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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I want to thank each of you for supporting the passage of The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Many of you put time and effort into the campaign through posting letters, speaking to groups and individuals, and distributing literature. Speaking to an individual may not have seemed like much at the time, but you cannot underestimate the multiplier effect of those conversations. For my own part, I had several encounters with people who had little, or worse, inaccurate information, about the amendment. As stated by Justin Fay, Field Director Vote Yes campaign, when these people were able to get the information, they usually moved toward supporting the amendment. And, those people spoke to other people. I believe all of these contacts and the media information campaign by the Vote Yes office were instrumental in keeping the level of public support from declining along with the economic outlook. People were able to see the need to place a high priority on natural resource conservation even during difficult times. We also supported these efforts through our endorsement and membership in the Vote Yes campaign, the Minnesota Conservation Federation, and the Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance. Thank you, again!

The next step for our Chapter is to stay involved in the programming of the funds. We need to look for opportunities to bring our knowledge into the process. We can do so individually and as a Chapter by interacting with other stakeholders to achieve common goals. I have contacted several potential partners to begin that process. We hope to have a meeting in the near future to discuss our priorities for the amendment funds and the upcoming legislative session. Please let the Board know of any issues we can bring to this meeting for discussion.

The Board is in the process of identifying and drafting updates in our by-laws. Several dedicated Board members have taken the lead on this tedious task to be voted on at our next Board meeting and presented to the Chapter membership at the annual meeting February 11-12, at the Best Western in Mankato. Please take time to look at the recommendations, attend the annual meeting, and participate in the Chapter business activities. John Loegering is also putting together a great program for the paper sessions on energy and resource impacts. Please contact John if you would like to volunteer for any conference needs. John is seeking assistance for session moderators, paper and poster abstract review, etc.

Also in conjunction with our annual meeting, Martha Minchak is looking for nominations for our annual Chapter awards and Stacy Salvevold is soliciting nominations for several Board positions. These are opportunities to recognize those outstanding people who support Minnesota's natural resources and to be more involved in Chapter policy and activities. We have a year full of opportunities ahead. Please consider what you can do to keep our Chapter as a meaningful voice for Minnesota's wildlife and habitats.

Steve Kittelson
President, MN TWS



Call for Technical Papers and Posters

2009 Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting Best Western, Mankato, MN February 11 & 12, 2009

“Renewable Energy and Wildlife Management”

This is a call for technical papers and posters for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Papers and posters related to all natural resource related topics are welcome, especially those related to the meeting theme of renewable energy development and wildlife management. We strongly encourage undergraduate and graduate students to present any ongoing or final research results from their studies.

If you wish to present a paper or poster, please submit an abstract following the format below to:

John Loegering
Natural Resources – UMC
2900 University Avenue
Crookston, MN 56716-5001
218-281-8132
jloegeri@umn.edu.

Abstract deadline is **December 31**

- Selected poster and paper presenters will be notified via email by January 10.
- Abstract submission via e-mail is strongly encouraged.
- All topics will be considered but those that deal directly with the conference theme will be given priority. We encourage submissions related to the effects of climate change, energy demand, bio-fuels, biomass energy, wind power, and other alternative fuels on natural resources. Ongoing or final research results from studies in Minnesota also are a priority for inclusion.
- Concurrent presentations will be 20 minute blocks; a 15 minute presentation and 5 minutes for the introduction, questions, and the transition to the next speaker. Speakers requesting a 40 minute block for weighty topics should include a brief justification.
- A Special Poster Session for Undergraduate Research will be held on Wednesday evening during the social hour.
- MS Office 2003 PowerPoint will be the only format supported for presentations. We cannot support Office 2007 .pptx files, overheads, 2x2” photographic slides, or Mac based software.
- Presentations will be run on conference computers and will need to be loaded via CD or USB storage device when you register. You may email them ahead of time to jloegeri@umn.edu
- Poster presenters will be expected to be at their posters during breaks to answer questions



Abstract Format:

Please include whether you are submitting a poster or paper abstract, the paper or poster title, authors name(s), affiliation, e-mail, phone number, and abstract less than 250 words. If more than one author is listed, please underline the author who is presenting the paper or poster.

Submission to John Loegering via e-mail is the preferred: jloegeri@umn.edu. Please indicate "MTWS Abstract – Paper (or Poster)" in the subject line.

Format abstract as shown below: (no bold, no underline, and no fancy fonts. Please keep it simple!)

Indicate student or not student
Indicate Poster or Paper
Title
Authors and Affiliations
Presenter E-mail
Presenter Phone

Abstract Text

An example of a correctly submitted abstract. Note that the only special font is underlining the name of the presenter!

Not student
Paper
Effects of Blowdown, Fires, and Global Warming on BWCAW Forests
Lee E. Frelich and Peter B. Reich, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota,
1530 N. Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108
frel001@umn.edu
612-624-3671

Changes in fire frequency, large scale blowdown, invasive species, increasing deer populations and warming climate will all impact boreal forests of the BWCAW together. The existing forests are unlikely to persist, but could be replaced by oak savanna or northern hardwood and white pine, depending on whether the future climate is warm and dry or warm and wet. A number of issues such as reintroduction of fire, whether to attempt to retain existing tree species or facilitate entrance of new species, and management of exotic tree diseases in the wilderness need to be discussed by the Forest Service and the public.

Thank you for submitting your abstract for this meeting!

Program Committee: **John Loegering**, chair; **Rich Olsen**, presentation chair;
Emily Hutchins, poster chair; **Greg Hoch**, student poster chair



2009 OFFICER ELECTIONS

MN TWS members are electing a Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, and Regional Representatives from Regions 2, 4, & 6 at the Annual Meeting in Mankato on February 11 & 12, 2009. If you are interested in running for one of these officer positions, please contact Stacy Salvevold at 218-770-2062 or stuccie_wlf@yahoo.com. Candidate biographies and an absentee ballot will be available online with the Annual Meeting Registration Materials by January 1, 2009. Absentee ballots should be sent to Stacy Salvevold before the business meeting at the e-mail address above or by mail at 29965 State Hwy 28, Starbuck, MN 56381. Please watch our website for more information about who is running for the board in 2009:
[http://www.umcrookston.edu/tws/mn/!](http://www.umcrookston.edu/tws/mn/)

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**MN TWS Fall Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 17, 2008
10:15 AM - 2:30 PM
MN DNR Upper Conference Rm. Brainerd, MN**

Present: Steve Kittelson, Mike Larson, Sara Vacek, Molly Tranel, Bill Faber, Curt Vacek, Stacy Salvevold, John Loegering, Mike Zicus, Richard Olsen, Emily Hutchins, Eric Dunton

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Steve Kittelson at 10:25 am.

