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President

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well, it is that time of year, again, where the grass is growing and my yard turns a nice yellow from all the flowers and Gary tells me it is time for the president's letter. I am pleased to say that we had a great conference again this year in Huron, and I would like to say thank you to all those who made this year's conference happen and to all those who helped with the Benefit auction for Kens family. Now this year's real question is will we have any weeds. The answer to that is without a doubt YES! This year's weed crop appears to be off to a great start and I know that with all the rain, flooding and tight budgets it will make this year's job tough for everyone. So let's have a great season of controlling weeds where ever you might find them even if it is in your own yard.
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Weed & Pest Supervisors that were involved in putting together the wonderful auction for Ken Pazour. I was overwhelmed by the enormity of the auction. The auction was so well organized and so many of his friends were so generous. Ken enjoyed working with all of you and I know he would have been humbled by everything you did for his family. He was so blessed to have you all in his life, over the past 8 years. Caleb and Maria will be using the money for college. So thank you all so very much. Diane, Caleb and Maria Pazour

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NAMED

The 2011 winner of the SD Weed and Pest Conference scholarship is Aaron Schindler, a Lyman High School graduate, with a major in Agronomy at SDSU. Aaron has made the Dean's list for 6 semesters and plans to return to the family farm near Reliance upon graduation. We wish Aaron the very best in his studies and hope he can use his education to make a better South Dakota.

SISMA ERROR

It has been brought to our attention that a number of names were listed on the SISMA web site as members of their organization in error. After several contacts the names were removed. If yours wasn't, please contact them again. They reported that the names had been listed in error by the new site host.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE SUPPORTERS OF THE BENEFIT AUCTION AND THE SILENT AUCTION

The benefit raised just over \$5000 and the silent auction (scholarship fund) nearly \$1300.
Thank You

A JOINT EFFORT ROOT DIG HAPPENED

People from Nebraska and South Dakota met at Niobrara, Nebraska to dig roots of Purple Loosestrife. These are used to raise bio-agents for the control of Purple Loosestrife. About 20 students from Plainview and Niobrara High schools joined about 20 others in the work. The Niobrara Science class runs one insectary and the prison at Yankton runs another with about 600 roots gathered for these projects. The project had been postponed from an earlier date because of high water. We want to thank all the workers for helping with the task.



Upper left- Judy Engelhaupt, dig organizer, others - students



Calendar of events

June

Issue requests for enforcement on field bindweed and Canada thistles.
Supervise control of noxious weeds and declared pests on county and township roadsides.
News releases stressing control of noxious weeds.
Follow-up on previous contacts with farmers and other groups.
Lay out and make first treatment on demonstration plots.
Hold weed identification tours.
Finalize budget request.
Inform commissioners of problems, what you have done and plan to do.
Complete ground squirrel control by mid-month.
Grasshopper nymphal survey and control programs.
Gypsy moth traps distributed and installed.

July

Continue roadside control effort
Follow-up contacts with landowners and operators.
Prepare exhibit material for county fairs and achievement days.
Second treatment on demonstration plots, if required.
Tour demonstration plots.
Complete grasshopper control programs and begin adult surveys.
Stress using closed or covered trucks and trailers or wagons for moving grain.

August

Exhibit at County Fair and Achievement Days.
Stress using closed or covered trucks, trailers or wagons for moving grain.
Work with weed and pest entries at county achievement days.
Promotional campaign encouraging fall noxious weed control.
Make annual inspection/inventory of weed and pest infestations.
Complete grasshopper adult surveys.

UP COMING ACTIVITIES

Brown County Fair- Aberdeen	August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
Dakotafest - Mitchell	August 16, 17, 18
State Fair - Huron	September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Weed and Pest Commission meeting and Tour - Sturgis	September 13, 14, 15

KNAPWEED TARGETED

Many of the same people that went on the Purple Loosestrife dig also met to help with the Knapweed insectary at the Yankton unit. There were about 20 individuals from NE and SD.

