



NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS
Annual Meeting • Saturday, April 28, 2018 • 9:30 a.m.
AMVETS Club • Bismarck, ND

MINUTES

Present: President Rick Brueckner, Vice President Ken Cumber, Past President Duaine Ash; Board Members Aaron Abbott, Mike Anderson, Ed Dosch, Paul Haug, Jeff Herman, Dave Odin, Don Schick, and Keith Witt; Club Members Barb Ash, Cody Armstrong, Chad Engels, Jon Haug, Tony Splonskowski and Doug Vannurden; Game & Fish Representatives Terry Steinwand, Greg Power, Paul Bailey and Jessica Howell; Rob Holm, Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery; and Secretary Marie Hoerner.

- President Rich Brueckner called the meeting to order and the attendees introduced themselves.
- A motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2017 meeting was made by Ed Dosch, seconded by Mike Anderson and passed.
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Rick Eagleson. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ed, seconded by Paul Haug and passed.
- Membership report was given by Marie Hoerner – There are approximately 725 individuals on the membership list, but only been a handful of individuals pay the \$5 dues each year. To date, 10 of the current 12 member clubs have paid the 2018-19 dues. Mike Anderson will check with Great Planers and Keith Witt will be submitting the dues for the ND Fishing Hall of Fame.
- Following a discussion on proposed changes to the NDSFC By-Laws, a motion was made by Mike Anderson, seconded by Duaine Ash and passed on the following. President Brueckner noted that these recommendations will take two readings to become official – this meeting and again a reading at the fall meeting.
 - Article V-Directors-at-Large; Section 1 – make no change to the number of Directors-at-Large (it will remain at six);
 - Article VI-Board of Directors, Section 1 – change the number of Board of Directors to “ten to fourteen (10-14)”; and
 - Article VI-Board of Directors, Section 3 – change to “a quorum of the Board (majority of the directors) present at any board meeting”.
- Election of Board Members: 2018 seats up for re-election – Vice President Ken Cumber, Board Members: Paul Haug, Jeff Herman, Don Schick, Ed Sweeney and Keith Witt. Ed Sweeney indicated he is not interested in serving another term on the board. However, Cody Armstrong from Lake Region Anglers expressed an interest in serving. Duaine Ash made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot with Cody Armstrong replacing Ed Sweeney and the other members serving an additional two-year term. The motion was seconded by Ed Dosch and passed unanimously.
- Club Reports
 - ✓ ND Fishing Hall of Fame (Keith Witt) – Last year the inductees for the North Dakota Fishing Hall of Fame were Paul Haug, along with Richard Fink and Lake Region Anglers Association. Applications for 2018 closes on May 1st and only one application was received to date. Rich Brueckner said the NDSFC is nominating Duaine Ash for the ND Fishing Hall of Fame in 2018 and thanked Duaine for all he has done for fishing. The induction is done on the Thursday before the Governor's Cup

Tournament. The Hall Fame was started in Garrison in 1981 and currently is being housed at the North Country Marine Motor Sports in Garrison at no cost. They are considering an agreement with the ownership for putting on an additional dealership to house the Hall of Fame. They are looking at fundraising in the future to help with costs.