Officer Reports:

President's Announcements: Kittelson

- 2008 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference is being held in Columbus, Ohio December 14-17, 2008. Conference website at www.2008mfwfc.com
- Amphibian Farm Chemical Study – Steve Kittelson passed out literature
- Prescribed Fire Conference January 28-30, 2009, Stevens Pt., WI Prescribed Fire Council– Steve Kittelson passed out literature
- MN DNR Partnership Grant applications for lugs (local units of government), orgs, and individuals: www.mndnr.gov – Steve Kittelson passed out literature
- Announced a call for posters for emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Conservation and Management. February 25-27, 2009. Holiday Inn Select Hotel in Lafayette, Indiana. Complete conference details may be found at www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer/ Deadline for Abstracts is December 3, 2009 – Steve Kittelson passed out literature
- Internships at the TWS National Office – Steve Kittelson passed out literature



Secretary Review of Previous Minutes:

- Richard Olsen distributed minutes from last board meeting for review
- Stacy Salvevold made Motion to Approve, 2nd by Bill Faber and unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report: S.Vacek

- Sara Vacek distributed financial report.
- Sara Vacek requested a copy of Habitat Proposals that were funded last year for her records
- Motion to Approve Treasurers' report by John Loegering, 2nd by Mike Zicus, and passed.

Newsletter Editor Report: Dunton

- Eric Dunton reported that the newsletter deadline is 26 November 2008, and the newsletter will be sent to the printer in early December.
- Stacy Salvevold will have an updated candidate list or announcement prepared for the newsletter for the upcoming TWS elections.

Electronic Motions: Kittelson

- Motion to cover Bill Farber's expenses to Minnesota Conservation Federation (MCF) meeting in Detroit Lakes, estimated to be not more than \$100.00. **PASSED**
- Motion to approve February to April Treasurer's report as printed in June newsletter. **PASSED**
- Motion to approve the April 25, Spring Board meeting minutes as printed in the June newsletter. **PASSED**

Old Business:

Non-toxic shot issue update: Tranel

- Molly Tranel reported on the lead bullet fragment in deer/sheep carcass study
- Molly Tranel reported that the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) in a North Dakota study reported higher lead blood level in those who hunt as opposed to those that do not.

Black Bear Conference funds (approx. \$3000): Kittelson

- MN TWS will assist with the Black Bear Conference. There was a lengthy discussion regarding potential conflicts of DNR employees and TWS service, particularly financial conflicts following the national law enforcement conference held in Minnesota in early 2008.



Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage and Natural Areas Legacy Amendment: Kittelson

- Steve Kittelson reported that the amendment to allocate 3/8 of one percent on taxable sales passed by a 56% majority vote and shared a thank you letter from the Vote Yes Campaign
- Bill Faber reported that he applied to be a citizen committee member on the Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage and Natural Areas Legacy Amendment Legislative council.

By-Laws Review: Loegering/Salvevold

- Stacy Salvevold and John Loegering distributed a summary of the proposed by-law changes and discussion followed.
- Revised by-laws will be included in the next newsletter and will be available on the website for review prior to the annual meeting.
- Motion to Approve by-law changes made by Mike Zicus, 2nd by Curt Vacek and passed.

Membership Issues: Kittelson

- Steve Kittelson reported that 'lost' members have received reminders to renew their membership, but have not heard back from them at this point.
- Stacy Salvevold sent out postcard invitation for potential members (i.e., those who are members of the National TWS but not MN TWS Chapter) to join MN TWS.

2009 Annual Meeting – Loegering

- John Loegering gave an update on the planning status of our next annual meeting and conference. The planning process is going well.
- Topic will be Energy and Impacts on Wildlife and Resources – speakers are being finalized.
- Conference will be held at the Best Western in Mankato, MN 11-12 February 2009
- USFWS-DNR Coordination Meeting, TWS Annual Meeting, and Fall (Winter) Board Meetings will occur during the conference.

Gun Lake WMA Update – Kittelson from Provost

- Steve Kittelson handed out a update on the status of this acquisition

New Business:

Habitat Project Proposals: Kittelson

- Deadlines for Habitat Project Proposals will be prior to the April Board Meeting
- To date only 1 proposal has been submitted for consideration

TWS Chapter List-serve through National

- MN TWS state chapter can develop a list-serve through National TWS
- John Loegering will contact national about setting up a state list-serve
- MN TWS developed a list-serve last year (2007) with very little response/interest
- There was discussion regarding developing a list-serve for the board and another list-serve for the general membership



DNR Aquatic Plant Management Rules comments due December 1:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/apm/apm_notice.pdf

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/apm/rulemaking_sonar_apm_policy.pdf

- Steve Kittelson will draft comments for the chapter. Motion to Approve by John Loegering, 2nd by Stacy Salvevold, and passed.

Agency support of TWS meetings, expenses, contacts

- There was a discussion regarding how to get more MNDNR – Wildlife employees involved with the MN TWS, and how to get support from MNDNR administration
- Following the national law enforcement conference held in MN in 2008 MNDNR on developing guidelines for employee participation.

BWCA/MCF Sulfide Mining Issue: Faber

- Bill Faber reported on a proposed strip mine in the iron range. There is discussion to skip the environmental assessment/review for this project. Bill will continue to stay up to date on this issue and keep the board/members informed.
- Steve Kittelson distributed information on the proposed mine.

Regional Reports:

- No regional reports were made.

