



Notes from the Board of Directors

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MASWCD Convention Highlights

Raffle Ticket Sales Success

MACDE did great selling raffle tickets before and during the MASWCD convention. Thanks to everyone who helped staff the booth at the convention!

The lucky winners of the prizes were:

1. **Steve Sunderland**—Rock Bakken Wildlife Print
2. **Steve Hofstad**—Rock Bakken Wildlife Print
3. **John Jaschke***—\$50 Cash
4. **Bob Riebel**—\$50 Cash
5. **Isabelle Gronfeld**—Summer Vacation Package
6. **Robyn West**—Winter Vacation Package
7. **Blake Honetschlager**—\$100 Holiday Gas Card
8. **Russ Johnsrud**—\$50 Walmart Gift Card
9. **Nicole Bernd**—\$50 Walmart Gift Card
10. **Tim Finseth**—\$50 Walmart Gift Card
11. **Dorothy Raney**—Gander Mountain Gift Card
12. **Dane Sethre-Hofstad**—Cabela's Gift Card
13. **Annette Swanson**—Amish Basket of Goodies
14. **Sara Gronfeld**—Amish Basket of Goodies
15. **Jared Bach**—Northlander Bag

* *John Jaschke donated his \$50 back to the MACDE. Thanks John!!*

Early Bird Drawing

MACDE has been entering the names of those members that get their membership in BEFORE the MASWCD Annual Convention into a drawing. Those employees who sign up early are entered in a drawing for one of eight (8) \$25 cash prizes. The lucky winners were announced at the MASWCD Convention. They were as follows:

◆ **Area 1**

Lisa Newton, Marshall-Beltrami SWCD & **Wayne Weber**, Red Lake SWCD

◆ **Area 2**

Jerry Haggemiller, Douglas SWCD & **Judy Johnston**, Stevens SWCD

◆ **Area 3**

Rebecca Wiinanen, Cook SWCD

◆ **Area 7**

Kevin Kuehner, Fillmore SWCD & **Jeanette Serfling**, Fillmore SWCD

◆ **Area 8**

Molly Costin, Wadena SWCD

What happened to Areas 4, 5, & 6?! Better luck for us next year!

Congratulations to those who did win, and thanks to everyone for getting your memberships in early.

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MACDE Mission

- Provide a means of communication between district employees to exchange information and ideas that encourage unification and coordination of our district programs.
- Help to establish and support a continuing education program for all district employees.
- Provide input into the activities of MASWCD and the Board of Water and Soil Resources, to increase the contribution of district employees and effectiveness of districts and their programs.
- Inform district employees of current events and job opportunities.
- Strive to maintain a stable and harmonious working relationship between districts, employees, supervisors, and cooperating agencies.

Be sure to check
the website for
updates!

www.macde.us

Highlights from January 8, 2008 MACDE Board Meeting

- MACDE raffle ticket sales grossed approximately \$1,880. There are currently (as of January 8, 2008) 197 employee members of MACDE, and 1 affiliate. We're hoping for 200 employees this year! Having the drawing early on Tuesday seemed to go over really well. It allowed those at the Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon to take their prizes with them.
- The 2008 MACDE Budget has been set. Copies of the budget are posted on the MACDE website. Training monies have been set at \$300 per Area again. The Board would like to get the word out about the training funds, as not all Area's are utilizing the funds.

The Board also added \$3,200 into the budget for Leadership Scholarships for MACDE members. Any MACDE member that chooses to take the next Leadership course with MASWCD can receive a \$200 scholarship.

- No area has stepped up to coordinate the MACDE Summer training session. The Board is going to look into Cragun's and Arrowwood. The Board will be meeting on Tuesday, February 19, to finalize the date and location of the summer conference, so notifications can be sent to all the District's by April. Topics for mini-sessions included Invasive Species, WCA, Websites and Portland Portal, Farm Bill, Budgets, Ergonomics, Water Quality, and Buffers.
- Clean Water Legacy grants were discussed briefly. Some of those that applied for funds, and did not receive any monies, would like to know why the applications were denied and what they can do to make a better application next time.
- NRCS Computer issues were also discussed briefly.

As always, this is YOUR Employee's Association! If you have anything you would like the MACDE Board to address, contact your Area Representative!