10 year old son shot his first goose during the youth waterfowl weekend. He was excited to say the least. I was also fortunate enough to take a co-worker on his first goose hunt and now I think he is as hooked as I am. My new pup also got to retrieve her first goose as well. I hope your season was as pleasurable as mine.



Keith Domke, District 7

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## **DISTRICT #9**

The Dickinson area hunter education instructors have a lot to be proud and excited about! Community sponsors have provided **49 new and used teaching firearms** and a **new Camo Storage Trailer full** of teaching supplies, teaching aids, gun vaults, storage containers for the many items used to teach class. The community businesses and individuals helped purchase the trailer and many teaching supplies and a green vest to show the students who is teaching the class.

The Camo Trailer is moved around the city each week for a city wide awareness of hunter education. It displays all the sponsors who assisted in the helping the program for today and tomorrow.

Teaching Tomorrows Hunters Today is presented on a new brilliant, certificate of appreciation, business cards and the highly colorful cam trailer. Dickinson area instructors can look forward to teaching classes in February, March and April with all this new equipment.

### **THANKS TO ALL!**

Special thank you to NDHEA for the 2010 Presidential Award. 30 years has not been that long but I have made many Hunter Education friends along the way. I am proud and excited of how a theft and sale of a building have changed the Dickinson Hunter Education program. Instructors have neat teaching aids, firearms and trailer to advertise our quality of teaching and years of hard work. Thanks again for the Award and the memories!!

Dale Kilwein

## **DISTRICT #10**

The convention behind us, and a promise for new classes, events around the state being planned, it's heartwarming to see where we can go if we all chip in. It takes a team to pull all of this off. Thanks to everyone for their past efforts to retain a foundation for our heritage here in North Dakota.

As I write this newsletter item, my heart is heavy for the loss of one of our own. Duane Tollefson was a great leader and a friend for Bismarck and Mandan area. With 30 years of dedication it was easy to see his leadership to the Hunter Ed program. It was a privilege for Dennis and I to share our table at the awards banquet with Duane and Judy visiting and sharing thoughts for 2010 plus reminiscing of all the classes we helped do practical's at the G&F department.

Collectively we will miss him...Our sympathies got out to Judy and his extended family.

Lynda Miller

## **DISTRICT #12**

Hello, I hope your late winter plans are working out, whether vacationing south or enjoying our outdoors. I hope you got a chance to attend the annual workshop and banquet. Weather was terrible but workshop was great on ways to enhance presentations, with examples given by select presenters with great technique,

In the district we are behind in our membership with NDHEA from last and past years . There are a lot of good ideas in the works for events, family events, classes and other gatherings. Please renew or sign up as members.

Sadly, we lost Todd Foss, a gifted instructor who brought out the best in the people he taught with, and had a great ability to engage his students young and old and get them to participate and push for more in each section of the class. A well spoken teacher and mentor who quietly and confidently pulled from experience to give meaning to his material and practical aspects of gun handling and safety that all could grasp . God Bless your memory Todd, and please keep his family in your prayers.

Classes are posted, help out with classes where you can, take different sections than you are used to doing and if need be co teach with an experienced instructor of the material. It will make you a better instructor.

Questions? Call me 701-282-2955 for assistance.

Thanks & take a kid with,  
Clayton

# NDHEA "MENTORED HUNT" AND "FAMILY FUN DAY SHOOTING EVENTS" PROGRAM

## A hunter recruitment program of NDHEA

*Targeting increased participation*

Request for Participation (RFP) to conduct a mentored hunting or shooting event in 2010.

NDHEA is accepting RFP's from those members interested in planning and conducting mentored hunts or shooting type events. Please review the NDHEA Mentored Hunter and Shooting Events Policies which were developed as guides. A suggested budget cap of \$300.00 for a Mentored Hunt and \$1000.00 for a Family Fun Day Shooting Event has been established in order to maximize the number of events.