Student Chapter Reports:

- No student reports were made

U of M Twin Cities: Andres Morantes

U of M Crookston: Chris Walts

St. Cloud State: Erin Lazorik

Standing Committee Reports:

- No reports

Committee Reports:

Awards: Minchak

- Greg Knutsen is now participating on this committee
- Committee is seeking nominations for annual awards

Forest Issues: Quincer

- Steve Caron is now participating on this committee

FWLA:

- Minutes from FWLA last meeting were handed out to the board for perusal.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Larson, 2nd by Sara Vacek, Unanimously passed by the board
Adjourn at 2:05 p



QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

MN Chapter TWS
20 August 2008 – 17 November 2008

Savings (Bremer 69172740)	\$ 4,258.13
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,255.45
Change	\$ 2.68

Credits

Interest	\$ 2.68
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Checking (Bremer 07137958)	\$ 1,962.78
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,077.85
Change	(\$ 3,115.07)

Debits

MN Sharptail Grouse Society (habitat grant)	\$1,500.00
UMC Student Chapter (habitat grant)	\$1,000.00
Bill Faber (MCF meeting expenses)	\$102.96
Postmaster (bulk mail permit)	\$180.00
<u>Printing Plus (September newsletter)</u>	<u>\$464.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 3,246.96

Credits

Memberships	\$ 80.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 1.89</u>
Subtotal	\$ 131.89

Savings (Affinity Plus S1)	\$ 10.59
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**This account is open with min. balance so that we can keep our CDs at Affinity Plus

12 Month CD (Affinity Plus 7045270)	\$ 2,202.96
Life memberships, matures 16 Aug 2008	
60 Month CD (Affinity Plus 7016288)	\$ 3,216.19
Moose conference, matures 2010	

Total chapter assets as of 19 August 2008	\$ 11,650.65
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Sara Vacek, Treasurer
17 November 2008



BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED CHANGES 2008

Proposed Changes are Underlined

-The Board voted to approve these changes on November 17, 2008, at the November Board Meeting in Brainerd, MN

-Members should review these changes so we are prepared to vote on these changes at the Annual Business meeting.

- 1) Nomination Committee duties: Clause D- Nominated Officers and Regional Representatives must exclude any person that would be elected to the same position for more than two consecutive terms. The President may waive this stipulation when a replacement cannot be found.
- 2) Balloting and Elections: Clause D- Candidates receiving the largest number of votes on counts of the written ballots are declared elected to their respective office.
- 3) Regional Representatives: A Chapter Member from each of the former Minn. Dept. of Natural Resources Regions that existed prior to 2002 is elected for a two-year term on the Board (Art. 1, V. & VII.) to represent regional Members for interchange and updates of Region/Board/Chapter activities.
- 4) MEMBERSHIP- This committee shall strive to encourage the maximum number of qualified persons (Art. II. & Art. IV, Sect.'s 2. and 3.) residing in or working in the State of Minnesota to become members of TWS and Chapter through committee activities, cooperatively with other appropriate committees, or with other units of TWS. The Regional Representatives and the Chapter Secretary* or their needed designees are among this committee's members. The Membership Database Coordinator chairs the membership committee, and the Past-President recruits members and reports membership information to the Board for the Membership Database Coordinator.
- 5) Remove Newsletter Editor as a board officer under V. Sect. 3 and make the newsletter editor the chair of the Program and Publicity Committee (a standing committee). The position would still be appointed and would not change quorum voting requirements.

Standing Committees

Clause F –Program and Publicity - Duties of this committee are: 1) Work with the President to maintain and develop activities to fulfill the Chapter's objective and implementation principles (Art. II.); 2) Cooperate with the President and others, to plan and arrange needed programs for the Annual Chapter and Business Meetings (and any called meeting) so that the President is given, well before meeting dates, a completed program outline for each, including a program format and Business Meeting agenda. The President, in consultation with the Board and appropriate committees, will develop and finalize the program and business items in time to send a meeting announcement and registration details to members; and 3) This committee



shall seek and employ methods of informing the Chapter membership, TWS units and the public, if appropriate (Art. VII., Sect. 5.), of current or proposed Chapter wildlife management programs and other activities. The chair of this committee is the appointed Newsletter Editor. Permanent members of this committee are the President-Elect, Webmaster and Historian. Duties of these positions are: The Newsletter Editor obtains information from the membership, Board Officers, Regional Representatives, Committees, and also from outside sources for distribution in the Chapter's newsletter, issued to all members quarterly. The Historian maintains archives for the President, Secretary, and Treasurer at a secure location, keep a current listing of archive contents, and update Chapter history as needed. The Webmaster maintains and updates the chapter website and its contents so that the site remains current and communicates with TWS so that the Chapter remains current on Parent Chapter website policy and opportunities.

This change would impact the Organization and force the change below:

The Organization – The Chapter shall have Members and Dues (Art. IV.); Meetings (Art. VI.); an Interim Governing Board (hereinafter, Board) of 4 or 5* elected ~~and 1 non-elected Officers~~ and six elected Regional Representatives (Art. V.), the Chapter Committee Chairpersons (Art. VIII.) and one Delegate from any Student Chapter of TWS in Minnesota.

6) Special Committees: added

- Student Relations - Maintain the mentoring program, act as the liaison between the Chapter and the student chapters and students not associated with student chapters, and work with student chapter advisors as needed.
- MCF / FWLA Representatives - Represent the Chapter on MCF and FWLA's boards, make recommendations to the Governing Board when actions are needed, develop positions on pertinent issues and inform the President and Governing Board of findings, and assist the President in writing position papers and drafting resolutions on appropriate issues.
- Statewide Issues - Coordinate with the Conservation Issues Review Committee to review and bring pertinent issues to the Board's attention.
- NRCS Technical Representative - Represent the Chapter on the state Technical Council, make recommendations to the Governing Board when actions are needed, develop positions on pertinent issues and inform the President and Governing Board of findings, and assist the President in writing position papers and drafting resolutions on appropriate issues.
- COWCH Project – Coordinate Chapter COWCH project, assist potential interviewers with accomplishing an interview and getting appropriate materials for their interviews, and ensure that the state and national archives of these interviews are up to date.

7) Special Committees: removed

- RIM Rep
- Membership Directory (now the Membership Database Coordinator)
- Professional Enhancement



REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 – Mike Zicus

Personnel changes. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources recently added 2 invasive species specialists in northwestern Minnesota to act as primary contacts for local invasive species issues. Howard Fullhart, formerly a fisheries specialist, assumed his new duties in Fergus Falls in September. Darrin Hoverson, formerly a shore land stewardship specialist, assumed his new role in August, working out of Itasca State Park. Howard will deal with issues in the southern part of the region with Darrin covering the north. In addition, Dave Friedl, who previously worked as the Fisheries Manager in Detroit Lakes, has been hired as Clean Water Legacy Act biologist for Ecological Resources. Lastly, Paul Stolen is retiring in January with a retirement party tentatively set for January 10th.

MN Chapter TWS Regions



Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge and adjacent State WMAs were intensively monitored for gypsy moths by Refuge staff, MNDNR Thief River Falls Area Office staff, and the USDA/PPQ Office in Bloomington. No moths were found in any of the ~ 40 deployed traps. This is the first clean year following the 2 gypsy moths that were found in 2007.