This WeedWatcher is also available on our website: www.sdweedandpest.com

ANNUAL MEETING
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY WEED AND PEST BOARDS
Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center
Huron, SD
FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Chairman Floyd Muntefering called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Those attending were: Gary Pribyl, Tim Zempel, Pat Prince, Allen VanRoekel, Harold J. Kosel, Lynn Deibert, Stan Spitzer, Lenny Uhrich, Maurice Lemke, Mark Winter, Daniel Grode, Bill Scott, Paul McCarlsen, Travis Hedricks, Bill Kirsch, Steve Wiese, Greg Womeldorf, Kelly Sharp, Ron Jarrett, Roger R. Walker, Ed Yost, Don Adams, Clint Pitts, Terrance Hall, Paula Barber, Matt DeBow, Mike Hinsvark, Darrell Deneke, Gene Sauder, Bill Lengkeek, Craig Magadanze, Ron Boone, John Fanning, Larry Neuharth, DeWayne Bennett, Glen Nachtigal, Gary Egeberg, Larry Lynch, Paul Orris, Janet Lingle, Larry Wagner, Allan G. Bonnema, Rodney R. Polley, Roger Johnson, Mike Rohrbach, Paul Johnson, Robert Feldhaus, David S. Heib, Mike Ashdown, Ray Mushitz, Jason Johnson, Wallace Jacobson, Darrell Daum, Dean Johnson, Don Fletcher, Steve Smith, Floyd Muntefering, Mike Esser, Gerald Schoenfelder, Gene Fastnacht, Dareld Buchholz, Gene Bolka, Dan Miles, Buddy Tye, Bob Calmus, Nina Steimetz, Terry Hammel, Arnold Webb, John Dean Oeden, James Knuth, William McDaniel, Virgil M. Smith, Mary Tarter, Nathan Mueller, Lyle D. Nepodal, Eldon Ridgeway, Marvin Mills, Ben Bieber, Chris Lynch, Gary Hansen, Lawrence Barnett, Milo Ford, Lonnie Mayer, Donovan Carpenter, Dale Steffan, Ray Prien, David Nelson, Richard Benda, David Heck, Gary Heberlig, Ted LaFleur, Bob Johnson, John Geidel, Vince Kayser, Jim Kunkel, John H. Heiberger, Sheldon Butzke, Dana Iversen, Tom Shramm, Mike Moechnig, Ron Moehring and Donnie Theel.

Gary Pribyl moved to use the sign-in sheets as roll call. Second and carried.

Motion by Ron Jarrett to approve the agenda, second and carried.

Gary Pribyl read the minutes of the Feb. 17, 2010 meeting. Motion by Wally Isaacson to approve the minutes. Second and carried.

Gary displayed the treasurer's report noting the adjustment in the first column. Motion by Tom Shramm to receive this report. Second and carried.

Reports:

Floyd Muntefering gave the President's report mentioning the commission tour and the scholarship.

Mike Moechnig gave the Extension report. He reported that the director of Extension has stepped down and there was a hiring freeze on agents.

Ron Moehring gave the Supervisor's report mentioning the booths at Vermillion, the Stock show, the Watertown show and the upcoming Aberdeen show. He also spoke on a bio-survey that was completed.

Lynn Deibert gave a commission report. He listed the new commission members as: Dale Paterson, Floyd Muntefering, Ron Boone, Ron Thyen, Win Bauer and himself. He mentioned the commission tour talking about the Cutler ranch and the Ordway Prairie Nature Conservancy project.

Mike Moechnig gave the audit report highlighting the scholarship fund of \$1344.25. The committee found all reports from the Association and Conference in order. He also thanked Gary for outstanding work on keeping the books.

Nina Steinmetz reported for the nominating committee. Paul Orris, Clark was nominated for 2nd Vice Chm. And Gary Pribyl, Wolsey was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer.

Gary invited all to send news items for the website. He reported hiring help to take care of that.

Elections:

Floyd asked for nominations for 2nd Vice. Receiving none a motion was received from Ron Jarrett to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paul Orris. Second and carried. Floyd asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary/Treasurer. Receiving none a motion from Dale Steffan was received to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Pribyl. Motion second and carried.

Motion by Ron Jarrett to adjourn. Second and carried.

Sec. Gary Pribyl



May 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Pribyl and Association Members,

I am writing to extend my sincere gratitude for your financial support of, not only my post-secondary education, but the future of South Dakota Agriculture.

I am the son of Ken and Janet Schindler of Reliance, and the younger brother of Adam, an SDSU graduate. We farm and ranch the fertile Lyman county landscape together, with my Father's two older brothers and their children and grandchildren. Next year will be my fourth and (hopefully) final year at SDSU as an Agronomy major.

Upon graduation, I plan to return to our, now, one hundred and four year old family farm. Our rich farming heritage, which can be traced back to Bavaria, Germany where there are still Schindlers farming, has been instilled in me and has had a profound influence on our family's progressive thinking for generations. As I walk the paths that my Great-Great Grandfather, George, forged a century ago, I feel a sense of duty to continue to forge new paths for generations to come. In the farmhouse my Great Grandfather, Frank, built and both my Grandfather, Raymond, and my Father and Uncles grew up in, hangs a page out of a 1980's issue of the Daily Republic newspaper. It tells the story of Frank and Raymond being among the pioneers of growing winter wheat in Lyman county and how they were ridiculed after their first few failed attempts due to winter kill. It reminds us all of how we must be ever vigilant for new opportunities and maintain the initiative, resolve, and, sometimes, German stubbornness needed to turn them into a sustainable means of advancing family, friends and community. This is what I endeavor to accomplish.

In closing, I apologize for my tardiness and the soapbox history lesson. Again, Thank You, for making possible my college education. Also, I appreciate your endorsement of SDSU Agriculture students and hope you continue to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Schindler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron C. Schindler