Complete the information below and email to: [NDHEAMENTOR@gmail.com](mailto:NDHEAMENTOR@gmail.com).  
Or mail to: NDHEA Mentor Hunt, 205 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, Drayton, ND 58225 for hunts and;  
NDHEA Family Shoots, 9440 Cedar Lane, Bismarck, ND 58503 for shooting events.

Forward any questions about this initiative to [NDHEAMENTOR@gmail.com](mailto:NDHEAMENTOR@gmail.com). Please include your telephone in the email.

(use back or additional sheet if needed)

Name of Instructor(s), address, telephone and email of NDHEA mentors:

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Type of event:

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Event date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event location: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected event expenses (simple budget):

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Describe the event you are planning:

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Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date, \_\_\_\_\_ Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Denial: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We are also soliciting those of you who are willing to assist in this effort by participating as mentors on hunts being developed by others, your help in enlisting land owners who are willing to open their property for mentored hunts, persons with trained hunting dogs, persons who can transport first time hunters or persons willing to share and teach their game calling skills.

**NORTH DAKOTA HUNTER EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
MENTORED HUNT PROGRAM**

**LANDOWNER ENROLLMENT LETTER**

**LAND OWNER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, (LEGAL)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Permission is granted to hunt the following game or varmints,**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the NDHEA program to mentor first time hunters in fair chase pursuit of game with proper hunting equipment. I understand the mentor will have first time hunters afield, the new hunter will be trained in hunter safety and will abide by all rules I apply to hunts on property for which I give permission to trespass for hunting purposes.**

**I understand NDHEA will be insured for the hunt. The insurance is for liability while conducting the mentored hunt and to protect the mentor, first time hunter and landowner. I assume no responsibility for injury (ies) which may occur on my property for allowing hunting in accordance with law in the ND Century Code.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Caps for Safety

What better way to honor your graduating students than to provide them with a blaze orange cap for safety reasons. Demonstrate to them that safety begins with them and they can assure they are helping themselves by being seen.

Recall the 2009 hunting incident statistics show the majority of incidents were the shooter swinging out of the zone of fire and onto another hunter. Make sure that other hunter is seen by putting a blaze orange cap on their head.

Caps are \$10.00 each in orders less than 2 dozen. \$8.00 each in orders of 24 or more. Most caps are purchased through donations by wildlife clubs, sporting groups, sporting businesses and fraternal organizations. Ask a few of these groups to help keep kids safe in the field by getting them proper high visibility caps.

My address, phone and email are on the [www.NDHEA.org](http://www.NDHEA.org) website.

Orders are shipped ASAP.

Rodney O'Clair, Caps Chairman



## Audit Report:

The audit committee went over the books and found them to be in good shape. There were two requests we made to the treasurer. First, if he would please put the reason for the check on the memo if there is room. Second, that only the treasurer has the authority to write checks or withdraw money from the account. The reason there is another signature on the bank's card is if the treasurer was unable to perform those duties and NDHEA needed access to the accounts. If a person is going to make a larger purchase then contact the treasurer first to have a check written out directly to that business and send it to the person who is transacting the business. We informed the treasurer that we appreciated how well he kept the books and for the report he made.

Lori and Lynda

### 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.*





Linda Weigum winner of the Black Powder rifle with new President Rod o'Clair and Past President Dale Patrick

Annual meeting with many members and door prizes.



Lori Schweigert calls another winner



Outgoing President Dale Patrick addresses the membership.

Treasures report gathers interest from the crowd.



Dennis Miller gathers District 6 members to his caucus.



Minot & Garrison well represented at annual meeting.



# Quarterly Board Meeting

## February 13, 2010

President Dale Patrick called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck.

Agenda Approval: The published agenda was reviewed. Additions to New Business were (1) consideration of a sponsorship to the national IHEA Conference, (2) purchase of a new Tumbler for the raffle drawing, (3) ND Wildlife Federation affiliation. Motion to approve MSC: O'Clair, Meyer (MSC = Moved, Second, Carried).