Refuge staff banded 1,890 ducks, including 1,663 mallards, 148 blue-winged teal, and 65 pintails. All mallard sex/age quotas were met and a large percentage of captured ducks were sampled for avian influenza by the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study.

Two students worked on graduate research projects on the refuge. Maria Fosado, from St. Mary's University in Winona, recently finished her field season. She is evaluating the accuracy and application of eCognition Spatial Analysis software for monitoring habitat change. Ashley Hitt, from South Dakota State University, recently completed her first field season evaluating sedge meadow restoration potential on a management unit that had been impounded from the early 1940s until 2007.

One pelican tested positive for Newcastle disease which resulted in the refuge being closed to public access during most of September until testing was completed on several other dead birds.

Agassiz staff burned 8 units (2,560 acres) during late July through August. Two fall burns included 1,770 acres. The Madsen Pool burn (summer 2007– March 2008) created some fabulous "peat" burnouts. A cursory look revealed that the burnouts ranged from <1 acre to 34 acres in size and 2" to 2' deep. Many of these were beginning to be colonized by vegetation in late summer 2008.



New hunting opportunities exist on the refuge as the results of a lawsuit. This was the first year deer archery and grouse hunting opened concurrently with the deer firearms season. A muzzleloader deer hunt will also open. These hunts have been on hold since 2006, and their approval came after the Minnesota DNR regulations were printed. Next year the refuge will also have a Youth Deer and Waterfowl hunt.

Bovine Tuberculosis. A total of 1,238 total lymph nodes were sampled for bovine tuberculosis collected during the early antlerless and regular firearms seasons in the Skime area. Of these, 441 were collected from outside the TB Management Area (MA) and 797 from within the MA. Only 73 were collected from within the TB core area. Deer numbers have been reduced significantly from the liberal hunting seasons and ground and aerial sharpshooting. More samples will be collected for testing during the upcoming special late public hunt and more sharpshooting scheduled for this winter.

Red Lake Wildlife Management Area. Kyle Johnson, a MS student from the University of Wisconsin, has been working out of the Norris Camp office the past two summers surveying moths and butterflies in the northwestern part of the state, particularly in the peatlands. Over the 2 summers he's documented several exciting finds including a large number of species that are new to the state/region. Overall, he has found well over 500 species of moths and butterflies, excluding all the other types of insects he has collected and documented. So little work has been done in this field regarding the micro-moths that well over 50% of the species he's documented will likely be the first reported records from Minnesota.

Crookston Area Wildlife Office. Staff kept busy in late-summer into the deer season on the recently added 1,130 acre Thorson Prairie Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This unit, which runs 3 miles north and south along Polk County's most westerly Glacial Lake Agassiz beach ridge, contains dry, mesic, and wet prairies along with some cottonwood and aspen thickets. It provides important prairie habitat between the Tympanuchus WMA to the north and the Chicog WMA to the south. Various burn units have been designated with several burns already conducted. Plans to burn the southern end are in place for spring 2009 after which the the existing sod will be inter-seeded with locally harvested native prairie species. Small fuel wood cuts have been setup to help diversify the age-classes in a rather homogenous tract of aspen. Four new parking lots have been added to the unit along with a wooden unit sign and standard boundary signs. Several days were spent treating spotted knapweed and leafy spurge. Recently, several large piles of downed cottonwoods were burned in the area's former gravel mine which had been contoured and seeded with prairie natives several years ago.

A 60-acre brush mowing project was completed in October on the Pembina WMA and will improve the Pembina WMA for sharp-tailed grouse and other early-succession brush land species. Depredation by geese, bears, and deer continue to be a year-round problem. Resident Canada geese have begun to be observed field-feeding in harvested sugar beet fields. This was first observed a couple years ago, but this year groups of >500 were seen feeding on remnant beets. Currently, there is more standing corn in Polk County than ever before (corn was not a substantial part of the Crookston area landscape just 5 years ago). This raises the likelihood that deer harvest will be reduced from 2007 levels and that deer depredation may increase in the coming weeks.



Region 2 - Mike Larson

From Dave Dickey & Jeff Hines:

Preliminary firearm deer harvest for first 10 days of the season.

Area	2007	2008	% Change
Aitkin	6215	4933	-21%
Brainerd	11905	8178	-31%
Cloquet	17304	14007	-19%
Tower	8930	7314	-18%
Grand Rapids	10156	9126	-10%
Int'l. Falls	4292	3490	-19%
Two Harbors	2712	2264	-17%
Sum	61514	49312	-20%
Adult Bucks (%)	46.6%	49.0%	

From Jeff Lawrence:

Scaup and coot losses due to trematodes were lower at Lake Winnibigoshish this year. An estimated 1,200-1,500 scaup died this year compared to 7,000 in 2007. A few hundred coots likely died each year. Many eagles, and likely other scavengers, were present and consumed many sick and dead birds before they were tallied, mostly by DNR Wildlife staff from Grand Rapids. We did have some reports of losses on Bowstring Lake, NE of Winnie, but were uncertain if these were sick birds that flew in from Winnibigoshish or if the faucet snail and trematode are now present in Bowstring. We will sample snails in Bowstring Lake next summer. For more info. go to < www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/waterfowl/scaup.html >.

From Nancy Gellerman:

Moose disease sampling—Hunters submitted tissue samples from >120 moose. We had good cooperation again this year from both state & tribal hunters. DNR Wildlife staff & Mike Schrage from FDL worked at registration stations the first few days to collect extra samples. Twenty-one brains were collected for investigating potential *P. tenius* tracks in apparently healthy moose. In addition, 31 obexes and cranial lymph node samples were collected for CWD and bovine TB screening.

In related news, DNR staff from the wildlife disease program and each region attended a Midwest Wildlife Disease Workshop in September in Des Moines, IA. The Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia) received a Multi-State Conservation Grant to conduct regional wildlife disease workshops to enhance agency capacity to address health issues. Grant funds that helped cover travel expenses were distributed through the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies.



