

NDCDEA Directors Meeting

Radisson Hotel

Bismarck, ND

March 15th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Dustin Krueger at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Directors Present: Dustin Krueger, Darci Gahner, Shannon Anderson, Ryan Thorson, Tokina Mcharry, Matt Olson, Kari Beckman, Valerie Frohlich, Cassidy Fairbanks, and Jaci Cargo.

Others Present: Sarah Tunge and Andrea Petersen

Minutes:

Minutes from the December 7th, 2021, directors meeting was presented. ***Tokina Mcharry motioned to approve the minutes. Valerie Frohlich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Andrea Petersen, North Dakota Envirothon, joined the meeting to share some information about the upcoming 2022 Envirothon. This two-day event will be held May 11th-May 13th at Crystal Springs Camp, Medina ND. In the past, the NDCDEA has sponsored the winning team from North Dakota to go onto the National competition. Districts are encouraged to contact Andrea for more information about Envirothon, or any questions they may have about the program.

Financial Report (attachment available):

Darci stated that there are currently 68 paid members, along with 14 regional members. Currently there is \$88,572.61 in the account and Darci handed out the 2022 budget for review. ***With an amendment to add the scholarship expenses to the 2022 budget as presented, Valerie Frohlich motioned to approve the 2022 NDCDEA Budget and Financial Report as presented by Darci Gahner. Shannon Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Old Business:

2022 Above and Beyond Award-

This year's recipient is Jeffrey Miller from Cass County SCD, and he will be honored during the luncheon at tree promotion. It was also decided on to have the Above and Beyond award every two years, instead of every year.

2022 Scholarship-

Applicants were ranked amongst directors and the two \$1,000.00 scholarship winners selected were Brenna Hosman and Garin Opdahl. Darci will notify them. It was discussed that proceeds coming from the NDCDEA raffle/auction held during the annual NDASCD convention, would go towards future scholarship fundings, starting in 2023.

2023 Tree Promotion-

Tabled until the next directors meeting.

New Business:

NDASCD/LON-

Lincoln Oakes is looking at options for harvesting and collecting tree/shrub seeds for production. The nursery is looking at future trainings on how to collect seed. Dustin will get more information and send out an email to the districts. Jesse Thompson, nursery manager, will also be talking during the business meeting at tree promotion.

ND Natural Resources Trust Grant-

The ND Natural Resources Trust Grant is a grant that is mainly focused on education and currently there is around \$14,000.00 available for distribution. The grant will roll out at the NDASCD convention, and they are looking for committee members as well. Tokina Mcharry volunteered to be on the committee on behalf of the NDCDEA directors.

NDASCD Convention-

2022 NDASCD convention is being planned for November 20th-22nd at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

Workshops/Trainings-

- Tree Planting/Cooler Maintenance Workshop-April 19th, 2022, in Ward County. Stetson Myers and Betty Brown are putting on the workshop for new district employees and will be sending out emails within the next week.
- 2022 UCOW-Late summer (August/September) more planning and information to come at a later date.
- Windbreak Technology Course-The NDFS will oversee and put on this course possibly in 2023. More information to follow at a later date.

Benefits Surveys-

It was brought up to send out another benefits survey email to the districts and the directors agreed that it should be done every two years.

Northern Plains Regional Representative/NACD (Sarah Tunge)-

There will be regional training August 3rd & 4th in Sioux Falls, SD. There could be some scholarship dollars potentially to use from some of the regional dues-more information to follow. The Northern Plains meeting will be June 6th & 7th, 2022 in Fargo. ***Jaci Cargo motioned to move forward with Sarah Tunge and Rhonda Kelsch as the NDCDEA representatives for the Northern Plains Regional Representatives/NACD, as so done previous years. Cassidy Fairbanks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Partnership Collaborative Grant-

Cat & Company is finalizing up on the website and a name will be coming out soon. This website will hopefully make the avenue of finding cost share programs/fundings, available throughout different agencies/partnerships, a little easier and more accessible.

Other Business:

No other business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, Matt Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cassidy Fairbanks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Beckman, Secretary