### Roll Call:

Officers and District Reps present included: Dale Patrick, Rod O'Clair, Curt Walen, Clint Baxter, Terry Fasteen, Ron Swenson, Mike Kroh, Darwin Bucholz, Don Meyer, Lori Schweigert, Scott Fasteen, Keith Domke, Dale Kilwein, Lynda Miller, Jerry Rekow, Clayton Thompson.  
Absent: The District 8 Rep position has been vacated by the resignation of Al Klatt.

Committee Members and Guests: Charles Vasicek, Jon Hanson, Richard Simon.

Secretary's Report by Curt Walen: Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 Board Meeting were read. No additions or corrections were noted. Motion to approve. MSC: T Fasteen, Miller.

Treasurer's Report by Clint Baxter: Treasurer Baxter discussed the Report as distributed to the group. Clint has reworked the expense reports; Terry Fasteen will get Noel Ison to make them accessible from the website. Linda Miller asked about converting the CD's to longer-term instruments for a better interest rate; Clint explained that they need to remain 15-months and 18-months for accessibility reasons. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as given. MSC: Meyer, Schweigert. Don Meyer and all present commended Clint for a job well done.

President's Report by Dale Patrick: 1.Dale Patrick and Terry Steinwand continue to work toward the memorial honoring Dean Hildebrand. 2.Dale P has verified that the Raffle ticket stubs need to be kept for three years from the raffle drawing date. Dale P and Terry Fasteen have the stubs from the first three years; a secure central location will be decided on. 3.The Board Award will be presented at the Sunday meeting to the manager of the Bismarck Scheels All Sports store, for their continued strong support of our Raffle. 4.The 2010 Raffle Prizes cost slightly more than previous, mostly supplied by Bismarck Scheels and several Minot stores. Clint suggested that picture images of the prizes be placed on the website.

Past President's Report by Terry Fasteen: 1.Website maintenance by Noel Ison has been going well. Submissions and suggestions for change can be directed to Terry. 2.Very satisfied with the work of new newsletter editor, Lisa Jackson. Biggest problem is getting news to Terry in a timely manner; it is taking 3 to 4 weeks to get the newsletter posted. 3.Terry has drafted an attractive new Thank You document; the message can be altered for specific purposes. He's asking for consensus from the group by end of this weekend before approving. 4.The ND Coon Hunters Association has set its 2010 event; moved back one week, to August 14<sup>th</sup>, so it won't conflict with our NDHEA Zap Shoot. The August 2009 event saw 25 kids and 65 total participants take part. 5.Terry expressed thanks to the group as he steps off the executive board. He recommends monthly email contact within the group to keep everyone informed on current issues.

HE Coordinator's Comments: NDG&F Hunter Education Coordinator, Jon Hanson, discussed a variety of issues. 1.Regional Workshops are on the schedule. Remember the State Fair. 2.Jon distributed spiral-bound drafts of the new course manual to the group and asked for comments. The final version will be in use starting in 2011. He's also working on new instructor guides or manuals. 3.Jon explained the website study guide that is available from hunter exam.com; looks like a real benefit to on-line course participants and everyone. 4.The 2009 incident report was reviewed. Seven incidents, four of which were hunting related, no fatalities. 5.He is looking at an IHEA online instructor course and considering how this could be incorporated into new instructor training programs. IHEA is also collaborating with Remington to offer firearms training aids (the 5 actions in orange nonoperational models, selling for about \$1,500). 6.Jon has been invited to Kansas to observe their Instructor Academy; he is also working on an update of our Instructor Policy Manual. 7.A new Bow hunter Education manual is being reviewed by several instructors. 8.Jon asks that one of the NDHEA banners be kept at his Bismarck office, to be sent out to events as requested. 9. Jerry Rekow reported that Paul Veland, a survivor of a 2008 shooting incident, is willing to present his experience to classes. 10.Clayton Thompson requested that Jon continue distributing the bow hunter pocket reference booklets.

### Committee Reports:

A. Caps Report by Rod O'Clair - 16 sales in 2009, totaling 400 caps and a profit of \$819. Rod encouraged the group to promote the Caps Program.