Region 3 – Beau Liddell

Central Lakes College partners with state agencies in fisher research project

Pine marten and fisher are among animals that have nearly become extinct in Minnesota, but respectful harvesting and diligent monitoring could save both. Local research plays a significant role in the future of both one species. Central Lakes College has become a partner in the fisher habitat research project based at Camp Ripley between Little Falls and Brainerd. It is one of three such research areas in the state expected to produce useful data about the sable family for the next decade. Information on survival and home range that is nearly 30 years old will be updated in the new project. Students in Natural Resources and their instructor, Dr. William Faber, are assisting in the evaluation of demography and habitat use. Faber has extensive research experience, including years of international work with species such as moose. For the current study, he has secured nearly \$20,000 in grant funding to join forces with the state's Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Military Affairs, operating the 53,000-acre Camp Ripley. He also received collaborative faculty status with Minnesota State University-Mankato to enable CLC Natural Resources alumni to do graduate work related to master's projects. Faber is an adviser to Lucas Wandrie, a 2005 CLC graduate who is completing his master's research project. Wandrie, of Detroit Lakes, went on from CLC to earn his bachelor's degree in biological sciences at St. Cloud State University. He currently is in the master's degree program at Mankato. On most weekends, he is busy collecting data that ultimately will be published in the form of a master's thesis. CLC students Ryan Benson, Michelle Gottwalt, and Rachel Sams are similarly committed to fieldwork as assistants to the project's investigators. Benson works as an intern at Camp Ripley. Joining Faber as investigators are John Erb of the DNR, and Marty Skoglund, Brian Dirks, Nancy Dietz, and Pam Coy, all associated with Camp Ripley. The first big catch of the population study came late in September, when a female fisher estimated to be 2.5 years of age turned up in one of 20 traps that are checked daily. The animal was just about three feet long and weighed about 6.5 pounds. "And she was healthy," said Faber, who responded to the early evening call. The team quickly put the fisher to sleep and drew blood samples and gathered data through several measurements. They attached a radio collar that will help monitor territory and habits. Barely two hours later, the animal was on its feet and on its way. Faber expects fisher samples to turn up as winter takes hold. "It's harder for them to get food when there's a lot of snow," he said, noting that the animals will be more inclined to sample what they smell: the rotting deer, beaver, poultry, and fish left in the traps. "There has to be a good stink for them to be drawn to their type of delicacy," he said. The fisher metabolism dictates that it will voraciously consume, even devouring the bait from inside the live trap. The group is anxious to trap the larger male, which has left tracks nearby. Males can be almost twice as large as females. Once they begin collecting data, the researchers will compile important demographic data and evaluate whether and how survival and reproduction varies. Habitat has become fragmented in forest and agricultural areas, but biologists are eager to determine if natural re-colonization has occurred and is sustained. Ultimately the project hopes to result in restoration of ample numbers to satisfy professional trapper quotas in habitat suitable for sustained population levels. "This is good knowledge and experience for students in Natural Resources," said Faber, noting the fieldwork and data collection are perfect examples of practical, hands-on training for career-minded students.



Region 4 – Curt Vacek – No Report

Region 5 – Emily Hutchins

The DNR Area Wildlife Office at Owatonna has been working on a number of shallow lake projects and acquisitions. In October, DNR staff from the Southern Region teamed up to treat Mott Lake in Waseca County with rotenone, as the lake harbored a large population of rough fish and provided poor quality habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. Initial post-treatment observations indicated a good fish kill and subsequent test-netting revealed no live fish in the lake. Additionally, staff has been working on the installation of an electric fish barrier for Mud Lake at the Magaksica WMA in Freeborn County and acquisition of new Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).

The DNR Area Office at Winona primarily has been working on private land habitat projects and posting new WMA parcels.

The USFWS Wetland Management District in Windom has installed and/or upgraded parking lots on 14 Waterfowls Production Areas (WPA) in Jackson and Cottonwood Counties this fall using Federal Highway dollars. They secured partner funding for the purchase of a seed stripper and repair of a washed out dike on Harder Lake WPA. Furthermore, they have applied for additional funding to complete projects. A walking/cycling trail was completed along the eastern edge of Schotzko WPA by Jackson County Trails. The District has recently lost two staff members. Andy Wall, Range Technician, transferred to Windom from Big Stone effective 11/10/08, and Private Lands Biologist Gerry Shimek transferred to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge as a Wildlife Refuge Specialist effective 11/24/08. In phenological news, smaller wetlands in the area have been frozen since the end of November, and very few birds remain in the area. Furthermore, several adult bald eagles have been using the Wolf Lake WPA.

The USFWS MN River Valley Wetland Management District completed 460 acres of wetland and prairie restoration on 23 sites this past fall.

Region 6 – Mike Malling – No Report

STUDENT CHAPTER REPORTS

University of Minnesota, Crookston - No Report

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Student Chapter – No Report

St. Cloud State University – No Report



ANNUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

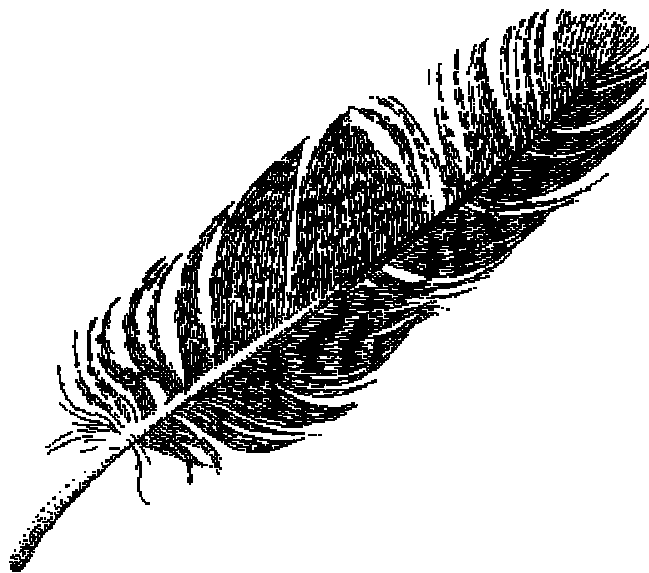
MN TWS AWARDS NOMINATIONS – A FORMAL REQUEST

The time has come to nominate a person or organization for one of MN TWS's annual awards, to be presented at our annual meeting this winter. The deadline for receipt of nominations is January 15, 2009. The nomination form is included as an insert in this newsletter.

The nomination process is simple: send me an email or paper copy of the nomination form explaining why a person or organization should receive one of our awards. Please include their name, address, phone number, email address, and the name of their hometown newspaper (if known). Feel free to add more sheets or information to help the Awards Committee understand why your nominee is so deserving of recognition.

Please take a minute to look over the list of previous recipients and the explanation of each award following. Then, think of someone who would fit well in the company of previous recipients, and email me a nomination. Remember how nice it is to be pleasantly surprised and how welcome an award can be to a hard-working individual or organization.