- ✓ Voices (Doug Vannurden) – They have about 150 members, which 39 are life members. Their dues are \$25 for a yearly membership, which includes their banquet, or a \$250 life membership, which has been pretty popular. Completed refurbishing the Beaver Bay fish cleaning station and the ramp project at Cat Tail Bay is now complete, which is now a double ramp. Received the Outdoor Heritage funding in 2015. Working for funding to relocate and redo a new fish cleaning station without a grinder at Cat Tail Bay on Corps land that they are presenting to the Outdoor Heritage Fund on May 14. Annual fundraising fun night is May 5 in Linton.
- ✓ Bis-Man Reel & Rec (Jeff Herman) – Held their annual fishing tournament at Lake Audubon, but not as many attended as last year. Cabin Fever event was held in March, and May 19 is the Spring Walleye Derby at Grainer Bottoms. They are also trying to put fences around some fish cleaning stations, to eliminate hunters who clean and grind geese in the fall.
- ✓ Great Planners Trout (Mike Anderson) – They are doing the same events as in past years. The last couple years there has been some interest in a salmon boil in conjunction with a NDSFC board meeting. Mike said he would like to host a salmon boil for the fall NDSFC meeting in the Pick City area.
- ✓ Muskies, Inc. (Rick Eagleson) – In the state of Minnesota, there is one individual on Pelican Lake who doesn't want any more Muskies in the lake, as well as in Otter Tail County. With their clubs' donations and projects, they work with the youth and have many projects (fishing, hunting, trap shooting) to get them away from phones and get them involved in the outdoor.
- ✓ F-M Walleye (Chad Engels) – Had the Kid's fishing clinic in conjunction with Scheels Ice feast; held youth angler classes and seminars where parents can bring their kids. Held general meetings with guest speakers. Fargo Youth fishing derby booth at the Red River Valley sportsman short, in addition to others. This summer there are several club tournament, youth and volunteer activities.
- ✓ Lake Region Anglers (Aaron Abbot and Cory Armstrong) – LRAA was inducted in the Fishing Hall of Fame in 2017. Have three handicapped accessible piers on Devils Lake, which can be used by others besides handicapped individuals. Hold five tournaments each year. Devils Lake has the only all-season fish cleaning station in the state and heated for ice fishing. Have a new coordinator for website and on Facebook and have 200+ club members. Considering to build a building to use for club events or rent it out to club others. Had a meeting last week to bring the public in to talk about lake stabilization in Devils Lake – consideration of turning the pumps off to maintain the lake level (infrastructure was built for it to be at 46). Pelican Boat Landing is not going to happen this year. Third year of holding another gun raffle again this year, giving away 20 guns, as well as fishing rods/reels, and last year they netted about \$10,000. In September they will hold a fish fry and raffle. Just released a new contract for their fishing cleaning stations.
- ✓ Dakota Anglers (Dave Odin) – Just finished Earth Day and did cleaning around the reservoirs; project on Spiritwood Lake. Walleye and Northern tournament coming up June 2-3 tournament, as well as two summer outings. Merchants have been very supportive in helping to build tournaments. For the team that catches the most pounds of walleye for the two days, they do a payout with no entry fee.
- North Dakota Game & Fish – Greg Power, Fisheries Division Chief (G&F Update-Power attachment)
 - ✓ There are a lot of big northern pike being caught in ND right now with Devils Lake, Lake Oahe and Sakakawea being the big producers. Spawning nets went in this week, which was the latest ever.
 - ✓ The ice is just going off the lakes. Winter kill was minimal with no real surprises.
 - ✓ On the fish cleaning stations, the G&F changed their internal policies. In the past, they started to pay about \$2,500 per fish cleaning station for maintenance to a local entity. A year ago they went to \$3,500 and now it was amended to include 50% above \$3500 if documentation is provided.