B. Membership Report by Charles Vasicek - 2009 saw an increase to 220 total members, including 6 new life members and 14 family memberships. 190 renewal cards were sent out, with a 56% response so far.

C. Grievance by Terry Fasteen – nothing to report.

Historian - Terry Fasteen has begun scanning stored documents electronically. Permanent storage in a digital format will allow easier access to more people, and the paper could be destroyed after 3 years. He will explore costs for some form of permanent storage unit for items that will

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remain as paper documents. Again, Word Documents in the 97-2003.doc version work best and should be emailed to [terry.fasteen@kljeng.com](mailto:terry.fasteen@kljeng.com).  
Unfinished Business:

A. Newsletter / Website – Given Terry Fasteen’s proximity to Lisa Carlson, the newsletter editor, reports and submissions for the newsletter can continue to be sent/emailed to Terry. The 10-day window for submissions is to be complied with. The website has the capability to provide links to businesses that donate door prizes or otherwise support our causes.

B. Legislative – Dale Patrick and Rod O’Clair – no current activity to report. We can anticipate that the next session will likely see proposed legislation for an online Hunter Education course with no instructor contact and no practical exam. If such a bill is presented, NDHEA should oppose.

C. Equipment inventories – Continue to get equipment inventories by Districts to Terry Fasteen.

Mentorship/Shooting Sports Events - Lead by Don Meyer and Rod O’Clair, a number of issues were discussed. Family shooting events and field days need to be expanded. Forms and procedures have been laid out. Linda M suggested that the online HE course participants should be invited. Dale P reminded us that Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Assoc is willing to help with equipment, volunteers, dogs, etc. Rod O reiterated the need to use the raffle funds and the availability of G&F grants and how the two funding sources compliment each other. Dale Kilwein reviewed the enclosed trailer and equipment in use in Dickinson. MVSSA has a similarly-equipped trailer. Issues including security, rust-free storage, logistics were brought up, as well as whether the raffle funds can be used to acquire similar setups around the state. Clayton T mentioned that the new Red River Valley Shooting Sports Center could be accessed for live fire sessions and shooting events in the eastern part of the state.

New Business:

A. 2010 Raffle Report – Dale Patrick covered in his President’s Report.

B. IHEA Conference in Colorado – Terry Steinwand and Jon Hanson plan to attend the annual conference. Terry Fasteen brought up the question of a partial registration sponsorship by NDHEA. Jon Hanson will provide more information at the next meeting before we commit to funding.

C. ND Wildlife Federation membership – The \$100 annual membership fee has been paid. NDWF will likewise pay \$100 to NDHEA .

D. Dale Patrick is our representative to NDWF; he will report on their activities at our next quarterly meeting.

Tumbler Purchase – it was suggested that a new tumbler should be purchased before the July drawing date for the 2010 Raffle. Motion was made to spend up to \$400 for a new tumbler. MSC: Schweigert, Swenson.

District Reports: District Reps provided information on area classes. Darwin Bucholz, District 3, reported that the indoor shooting range in Rolla has been secured with a long-term lease at minimal cost. Lori Schweigert, District 5, reported that the Zap Membership Shoot will be held the first Saturday in August. Dale Kilwein, District 9, has put together instructor ID cards and patches. He and Terry Fasteen will provide more information about use and availability at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn. MSC: Kroh, Meyer. 10:28 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Curt Walen, Secretary

# NDHEA General Membership Meeting

## February 14, 2010

President Dale Patrick called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck.

President Patrick called for any door prize donations to be brought to the front of the room. He also noted the several silent auction items for the membership to bid on. The Meeting Agenda and Minutes to the January 25, 2009 Meeting and the 2009 Financial Report were made available. Agenda Approval: The published agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve . MSC: Don Meyer, Lori Schweigert .(MSC = Moved, Second, Carried)

President Patrick introduced the current Executive Board and Committee Members.