Martha Minchak, Awards Committee Chair (shrooms@peoplepc.com)





DR. JANET S. BOE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Dr. Janet S. Boe Memorial Award recognizes a professional woman or outstanding female graduate or undergraduate student who exemplifies the consummate natural resource scientist. The purpose of this award is to recognize women who are making a significant difference in natural resource science in Minnesota and to encourage increased recruitment of women into this profession. Janet was a MNTWS leader for many years and was a role model for many female natural resources scientists.

Nominees for this award should possess some of the following qualities which Janet exemplified:

- Professionalism, integrity, knowledgeable, exceptional, passionate, respectful, patient, educator, mentor.
- Works collaboratively with natural resource professionals, tribal representatives, media outlets, colleges and universities, local units of government and/or citizens to effectively educate and influence them to help protect the state's wildlife and natural diversity.
- An outstanding professional who quietly and unassumingly goes about doing excellent natural resources work.
- Possesses strong organizational skills, articulate communication skills and an understanding of management issues related to rare natural resources.
- Extremely knowledgeable about animals and natural history, a skilled botanist and possessing a broad understanding of Minnesota's ecology and resources.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills; at her best when teaching others.
- Motivates others.
- Has a passion for Minnesota's native flora and fauna. Not a desk or armchair ecologist.
- Believes strongly in Aldo Leopold's and Sigurd Olson's philosophy of hunting as an integral part of our evolutionary heritage.
- Contributes to our profession by working to positively impact natural resources in Minnesota.
- Supports professional and social service organizations with her membership and service, including giving to those less fortunate.
- Advocates for professional women and women's rights.



2008 FEDELER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) has established two Fedeler Scholarships in memory of past president Bob Fedeler, who taught in the Natural Resources Department at Central Lakes College. These scholarships consist of two awards (one undergraduate student, one graduate student) of full membership in TWS including all publications of TWS.

The Fedeler Scholarships help beginning wildlife professionals get started with membership in TWS and expose them to research and issues discussions through the Society's various publications.

Students applying for the Fedeler Scholarships should be undergraduates in their junior or senior year or graduate students in a masters or doctorate program at a Minnesota college or university. They should:

- Have a 3.0 or better GPA
- Have a strong interest in a career in wildlife biology
- Be active in extracurricular activities
- Have a strong sense of public service
- Have demonstrated good communication skills.

How to apply:

- Send a letter by 10 January 2009 indicating interest and explain how you meet the requirements to the MN Chapter Past-President, Stacy Salvevold at the address listed below. Include your address, phone number, and email address, and the name of your academic advisor.
- Ask your academic or research advisor to send a letter of recommendation to the same address.

Recipients will be notified prior to the Annual Meeting. Submit Applications to: Stacy Salvevold, MNTWS Past President, 29965 State Hwy 28, Starbuck, MN 56381. Contact Stacy at stuccie_wlf@yahoo.com or 320-239-2667 (Home) for more information.

MN TWS T-SHIRTS

There are a few MN TWS t-shirts available in limited sizes and colors. If you are interested contact Jodie Provost at sprucegrovefarm@emily.net



MINNESOTA CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, AWARDS HISTORY 1958-CURRENT

YEAR	MINNESOTA AWARD	CONSERVATION AWARD	STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST	LAW ENFORCEMENT
1958	George Selke			
1959	Lytton Taylor			
1960	Jack Berryman			
1961	John Moyle			
1962	Arnold Erickson			
1963	Samuel Eddy			
1964	Richard Dorer			
1965	William H. Marshall			
1966	George McCullough			
1967	Walter J. Breckenridge			
1968	Flick Davis			
1969	Grady E. Mann			
1970	Milton Stenlund			
1971	Robert Burwell			
1972	Robley W. Hunt			
1973	Art Hawkins			
1974	Dave Vesall			
1975	Ross Hanson			
1976	L. Daniel Frenzel			
1977	Laurits W. Krefting			
1978	Robert E. Farnes			
1979	Gordon W. Gullion			
1980	Max Partch			
1981	David Dickey			
1982	**			
1983	John Mathisen			
1984	Arlin Anderson			
1985	Carl Madsen	Minnesota Waterfowl Association		
1986	L. David Mech	MN Chapter, The Nature Conservancy		
1987	John Scharf	Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance		
1988	Alfred Berner	Nicollet Conservation Club		
1989	Wallace Dayton	The Big Game Club-Special Projects		
1990	Edward Crozier	Friends of the Minnesota Valley		
1991	Roger M. Holmes	Pheasants Forever		
1992	Harvey Nelson	Itasca Community College	Eric Spadgenske	Doug Sandstrom
1993	Carrol Henderson	Clean Up Our River Environment	Dean Paron	David Mador
1994	Jan Green	Sportsmen's Coalition Clean Minn. River	Jane Mueller	Todd Manley
1995	William E. Berg	Hennepin Co. Parks – DNR	Kent Sundseth	Larry Lewis
1996	Alfred H. Grewe	Ducks Unlimited – Minnesota	Eric Rosenquist	David Duncan
1997	Al Radtke	Central Lakes College – Natural Resources	Myron Weltikol	Jeff Bircherm
1998	Larry R. Nelson	Rice Area Sportsmen's Clubs	Eric Thorson	John F. Smith
1999	Dan Svedarsky	Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society	Shane Osborne	Martin Book
2000	Robert Janssen	Izaak Walton League – Minnesota Div.	Emily Spinler	Leland Owens
2001	Larry Lewis	Minnesota Conservation Federation	Chad Nordstrom	Tom Provost
2002	Ross Hier	Central Minnesota Audubon Society	Dan Oberg	Brian Mies
2003	Francesca Cuthbert	KAXE Northern Community Radio	Tom Gorman	Joyce & Paul Kuske
2004	Douglas Keran	Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society	Russell Kleinschmidt	Karl Hadrits
2005	Terrance Wolfe	Stearns County Pheasants Forever	Nathaniel Emery	Richard Stoltman
2006	Gary L. Huschle	St. Louis River Citizens Action Committee	Tim Barberg	Scott Staples
2007	Janet Boe Lee Pfannmuller	Luverne and Mary Jo Forbord, Prairie Horizons Farm	Mary Jo Geldert	Gary Forsberg

**Prior to 1981, awards presented in year of recognition; since 1983, awards presented following year of recognition.



INPUT SOUGHT ON LEAD IN AMMUNITION AND TACKLE!