- ✓ There continues to be no need for additional walleye regulations. There is a printable Fact Sheet on walleye regulations on the G&F website. A recent survey again pointed out anglers like the regulations simple and statewide. About 85% of the public is favorable to the current regulations. Open-water Walleye harvest rates continue to increase. In the 1980s, it took 11 hours to harvest a walleye and now for boat anglers it only takes 2 to 2.5 hours.
 - ✓ Some fishing public suggest non-residents need to pay more, Currently, their license sales generate about \$2 million annually; 49% of fishing license revenue comes from sport fishing restoration; 26% from ND licenses; 25% from out-of-state.
 - ✓ ANS pathways/inspection – there are a lot of resident anglers from Fargo (12%) and Grand Forks (6%) that are Devils Lake fisherman.
 - ✓ Watercraft Survey also revealed that almost 20% of ND residents use their boat out-of-state annually which makes them another potential ANS pathway
 - ✓ ‘Don’t waste our resources’ has become a theme of the Department. For example, don’t let your walleye in freezers get freezer burnt and thus are wasted.
 - ✓ Some new signs will be posted at high use areas “Fish responsibly; only keep what you will use, fish are too valuable to waste” are going up at boat ramps and bait shops.
 - ✓ Public participation in fishing issues – how do you get public engaged? Greg met with Friends of Lake Sakakawea recently and shared many of these same matters.
 - ✓ Cody Armstrong asked about waterfowl hunters bringing boats into North Dakota – Jessica Howell said the G&F doesn't do boat checks in the fall and seasonal helpers are done in late August. G&F is targeting the waterfowl with outreach information, but not checking boats. As far as ANS check stations, there are two G&F people in Devils Lake area, but also go to Lake Metigoshe and Darling. They check boats going in and out of the water. Jessica said they are getting more interests from the wardens and are writing more tickets and are paying more attention to ANS issues.
 - ✓ Greg will provide links for the G&F presentations, along with the minutes.
- Game & Fish – Paul Bailey, South Central District Fisheries Supervisor – is originally from Bismarck and has been fishing since a young age. (G&F Update-Bailey attachment)
 - ✓ Special Tagging Project – Three keys to a successful Fishery – 1. Recruitment (adding new fish to the population); 2, Growth (how well they grow during their life span; struggles with growth on the Missouri River); 3, Mortality (how fast they are leaving) Total Mortality (Fish dying from natural causes; angling mortality – G&F likes to see 33%). Total mortality have been dropping during the study from 2013-2016. Anglers were not responsible for the 2013 mortality rate, which was over 80%. From 1989-1992 and 2001-2008, Lake Oahe didn’t exist in North Dakota due to low reservoir levels. Growth of walleyes on the Missouri River and Lake Oahe takes about 5 years to get to about 15 inches.
 - ✓ Walleye Tagging Project – 34,378 walleye tagged 2013-2016 and over 8,000 tag reports have been received from anglers so far. However, these reports are changing regularly. From 8,000 anglers reported, they find that the walleye are not very mobile and only moved about 20 miles. Spawning Site Fidelity – walleye return to the same place each year to reproduce, after moving up and down the water. The best fishing starts in the spring in the Hazelton/Fort Rice area because the water is warmer (50-60 degree water temps), while Garrison discharged water is about 38 degrees this time of year. Paul is a believer in the “55/33 rule” for walleye populations – Don’t want to see total mortality rates higher than 55% and anglers harvesting more than 33% of walleye annually.
 - ✓ The 2011 flood created a 80% mortality rate, which had to be adjusted.
 - ✓ Walleye Length Limit Evaluation – Minimum 15 inches; Exclusive Slot 15-20 inches.
 - ✓ When would a “1-over 20” length regulation be beneficial:
 - Biologically -- There is no evidence that a 1-over 20 regulation would be beneficial.
 - Socially – During 2015 Creel survey, Creel clerks interviewed 1,126 anglers and measured 2,205 walleye. 20” or larger walleye account for 1% of harvest and no individual angler harvested more than one walleye 20” or larger. Creel survey is conducted every 3 years.

- What determines the quality of the Missouri River and Lake Oahe Fishery? The amount of water Mother Nature gives us and how that water is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, in comparison to Anglers and G&F.
 - People want to take some of these larger fish home. Lake Oahe is a good source for 20# Pike. Last year the G&D started a tagging project. Of the 75 Pike tagged (1 meter long and larger), anglers reported 4 harvested and 15 released. They hope to continue the Pike tagging project.
 - Paul said there has been no good smelt run in the ND portion of Lake Oahe since 1996. Main area for smelt is the main portion of Lake Oahe in South Dakota. They have started stocking the lower end of Lake Oahe. The same Pike study is being done in Lake Sakakawea (60 tagged, 4 harvested and 4 released last year). About 5% of the fish tagged in North Dakota made their way to South Dakota, while 2% of the fish tagged in South Dakota came north of the border. The tag reporting was funneled through the University of South Dakota with a PHD student responsible for the tags. There are still some fish with \$100 tags and 1 out of every 20 fish had a reward tag. All fish tagged have a “605” phone number to report and by calling their G&F or the number on the tag. About 65% of fisherman will report tagged fish without the reward money.
 - Lake Audubon has good bass fishing and size. In Lake Sakakawea, small mouth bass has been increasing in recent years. Bass numbers are spectacular from Garrison Dam to the border. Bass numbers increased in Bismarck-Mandan when the marina construction occurred.
- Game & Fish ANS Update – Jessica Howell, Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator (ANS Update-Howell Attachment)
 - ✓ Highlights from 2017 – no new ANS were found.
 - ✓ Expanded programs last year: High priority sampling – 125 samples; First time to do vegetation sampling in 13 waters; Marinas – 21 visited; Pet stores – 12 supplied; Weed harvesters – permitting; Increased tournament involvement; Bait vendors – no ANS issues (G&F visited all of these vendors).
 - ✓ In Fall 2016, Montana found Zebra Mussel larvae in the Missouri River System. This was the reason for increased high priority sampling on the Missouri River system in 2017.
 - ✓ Started talking with other partners they hadn’t talked to in the past, such as marinas and pet stores.
 - ✓ They also did some boat inspections at some of the tournaments. Last year our fisheries biologists and wardens teamed up and visited the North Dakota bait vendors and there were no ANS issues, but there were some operating without a license.
 - ✓ 2018 Planned Efforts – G&F is switching their slogan to “Clean, Drain, Dry” which deals with ANS and working with Jayson Mitchell, so you should start seeing billboards and advertising. This year they also wanted to take a step back and evaluate how effective the programs are working. They are updating a statewide management plan, so it doesn’t just govern the G&F actions, but also the State agencies. G&F has a statewide committee of 13 different entities, including the G&F, Water Commission, Tourism, Health Department and Parks & Rec, in addition to Friends, a member of the power industry, and other interested parties. With the help of this group, they are in the process of updating the plan and hope to get it signed by the Governor.
 - ✓ High-risk sampling of Zebra Mussels will continue for a couple of more years.
 - ✓ Asks for increased action on ANS to make sure G&F is targeting other groups such as waterfowl hunters that are harder to reach. Increased educational efforts—working with Jayson Mitchell to reach outside of North Dakota like Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota. Have requests for watercraft mandatory inspections and if that was the direction the G&F would go, it would require quite a few steps, including new legislation, as well as law enforcement, wardens and ANS staff (not just seasonal workers).