Past President - Terry Fasteen, President – Dale Patrick, Vice President – Rod O’Clair, Secretary – Curt Walen, Treasurer – Clint Baxter. The District Representatives introduced themselves from the floor. Also introduced Membership Chairman – Charles Vasicek and Game and Fish Hunter Education Coordinator – Jon Hanson.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Curt Walen called attention to the minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting as distributed and as found in the first issue of the 2009 newsletter. President Patrick called for a motion to approve as published. MSC: Rod O’Clair, Ron Swenson. (MSC = Moved, Second, Carried)

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Clint Baxter reviewed the 2009 Financial Report. Highlights included the successful raffle and use of those funds, the Dickinson donations that passed through our account for firearms replacement and purchase of an enclosed trailer, and the IRS ruling that formally recognizes the NDHEA as a section 501(c)(3) public charity. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as given. MSC: Jerry Rekow, Dennis Miller.

Audit Committee Report: Lynda Miller and Lori Schweigert completed the annual Audit of the Treasurer’s books. They were pleased to report that everything is in order and well presented. It was clarified that, while the exec board members are on the signature cards, all expense items go through the Treasurer who drafts checks directly to the businesses or individuals concerned. Motion to approve the Audit Committee Report. MSC: Ron Swenson, Dale Kilwein.

Membership Report: Charles Vasicek reported that there were 220 paid members in 2009, including 9 life members. 190 renewal forms were sent out in December. As of this morning, there were 219 paid members, including 7 new life members. Chuck encouraged membership sales at the upcoming Regional Workshops. Dale Patrick commended Chuck for his efforts.

Cap Committee Report: Rod O’Clair reported that there were 16 cap sales in 2009 for a profit of \$819. He reviewed the cost restructuring that was approved this year. Cost for a box of 24 is \$192, or \$8 per cap. Cost per cap for quantities less than a box is \$10. Continuing cap revenues are an important funding source, as only 10% of the raffle proceeds can be used for administrative expenses.

Past President’s Report by Terry Fasteen: 1.Terry is pleased with the work of website manager Noel Ison. 2.Also very satisfied with the work of new newsletter editor, Lisa Jackson. Continue to submit news and information to Rod O’Clair or Terry Fasteen. 3.Terry reminded the membership that there are four NDHEA banners, in different sizes, that are available to promote our organization at events. 4.Terry recapped the ND Coon Hunters Association event that he participated in last August. This qualifies as a mentored hunt; 25 kids and 65 total participants took part. This year’s event will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. 5.As Terry steps off the executive board, he recommends regular email contact within the group to keep everyone informed on current issues.

President’s Report by Dale Patrick: 1.Dale Patrick recalled some of his history with the NDHEA, back to its conception. 2.He also recognized recent successes, including record high memberships, website and newsletter refinements, the raffle w/ antelope tag, hunting safety messages , support from Jon Hanson and Terry Steinwand , affiliation with the ND Wildlife Federation, cooperation with Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Assoc and others, and a supportive and involved Board. 3.Dale presented the Board Award to Dennis Bense, Manager of Bismarck’s Scheels All Sports, in recognition of the support given for our annual Raffle. 4.Dale closed with comments about the Raffle success and some of the shooting sports events we’re involved with. He encouraged our dedicated instructors to plan more of these events and pledged support from the organization.

HE Coordinator’s Comments: NDG&F Hunter Education Coordinator, Jon Hanson, discussed a variety of issues. 1.Jon greeted the membership and thanked everyone for making Dave Oakes’ trip to North Dakota an enjoyable one. 2.He distributed drafts of the new course manual to the group and asked that comments be received by end of March. The final version will be in use starting in 2011. He’s also working on new instructor guides or manuals. 3.Jon explained the study guide that is available from hunterexam.com; he will get a link to it on the G&F website. 4.He is looking at an IHEA online instructor course and considering how this could be incorporated into new instructor training programs. He will be attending and observing the instructor academy in Kansas this summer. 5.Jon reminded all to watch for upcoming Regional Workshops, and he

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plugged the State Fair, asking for continued instructor participation.