The National Chapter of the Wildlife Society has recently released a draft position statement titled **Lead in Ammunition and Fishing Tackle**. They are currently seeking member review and comment about the statement prior to finalizing it. The Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society has also been working on this issue and would appreciate member feedback as well. Please review the following statement from the national chapter and send your comments to: Molly Tranel, missmolly102@hotmail.com by February 1st.

Lead in Ammunition and Fishing Tackle

Lead is a naturally occurring element in the environment, although in biological systems it has no functional or beneficial role and at very low levels of exposure can be toxic. Lead is banned in gasoline and paint because of its effects on animal and human health. Lead at toxic levels damages nervous systems, causing paralysis and eventually death; at lower levels it is known to cause a variety of sublethal effects. Its use in ammunition and fishing tackle dates back hundreds and thousands of years, respectively. Realization of the hazards of lead ammunition to waterfowl and upland game birds such as pheasants can be traced to the late 1870's, while the hazards of lead fishing sinkers to birds became apparent in the 1970's with lead poisoning of swans in the United Kingdom (UK). In the 1980's, the UK and some jurisdictions within the United States and Canada began placing restrictions on the use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle.

Metallic lead can remain relatively stable and intact for decades or centuries. However, under certain environmental conditions (e.g., acidic or basic water or soil) lead from such items can be more readily released and taken up by plants or animals, causing a range of biochemical, physiological, and behavioral effects in some species of invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Lead in soil, adsorbed or incorporated into food items, and fragments left in carcasses or deposited at shooting ranges can be consumed by wildlife and result in elevated lead concentrations in birds and small mammals, with similar effects. Ingestion by reptiles, birds, and mammals of spent ammunition and lost fishing tackle has also been documented and can cause a range of negative effects in individuals, potentially leading to population-level consequences in some species (e.g., waterfowl, eagles, condors, doves).

From a public health perspective, relatively low doses of lead can lead to a variety of human health problems, particularly in children. When lead that is imbedded in game meat becomes exposed to acid in the human stomach, lead is absorbed into the system; this process is exacerbated when the meat is prepared with an acidic sauce using wine, vinegar, or lemon. Even if a lead pellet or bullet completely passes through an animal, a small amount of lead may be left behind and can be absorbed by a person consuming the meat.

Lead poisoning related to spent ammunition and lost fishing tackle has been extensively studied in avian species, and at least two studies indicate that the ban on the use of lead ammunition for hunting waterfowl and coots in North America has been successful in reducing lead exposure in waterfowl. Nonetheless, other species such as upland game birds (e.g., doves, quail) and scavengers (e.g., vultures, eagles) have been documented to be exposed, and in some instances populations, such as the California condor, may be at risk. Despite the ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting, current data for raptor and avian scavenger species indicate increases in lead



exposure in these species. Accordingly, 24 states (as of 2008) have instituted restrictions on the use of lead ammunition to minimize effects to upland game birds and eagles, and other species.

The hazard of ingested lead sinkers and fishing tackle is well documented in swans and loons, and restrictions on the sale or use of lead weights have been instituted in the UK, Canada, several other countries, and 5 states in the United States (as of 2008) in order to minimize effects on these and other potentially vulnerable species. There are only limited data on the adverse effects of lead ingestion at shooting ranges on organisms, and reproductive and mortality rates at these sites have not been adequately investigated.

There has been an extensive effort in the development, efficacy testing, and regulation of alternatives to lead-based ammunition for hunting waterfowl and waterbirds. Non-toxic alternatives have been approved and currently are available in North America and elsewhere. Approved nontoxic ammunition can be used for the successful hunting of game. Various brands can be used safely in all gauges of shotguns and nontoxic rifle bullets have been developed for hunting large game species. However, the widespread availability of this shotgun and rifle ammunition depends on assured markets provided by extensive regulation and enforcement. Steel shot can be used in all clay target sports and already is required by some shooting facilities. Dozens of substitutes for lead fishing tackle have entered the marketplace in recent years. A few, but not all (e.g., zinc, brass), alternative metals in fishing tackle have been deemed safe if ingested by waterfowl and some other birds and mammals.

The policy of The Wildlife Society, in regard to lead in ammunition and fishing tackle is to:

1. Recognize that lead has been known for centuries to be a broad-spectrum toxicant to humans and wildlife.
2. Advocate the replacement of lead-based ammunition and fishing tackle use and production with non-lead products, with an ultimate goal of complete replacement.
3. Recognize that long-term elimination of lead from outdoor recreational activities will require collaboration among affected stakeholders, a series of incremental regulations, and explicit and targeted educational strategies.
4. Urge engineers, economists, and social scientists to conduct studies on reducing the barriers to non-toxic ammunition and fishing tackle development and use, and encourage additional research generating toxicological and environmental chemistry data; monitoring and modeling of exposure and effects; and predicting consequences of exposure and long-term population-level effects.
5. Encourage enhanced educational efforts leading to greater public awareness and understanding of the consequences of lead exposure in wildlife species and emphasize the realized gains in wildlife and environmental quality from use of lead-free ammunition



HABITAT PROJECT PROPOSALS

MINNESOTA CHAPTER – THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

REQUEST FOR HABITAT PROJECT PROPOSALS

DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2009

The Minnesota Chapter of TWS is accepting project proposals to help fund habitat work in Minnesota. The deadline for receiving proposals is March 31, 2009. Proposals will be reviewed at the April 2009 TWS board meeting and applicants will be notified shortly thereafter on the board's decision. In recent years this fund has helped sponsor work dealing with outdoor education and land acquisition.

Proposals must provide the following information:

- ✓ MN Chapter TWS Region
- ✓ County
- ✓ Project Description (be specific, e.g., project importance, project goals or objectives, methodology, acres affected, expected completion date, project cooperators, etc. If applicable, please submit map of the project area)
- ✓ Funds Requested For Project
 - Please indicate if partial project funding is acceptable
 - Please list other funding sources and/or in-kind match & amount for each along with total anticipated project cost.
- ✓ Applicant Contact Information (name, address, primary phone number, and e-mail address required. If Student Chapter please list contact information for advisor)

To apply please e-mail proposals to Steve Kittelson (norskcygnet@yahoo.com) and John Loegering (jloegeri@umn.edu) in MS Word. Questions please call Steve Kittelson at 507-674-3697 (home).



