

# NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS

## Annual Meeting

Bismarck Elks Lodge 900 South Washington Street Bismarck, ND 58504

April 21, 2001 - 12:30 p.m.

### Attendance:

Duaine Ash-662-3989, Reinold Kellar-223-9166, Bruce Hagen-381-0570, Paul Kriege-483-0479  
Don Baasch-845-1693, Brian Ficek-227-3068, Chad Maloy-293-2491, John Haskins-572-7347  
Bryan Siegel-663-3423, Errol Behm-328-2516, Mike Anderson-224-9048, Ron Liudahl-252-5959  
Ed Dosch-395-4302, Steve Krentz-323-7808, Cordell Myran-227-3042, Rick Eagleson-237-4801  
Perry Kapaun-845-0564, Lynn Schlueter-662-1772, Bob Valeu-258-4937, James Nagel-222-1620  
Steve Goldade-277-5011, Cheryl Glatt-250-8080, Lee Klapprodt-258-7751

The meeting was called to order by President Duaine Ash. A roll call of the officers and delegates was taken. The delegates present representing their clubs are as follows:

- \* Great Planers Trout & Salmon Club-Mike Anderson and Lee Klapprodt;
- \* Lake Region Anglers Association-Lynn Schlueter and Ed Dosch;
- \* F-M Muskies, Inc.-Paul Haug (absent) and Rick Eagleson;
- \* Bismarck-Mandan Reel & Rec Club-Bryan Siegel and Errol Behm;
- \* Dakota Anglers-Ron Liudahl;
- \* Southwest Anglers Association-Cordell Myran standing in for Mark Lamprecht and Brian Ficek;
- \* F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.-Chad Malloy and Steve Goldade;
- \* Barnes County Wildlife Federation-Don Baasch and Perry Kapaun;
- \* Bowman Haley Anglers Association-not present;
- \* Tri-County Sportsman s Club-not present;
- \* Red River Area Sportsman s Club-not present; and
- \* Red River Valley Muskies Association-not present.

The minutes of the January 20, 2001, 2000, meeting were read and amended as follows:

### Old Business:

An article, which was written by Lee Klapprodt, was placed in the Dakota Country magazine. The ad is a full page for the fee of \$300 and will run in the March and April issues. A motion was made by Ron Liudahl and seconded by Bruce Hagen."

Mike Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and seconded by Lynn Schlueter.

Rick Eagleson presented the treasurer s report in the amount of \$6,326.27, which total does not reflect the income and expenses from the fundraiser. Ed Dosch made a motion to approve the treasurer s report and seconded by Ron Liudahl.

### Report on Missouri River From State Water Commission:

Todd Sando from the State Water Commission presented issues on the Missouri River System with snow pack amounts in the mountains, the shortening of navigation season by 3½ weeks, and the releasing of water to be higher in the spring and lower in the summer. The Biological Opinion of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service was also discussed regarding the endangered species and wanting to see more shallow water habitat and 50 acres of sand bars per mile. There are possible Master Manual changes for water release based on inflow needs, and also a new formula for computing inflows when actual preceding months flow and realistic snow pack is being used.

## **Report From Senator Dorgan s Office:**

Bob Valeu from Senator Dorgan s office addressed at length several issues and concerns on Lake Sakakawea water levels, low boat ramps, access roads, maintaining the fish hatcheries and the budget, Senator Dorgan s concern on navigational verses economic interests, including weed control problems, aerial mapping, and Coast Guard issues. Friends of Lake Sakakawea, a task force consisting of resort owners, area chamber of commerce, government entities, and other interested parties, will be meeting again on April 24 at Garrison to address several of these immediate problems.

The National Lakes Act was introduced in Congress which will allow a pilot program that includes 25 lakes that are managed by the Corps to enhance recreation on these lakes. NDSFC and Senator Dorgan are working to have Lake Sakakawea included in the list.

It would be beneficial for the NDSFC to write letters/petitions to also address these issues. Senator Dorgan can be contacted at, or leave a message for him at, 1-800-666-4482. They will be passed on to Senator Dorgan.