- ✓ ND Program Overview:
 - 1 full-time staff (Jessica)
 - In 2016, hired 4 seasonal positions from a grant through Valley City State University traveling to Devils Lake and southeast/southcentral part of the state. They are getting and providing information on ANS for the G&F.
 - Approximately \$320,000 budget for 2017 was spent on ANS activities and this does not include law enforcement division who has their own budget. About \$185,000 is the state funding through the Fisheries Division and about \$135,000 if this is from Federal sources and \$135,000 goes out in grants.
- ✓ How does the G&F compare to other states: Montana has a \$7M Program (started last year and funded largely by power plants), 12 FTEs, and countless seasonal positions to operate the 32 watercraft inspection stations and they get federal funding for labs. Jessica is not sure how much money Minnesota spends because the DNR spends money in addition to \$10M that the legislature delivers to counties. The Minnesota DNR has about 33 FTEs working on ANS around the state and in the summer they hire about 200 seasonal employees. Minnesota has a total of about 1,000 (800 from counties) inspectors statewide and utilize 400 gallon decontamination units at a cost of about \$27K/each. The South Dakota budget varied in the past few years as far as how much money they had available. They, like North Dakota, didn't have dedicated ANS funding for a long time and were getting whatever their fisheries division could spare. Last year they were asking the Legislature for \$1.5 million. They just got a new ANS coordinator less than a year ago, so Jessica has not had a chance to get a lot of details. They have about 1.75 FTEs working on ANS out of Sioux Falls and Pierre. They are working on a containment program with mandatory inspections coming in and out of the Lewis & Clark Reservoir. They also hire 8 seasonals across the state that help with field sampling and boat inspections. Jessica feels that the ND G&F regulations are some of the best in the country in terms of keeping ANS out of the state through posters and newspaper ads. They are keeping track of the waters that they don't think there is ANS. In order to expand the ANS program it would take some substantial Legislative changes.
- ✓ Takeaways –
 - ND program is comprehensive for resources – regulations reduce risks, educational efforts are broad and targeted, sample uninfected waters, monitor existing populations, and expanding and improving program.
 - Major changes needed to substantially increase ANS Program – legislative changes; stable, self-sufficient funding source, ability to hire FTEs. Greg Power said that 10 years ago only 10% have heard of ANS and now about 90% are aware of ANS. Actions people are taking to prevent ANS are increasing, also with non-residents.
 - Jeff Herman would like to see better boat ANS inspections for out-of-state tournaments, but Jessica said tournaments are harder to inspect, especially with pre-fishing. Jeff commended the G&F for the great job they are doing on ANS inspections.
 - Ed Dosch would like to see waterfowl groups using boats get the ANS message.
 - G&F estimates about 600,000-800,000 boat launches annually, they inspect about 1,000.
 - There was a discussion on the ANS inspections on Devils Lake. LRAA makes it mandatory for their tournaments that they have an ANS inspection and get a sticker. It was suggested that other groups such as the Chamber or Water Users play a part in ANS inspections.
 - Rich Brueckner asked with so many online applications if it would be possible to send a message about ANS when thanking them for their application within 24-48 hours. Greg Power said that this year for non-residents online applications, there is an ANS message that can be read before checking out.