Newsletter Report: Rod O'Clair and Terry Fasteen. Since the newsletter editor, Lisa Jackson, is located in Fargo, it was deemed more convenient to send newsletter submissions to Terry. Word Documents in the 97-2003.doc version work best and should be emailed to [terry.fasteen@kljeng.com](mailto:terry.fasteen@kljeng.com).

Website Report: Terry Fasteen explained the expanded format of the website. Links can be provided to businesses that provide support to our organization. Information about upcoming shooting events can be placed on the website; get the info to Terry Fasteen in advance.

Equipment Inventories: Inventories need to be given to your District Representatives or to Terry Fasteen, Historian. Update your equipment lists as necessary.

Legislative Report: Rod O'Clair and Dale Patrick. Nothing to report. Dale Patrick will be the 2010 rep.

Nominating Committee: Terry Fasteen reported that the Nominating Committee submits Jean Oster's name in nomination for the position of Secretary.

District Meetings: Meeting recessed for District Caucuses, even numbered districts to elect District Representatives to the Board.

Election of Officers: President Patrick reconvened the meeting. He asked for additional nominations from the floor for the Secretary position. Motion by Mel Stark that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jean Oster. Second by Charles Vasicek. Motion carried. As Clint Baxter has been serving the remainder of Ernie Trudeau's two-year term as Treasurer, that position is also up for election. President Patrick called for nominations from the floor for the Treasurer position. Motion by Lori Schweigert placing Clint Baxter's name in nomination for the position of Treasurer and ceasing nominations with a unanimous ballot to be cast to that effect. Second by Don Meyer. Motion carried.

President Patrick called on Districts for election results. District 2 retained Mike Kroh as director. District 4 retained Don Meyer as director. District 6 elected Dale Patrick as director. District 8 elected Richard Simon as director. District 10 retained Lynda Miller as director. District 12 retained Clayton Thompson as director. No changes in the odd numbered Districts.

Mentorship: Rod O'Clair and Don Meyer encouraged greater involvement in the Mentor program. There is a great need for more mentors, dogs, volunteers and places to hold mentored activities.

Family Shooting Sports Events: Again recapped the events of last year. Communicate your plans for 2010 events to your District Representatives for help in funding and supporting these activities. Missouri Valley's Sportsfest will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> and their Pheasant Hunt will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Lori Schweigert reported that the Zap Membership Shoot will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The Coon Hunters Association event will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Jamestown's event will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>. West Fargo is also planning an October event. Remember to get details for your events to Terry Fasteen for posting on the website. Advance notice of these events is also needed for the association's insurance coverage. And the Executive Board needs to approve your request for participation and your budget.

2010 Raffle Report: Dale Patrick reminded the membership to pick up raffle tickets. Money and the ticket stubs need to be returned to him by early July.

There were several breaks for door prizes during the meeting. Linda Weigum was the winner of the membership drawing for the muzzle loader package. Successful bidders for the silent auction items were announced.

President Dale Patrick turned the gavel over to incoming President Rodney O'Clair. Rod presented Dale with a past-president pin and thanked him. With advancement of the executive committee, the 2010 officers are: President - Rodney O'Clair, Jamestown, Vice President - Curt Walen, Carrington, Secretary - Jean Oster, West Fargo, Treasurer - Clint Baxter, Minot.

Motion to adjourn. MSC: Terry Fasteen, Don Meyer. 10:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
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North Dakota Game & Fish  
[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)  
North Dakota Shooting Sports Association  
<http://ndssa.org>  
Mule Deer Foundation  
[www.muledeer.org](http://www.muledeer.org)  
North Dakota Bowhunters Associations  
[www.ndbowhunters.org](http://www.ndbowhunters.org)

### Other Great Links

[www.fishingbuddy.com](http://www.fishingbuddy.com)  
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[www.scheels.com](http://www.scheels.com)  
[www.baconsigns.com](http://www.baconsigns.com)

### 2009 Legislation Watch

Websites to view bills and to read blogs  
[www.nodakoutdoors.com](http://www.nodakoutdoors.com)  
[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)  
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North Dakota Legislative Council:  
[www.legis.nd.gov/information/bills](http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/bills)

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