## **Reports From North Dakota Game & Fish Department:**

Lynn Schlueter from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department provided an update on the SOL matter. The SOL was passed by both Houses in the legislative session and provided \$1 million and one new employee for the Aquatic Habitat. Protocol for determining the work on individual lakes and how the funds will be allotted is being developed.

There was discussion on the operation of the Garrison Hatchery and raising of non-sportfish to meet the needs of threatened and endangered species. The North Dakota Game & Fish Department is working with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife with the costs of raising fish at the hatchery, strategic fish plan for endangered species, aquatic nuisance species, and reduction in money available for the hatcheries.

## **Committee Reports and Assignments:**

Fundraising: Reiney Kellar discussed the details for the fundraiser and requested that a count of the raffle tickets that were sold returned to Reiney for a better count on ordering the meals.

Bylaws: No questions and no discussion.

Budget and Finance: No report.

## **Legislation:**

Jim Nagel provided an update on the Legislative issues with the NDSFC. There was a total of 37 bills that were introduced and a portion of them are addressed as follows:

HB 1019-This bill provided for five new positions for the Game and Fish Department: two new Game Warden positions, one new position for the Private Lands Open to Sportsmen Program, one new position for the Aquatic Habitat and the Save our Lakes Program, and one new position for GIS-Global Information Survey. It passed both the House and Senate.

HB 1070-This bill provided for a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license to 30-year hunter education instructors. It passed both the House and the Senate.

HB 1299-This bill would have had a serious impact on the ability of the Game and Fish Department to acquire additional lands for public use. This bill was defeated in the House.

HB 1356-This bill as amended passed both the House and Senate on dark house spearing.

HB 1468-This bill would increase non-resident fishing license fees. It passed the House, but was defeated in the Senate.

SB 2051-This bill would provide motorboat licensing applicants to provide proof of sales tax when purchasing a boat from out-of-state dealers. It passed both the House and Senate.

SB 2178-This bill would allow the state of North Dakota to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. It passed both the House and Senate.

SB 2377-This bill would have allowed the Senate of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly to approve the Governor s appointment of the Game and Fish director. It passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House.

SB 2402-This bill would have extracted monies from the Special Roads Fund. Senator Bob Stenehjem was successful in getting this bill to be withdrawn.

SCR 4046-This bill directed the Legislative Council to study issues related to the Missouri River. It passed both the House and the Senate.

SB 2013-This bill was amended to request the sale of 19,000 acres of state school lands. At the request of the lobbyist from the Wildlife Chapter Society, the NDSFC participated in opposing this amendment. The efforts were successful as this amendment was removed from SB 2013.

**Membership:** No report.

**Old Business:**

**Sport Fishing Congress Website:** The website for the NDSFC is up and running and has had over 200 hits in 21 days. The address is The NDSFC will be placing the minutes, newsletters, upcoming events, and all other correspondence on this website to save on mailing costs.

The website includes a page for the individual club and each club can also have their minutes, schedule of events, or upcoming meetings added. To have your information listed on the website, type your document in Word format and cut and paste your article into your e-mail message and send to Duaine will see that it is added to your club's link.

There are also links to road reports, weather from different cities, water levels, and to Fishing Buddy, with room for expansion to other areas.

The NDSFC is working with the North Dakota Telephone Company to host the website.

**New Business:**

**Set Fall Meeting:** The fall meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2001, at 1 p.m. to be held in Fargo. The location will be announced at a later date.

**Election of Officers:** The following were, in each case, nominated and elected by a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee:

President - Duaine Ash

Vice President - Rich Brueckner

Treasurer - Rick Eagleson

Delegate - John Haskins

Delegate - Ron Liudahl

Due to health reasons, Reiney Kellar is resigning his position as Vice President.

**Extra Announcements:**

Paul Haug from FM Muskies was inducted into the international known Minnesota Muskie Hall of Fame.

Southwest Anglers Association and Bowman Haley Anglers Association both received the prestigious award from the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (Professional Society of Fishery Biologists) the Conservation Award. This is the first time two clubs have gotten this award in one year.

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It was also addressed to obtain all the e-mail addresses from each delegate from their respective club so that the minutes can be e-mailed to them to save on mailing costs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.