- Terry Steinwand said chances of getting a budget increase or new employees is probably not the best right now.
- Jon Haug suggested to get club members as certified ANS inspectors. Jessica said they don't have certified inspectors in North Dakota.
- Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery – Rob Holm, Project Leader (See attachment)
 - ✓ Rob said there's not a lot to report since the November 2017 NDSFC meeting in Jamestown.
 - ✓ They were able to meet the requests for walleye stocking in North Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho.
 - ✓ Finishing up construction on an isolation room at the hatchery to address ANS concerns from bringing in fish or eggs from other states. This summer will be able to bring in muskellunge fingerlings from Iowa and grow them to 10" size before stocking out. Without the isolation room, which discharges water into a leach field rather than back into the river, the threat of transferring zebra mussels or the VHS disease would prevent the musky stockings from happening. They are also raising 20,000 paddlefish this year for stocking in the Missouri River in the upper end of Lake Sakakawea to give the population a boost. They just finished about 4,000 endangered pallid sturgeon stocking in the Missouri River in Montana and South Dakota. They have been doing it for about 20 years and now and some of the first fish stocked are spawning on their own. It takes 15-20 years for sturgeon to mature and reproduce, about the same as humans. The remaining wild sturgeon out there approaching 80 years or better. Working at Valley City NFH to restore lake sturgeon in the Red River. Every fall 2-4,000 eight inch lake sturgeon are stocked into tributaries of the Red River to restore that fishery. The walleye request is a little less than in the past and are looking at 8½ million walleye fingerlings to stock this year. Started up stocking urban ponds with 12" rainbow trout and will continue for about a month until the 60,000 fish are all released. Check out the Game and Fish website or Facebook page to see when fish are stocked in a pond near you. Collected 3 million salmon eggs this fall, doubled the requested 1.5 million mark. The surplus eggs were sent to South Dakota for the Lake Oahe stockings. The Visitors Center at the Garrison Dam NFH was expanded for visitor use and classroom space for the kids. Started pike spawning on April 26th, three weeks later than usual. Spawning took only three days with 220 quarts of eggs collected which is just over 13 million eggs, so they are well over the requested number. Walleye are already spawning in the upper end of Lake Sakakawea and so will be taking eggs there for the hatchery soon. Thanks to Mother Nature and some pretty good years of stocking, North Dakota has some of the best fishing in a long time.
 - ✓ From the administrative side, they hope to be able to hire a couple biologist positions soon. Currently waiting for a sign-off from the DC office before they get the manager's position filled at Valley City NFH. The current Administration is looking real favorable towards recreational fishing and hunting. Congress has asked for \$50M in appropriations for maintenance funding for the Fish and Wildlife Service, \$30M going to Refugees and \$20M to Fish Hatcheries nationwide.
- President Brueckner introduced Chad Engels who is a representative of FM Walleyes. This is his first time attending our meeting and fundraiser.
- Old business – discussion items (attachment includes the items below)
 1. ND Game & Fish manpower (attachment—"Fisheries Division budget/staffing needs") – The only way to get G&F dollars is through legislation. Rich Brueckner would like to get support from the NDSFC members and is asking the G&F what the NDSFC can do. Terry Steinwand said the ND G&F is the third smallest in the country. Governor's budget is looking at a 10% agency and 5% personnel cut. Terry is not certain if/how these cuts may impact the Department as its very early in the budgeting process. He has spoken with Al Carlson regarding ANS and he will be talking with him again this fall. No one else can use the G&F dollars. Rich would like to form a committee of three individuals from NDSFC to be our voices for staffing and labor for the G&F (ANS, law enforcement, boat ramps). The committee would work with G&F, asking who the legislators

would be that would be most receptive and convincing them of the G&F manpower needs. G&F budget is due in July, with a couple of meetings between now and October. Terry would like to meet with this special committee in June. *ANS/Fisheries Development Committee to communicate with the G&F, asking them which legislators would be most receptive to supporting SFC desires to strengthen the G&F and convincing the legislators to assist the G&F are Keith Witt, Rich Brueckner and Mike Anderson.*

