

President's Report

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Welcome to our website! It is my hope that you have had the opportunity to spend some time outdoors during this unusual winter weather pattern. Too nice transitioning to too cold is life in the upper Midwest prairies. While many things have been a bit unusual in the past twelve months, keeping faith, being positive, and helping your neighbor will go a long way to becoming usual again.

The first order of business will be to let you know we have had to cancel the Winter Meet scheduled for February 27th. While things appear to be improving in North Dakota with the CCP virus, we are not in the position to hold such a gathering in a Burleigh County owned building quite yet. We are looking forward to getting together for our rendezvous later this year and will keep you posted as the schedule comes together. You can mark the date as Saturday, September 11 at the Larimore Dam Campground (Larimore is approximately 20 miles west of Grand Forks).

Much of the fallout from the CCP virus has affected how many organizations do business and conduct much needed fundraising. We are not immune from those affects and are working accordingly. Raffle tickets were mailed with our last newsletter, and more remain. If you would like more tickets, please contact Phil Mastrangelo at (701) 400-0587. A little extra effort selling tickets this year will go the needed distance to supporting the association's business.

There is a new administration in Washington DC and our legislature is in session. Matters that negatively affect us personally are being dropped like bombs from Washington DC every single day. Thankfully, not so much from our legislature. As sad as it seems, you must keep the pressure on our legislators in Washington to be the stopgap for all the ridiculous and unwarranted policies and actions they are shoving down our throats.

You help this effort by being current with your membership and by encouraging others to join and do the same. It is easy and you can help the renewal process in two ways – join as a life member and never have to worry about it again or act immediately on your annual renewal notice.

Respectfully, Rick Tischaefter