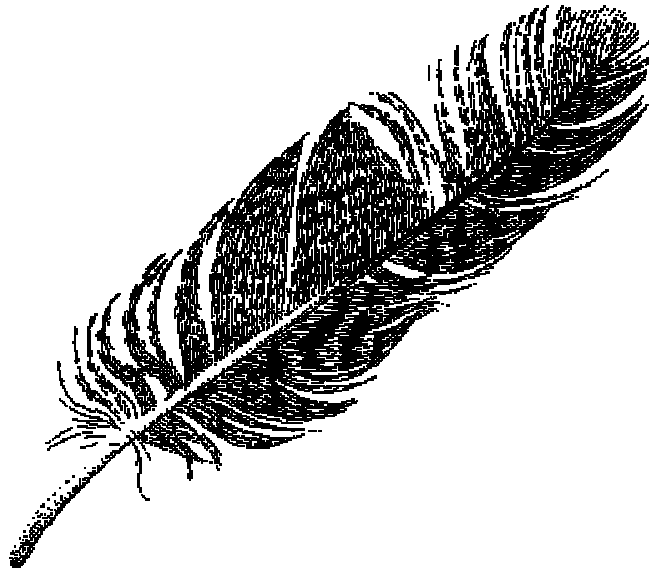
Milt Stenlund

Milt Stenlund, life-long and very active member of both the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society and of the Grand Rapids Wes Libbey Izaak Walton League of America Chapter, died on October 20 at the age of 89 at his home in Grand Rapids. Milt was one of Minnesota's great conservationists, and helped to establish the BWCAW, the International Wolf Center, and the Sig Olson Listening Point. He was known to Minnesota sportsmen as one who pioneered our present deer hunting framework and season setting for numerous wildlife species. His early work on gray wolf research was the first in Minnesota, and is legend.

After graduating from Ely Jr. College in 1939, Milt served in World War II. After the war, he entered the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Wildlife Degree in 1946. He began with the old Minnesota Conservation Department as one of "the original 12" Game Biologists in 1947, with his original station at Ely. He received a Master's Degree in 1955. He worked as a Wildlife Biologist, Area Wildlife Manager, Regional Wildlife Supervisor, and after 35 years of service retired in 1982 as the DNR's NE Minnesota Regional Administrator. Over the years he received numerous awards, including the Judge John W. Tobin Award from the IKES, and in 1970, he received the prestigious Minnesota Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Milt requested that instead of a funeral, memorials be sent to: 1) Ely Community College Foundation, c/o Patti Zupancich, 1900 E. Camp St., Ely, MN 5731, or 2) The International Wolf Center, 1396 E. Hwy. 169, Ely, MN 55731.

Milt's adorable wife of 67 years, Althea, preceded him in death by a year.





UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Management and Conservation Conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Select in Lafayette, Indiana on February 25th through the 27th 2009. The purpose of this conference is to facilitate dialogue and new ideas related to the most critical issues in white-tailed deer management. Leading researchers from across the country will present an in-depth look into emerging issues including urban deer management, human dimensions, population management, and more.

Deadline for Abstracts is December 3, 2008

We invite submission of contributed posters on topics of deer ecology and management, population dynamics and trends, impacts on habitat dynamics, and all topics within the broad theme of deer management and conservation. Posters will be displayed during the afternoon of Thursday, February 26th. Authors will be requested to attend their posters during this time.

www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer/

"Prescribed Fire - Learning From the Past, Preparing for the Future"

This conference is scheduled for January 28-30, 2009 in Stevens Point, WI at the Ramada Inn. It is designed to provide working professionals and all involved in the prescribed fire field with in-depth, up-to-date information regarding tools and techniques, legislation and outreach, ecology, safety, and much more. This year's venue is large enough to hold up to 500 participants, so whether you are an employee, a small business owner, or a state or federal employee, this conference is sure to provide you with an opportunity to network and share ideas/information with a plethora of professionals in our region and beyond. With speakers hailing from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin, you can be assured that this conference will provide you with pertinent insight and information regarding prescribed burning issues and situations that you and your company will most likely encounter.

See <http://www.prescribedfire.org/events.html> for agenda and brochure.

Registration is open and available on-line or via mail:<http://www.prescribedfire.org/events.html>

Early bird registration ends in just over a month.



THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE VOTE YES CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Dear Friend:

With a week having passed, and some time to reflect, we want to thank you for all of your help. We also want to congratulate you for this great legacy YOU helped create in Minnesota.

With your help, we have passed the single largest conservation measure in our country's history, not to mention the largest arts & cultural initiative. Please take a moment to think of the lasting impact your actions will have over the next 25 years. This amendment will help solve some of our most pressing natural and cultural resource problems.

It is only because of your effort that this amendment was successful. We put together the most successful campaign in the state, gaining more votes than any other single candidate or cause this election cycle. In fact we received more than 61,000 votes than the next highest vote getter, President-Elect Obama.

We thank you for your selfless door knocking, phone calling, lit dropping and letter writing. This campaign would have never succeeded without you, and for that we thank you. We also want to say congratulations. You have truly done something great for Minnesota's future.

Best Wishes –

Ken Martin

Campaign Manager

Vote Yes Minnesota

**To view the results of election and the constitutional amendment by
congressional and legislative districts visit the following sites**

<http://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/20081104/>

<http://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/20081104/RsltsConstAmendment.asp>



BOARD VACANCIES

MN TWS state board is currently looking for a Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance (FWLA) representative. If you are looking for a way to contribute to MN TWS, please check out the listing in the back of the newsletter and contact a board member to participate.

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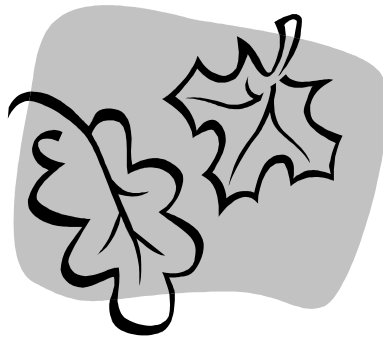
MEMBERSHIP

There are several options to renew your TWS memberships. MN TWS memberships can be renewed online when you renew your national TWS membership.

A MN TWS membership renewal form is located in the center section of this newsletter or simply go to the Chapter's website below and download the membership application and mail to Brian Haroldson at the indicated address to renew your membership. In addition, please keep Brian informed on any address change.

Thank you for taking time to renew your membership.

<http://www.uncrookston.edu/tws/mn/downloads/MembershipApplication-MTWS2007.doc> or
<http://www.uncrookston.edu/tws/mn/downloads/MembershipApplication-MTWS2007.pdf>



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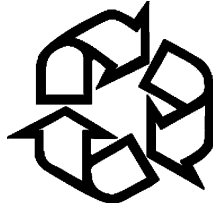
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