2. Resident and Non-Resident Fishing License Fees – Rich Brueckner said it comes down to what the State of ND needs to operate efficiently, not what other states are charging. This is a general discussion since license fees are set for a while, so should there be an ANS fee added to our license fee. Aaron Abbot said that in MT one pays \$15 non-resident and \$2 resident ANS fee per person, not per boat. Greg Power said that the ND license fee is .5% of an anglers fishing expenses and that some states are charging an ANS fee for boats. 2013 was the last time there was a fishing license fee increase. *It was recommended that license fees be considered and added to the ANS Committee.* Terry said that the G&F Reserve Fund cannot fall below \$15 million.
3. Boat Gas Tax (documents included in handout) – currently the state receives \$2.50 for every registered boat in ND and was effective in 1996. Rich would like to develop a committee to get legislation updated from 1995 to 2018 on boat tax, in order to get closer to collecting \$1 million. Some of the same legislators are still there. Rich would like to switch from a dollar amount to a percentage and justify the need for boat licensing and boat safety. *Boat Gas Tax Committee volunteer is Don Schick, who will find two more individuals to serve with him.*
4. Fishing Outfitters License Fees (handout includes operating costs) – Rich said there was discussion as to the costs of the G&F to operate and manage the outfitters. Legislation changed last year that removed the required to not have their boat inspected. He said there are currently 135 resident fishing outfitter licenses and seven non-resident outfitters. After our November meeting and talking to LRAA, Johnny Candle sent a letter to Greg on his concerns as it relates to the number of outfitters who operate on Devils Lakes and if there was a way without increasing fees to clean up this group of individuals by adding to the process to obtaining a license, like a coast guard captains license that some states have. One idea to manage the outfitters was to issue so many outfitters based on the number of bodies of water in the state. Our process today is to help G&F manage the outfitters. Cory Armstrong said he is a fishing guide (pays \$100 fee) in Devils Lake and he believes the license fees should be increased. He also believes you need to be first aid and CPR certified, if you are a fishing outfitter or any type of a guide. Cory believes the fee should be \$1,000 for an in-state guide and \$1,500 to \$2,000 for out-of-state guides. Jeff Herman ask if you need to be coast guard certified in order to be a fishing guide, but Greg Power said he thinks it had to do with the Corps. Terry said the fees can only be changed by the Legislature, with the next time August 2019. *Cory Armstrong will take the lead to start talking to Game & Fish (Scott Winkelman) regarding fishing outfitters license fees and get a few others to serve with him.*

- New business – discussion items

1. Request by Voices for Lake Oahe – Doug Vannurden talked about Voices boat ramp project that they got Outdoor Heritage Funding, but they are looking for donors to help with their \$4,000 shortfall. Doug said that once the project is completed, they cannot go back to the Heritage Fund for additional funding. He said they sent out about 25 letters to get additional funding, one was to the NDSFC. Duaine Ash suggested that they contact the Emmons County Water Board for funding. Doug said they contact the commissioners, but not the board. President Rich Brueckner doesn't believe the bylaws would allow NDSFC to donate, but believes clubs can donate. Although the NDSFC has some dollars in their fund, Rich Eagelson said that some will probably be needed to pay for lobbying fees during the 2019 Legislature. Ken Cumber said he would be willing to ask the Dakota Anglers to provide support,

as they have individuals fishing on Lake Oahe. After discussion, Rich concluded that he is going to leave it up to the clubs and individuals to provide support to Voices to complete their project.

2. President Brueckner is going to take care of the membership request from Friends of Lake Sakakawea.
 3. Website updates – Jeff Herman and Marie Hoerner will work on updating the website. Jeff has started a Facebook page and would be willing to add anyone as an administrator so they can also add to the NDSFC Facebook page. Rich Brueckner asked the clubs to provide information to Marie to update the individual clubs' information.
 4. President Rich Brueckner will continue to search for a lobbyist for the 2019 legislative session. Everyone is being tasked to look for possible lobbyists prior to the next meeting. It was mentioned that Lance Gabe will be lobbying for the ND Water District, which is only part time.
 5. Banquet – Fundraiser (Social 5:30; Dinner 7:00)
 6. The next meeting was tentatively set for Saturday, September 22nd with the meeting to be held possibly at the Hatchery in Garrison. Mike Anderson offered to hosting a salmon boil in Riverdale following the meeting.
 7. The 2019 Fundraiser/Banquet is set for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Bismarck AMVETS.
- New Business – A motion was made by Duaine Ash, seconded by Paul Haug and passed to give the Marie Hoerner a \$500 bonus for the additional work she has done on the fundraiser beyond her duties.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Herman, seconded by Don Schick and passed.

Submitted By: Marie Hoerner

Date Submitted: May 6, 2018