



Montana Bowhunters Association

Board Meeting Minutes | June 9, 2017

Mt. Wild Center Helena, Mt.

Call to order: 10:12 am

Roll call: 10 Board Members & 1 General Member

Marlon Clapham, Jenn Schneider, Neil Maier, Jerry Davis, Brian Koelzer, Steve Schindler, Roger Licht, Beckie Doyle, Al Kelly, Steve LePage & Liberty Brown.

Marlon gave a briefing @ Don Helmbrecht resigning as Region 2 Regional Rep. due to health issues. Don will remain an active member as health issues allow.

Reading of minutes-Jenn made motion to skip reading of minutes and Jerry 2nd.

Treasures report-Jenn:

Jenn stated 2017 was highest paying convention to date and relates that to attendance. \$27,000.00 profit. Expenses are consistent and accounted for in regards to 2017 Convention. In regards to budget line item#20-Tentatives-it is the only thing with no budget at this time.

Marlon asked the \$250.00 used for the Lewis and Clark Archery Clubs' Davis Gulch Outdoor Range be under the donation line and the moneys for Kathryn Qanna-Yahu be put under the legislative budget.

Jenn announced the new merchandising availability on the website seems to be working.



Marlon questioned the Legislative budget- thought more was in the budget-He will look at pre-legislative minutes and Jenn asked to leave the \$350.00 that's budgeted for now until we get closer to next session.

Website/Social Media: Liberty Brown & Marlon

Marlon stated folks seem to be liking the updates and recent changes to the Website and Face book page. Marlon and Merri Clapham are now editors for the Face book page. Marlon had contacted Lyle and is now engaging actively. Callie Stevens and Jackie Doyle will be on the new Youth Committee and be submitting articles and post to engage our youth. Liberty stated we can tie the loop between our website and Face book. Liberty is willing to post and update anything we can get to him on the website.

MBA Booth/Events:

Marlon is asking for members to volunteer to work at the booth we will have at the Missoula Outdoor Expo, July 7-9, 2017. We were able to get this spot without paying the booth fee because of the MBA's participation at the annual Teller Wildlife Youth Conservation Expo.

Elk Fever will be July 29th in Billings at the Harvest Church. MBA is taking the youth archery range and there will be no fee. Jenn stated this will be a biyearly event.

Deer Creek Shooting Expo in Missoula needs volunteers. There will be archery, small bore rifle, etc. there will be no fee for non-profits to participate.

Group discussion about the need for a credit card reader for events for new memberships and any merchandise available. Jenn stated she can send it if given notice.

Membership drive-Marlon



Marlon has issued a challenge for board members to bring new paid memberships to the board meetings. Roger L. brought 8 new memberships and Marlon had 2. This info was handed over to Jenn.

Total Archery Challenge-Brian K. & John G.

Brian stated he would follow up with John. (Jenn stated John has expressed he'd like to step down from his responsibilities possibly). Steve S to help Brian do further investigating into the July 21 & 22 event. This event is the same time as the Lewistown Shoot and the Magruder Youth Camp.

ATV Raffle: Neil M.

Neil gave a briefing per his conversation with 5 Valley Honda in regards to a Honda Foreman ATV. Wholesale cost would be \$5800 with a onetime \$1000.00 deposit needed from the MBA. Ticket sales of \$10.00 each with 1500 tickets available will generate \$9200 if we sell out. 5 Valley Honda will help promote and take the ATV to local events to different events to help sell tickets. Group discussion determined we would start selling these tickets at the 2018 convention and draw before antelope archery season starts 2018. Brian made motion to start selling tickets at 2018 convention and Jenn 2nd. Motion carried.

Neil and Liberty will discuss how to sell the ATV tickets online. Beckie proposed ensuring names and addresses on ticket stubs to help create a database for new/reinstating membership drive.

Teen Bowhunter Camp: Marlon & Beckie:

Slots to date filled/unfilled

TBM- 2, MBEF-2, Teller-2, MBA Region 1-1 & Bow Ed 1?, Region 5-1, Region 3-Brian to pick 2 from his Bow-Ed class., Region 4 & Region 8-0, Region 6&7 need update.



NEW BUSINESS: Marlon

Marlon led discussion about reviewing the by-laws and getting everyone on track with their duties and responsibilities.

Regional meetings need to be held prior to the board meetings and notes from those meetings need to go to the 1st Vice President who then passes a record of meetings to the President.

Each region needs to get a monthly membership updated list. Jenn said we can request them or go onto Wild Apricot ourselves.

July 29, 2017 ends our Wild Apricot subscription. It would be \$100 a month going forward. Liberty needs some time to research with Jenn. Group discussion to ascertain when and how to transition. Decision to continue with Wild Apricot for one year for smooth transition. Jenn to add monies to the budget.

Marlon's understanding of his duties as President: To lead with an agenda for the board meetings and to pass this agenda to Area Reps a month in advance for their meetings, with follow-ups biweekly and weekly. We must have documentation of discussions and decisions made.

Marlon read each board position's duties and responsibilities. Treasurers' contract is up and Jenn and Marlon signed new contract. Monthly financial report is required to be issued to the Finance Committee and Jenn has this taken care of.

Marlon has to post on the website the last three years of General Membership Meeting minutes. Board Meeting Minutes will also be posted now after all minutes have been approved. Liberty will help Marlon with this.

There was group discussion about some issues with new memberships and renewals not being updated in a timely manner. Jenn stated communication is key and will stay on top of it ensuring prompt enrollment.



All Board members MUST submit to newsletters. Discussion of how to get folks involved in writing stories: More youth articles, bow-ed, pictures, etc. The overall consensus is to actively encourage each other and to meet Teri's deadlines to ensure a quality publication. Liberty can help create events on FB for Area Rep meetings. He just needs the communication from everyone.

Lunch: 12:27pm

Call to order: 1:02 pm

Convention 2018: Neil M.

Donations are coming in. Tokems out of Namibia are donating a full free African Hunt with upgrades available. A decision needs to be made if this will be an online auction item or live auction item. The Kutewagon? African Hunt will be followed up with by Brian. Steve L. stated we need to follow-up with the gator and bow fishing hunts to see if available again. Neil to follow up on these.

Neil wants to see a space on the website to start advertising the Donors and sponsors to convention. He and Liberty will get together to work on the details.

240 paid meals is the goal number for 2018 Convention.

We have the head table as auctioned off at 2017 Convention and discussion was held to also sell three \$750 tables to include 8 meals, 4 individual memberships, and an item TBD such as a yeti cooler. Beckie will continue working on this. Brian has been added to the Convention Committee and will be an advisor.

2019 Convention will be Great Falls and location to be Determined. Steve L. to follow thru.



Neil asked what is the spending authority of the convention committee and Jenn advised to be thrifty and turn in ALL paperwork.

Brian asked about booking out Fairmont for 2020 and Neil will follow thru with this as well as double checking 2019 in case needed.

Gene Wenzel will be the Keynote Speaker for the 2018 Convention. Discussion to pay for he and his wife's airfare, hotel, and banquet meals. Everyone on board with this.

Idea for Ladies Raffle- Sell 3 dozen roses at banquet @ \$20 each for the prize..TBD.. This has been done by other organizations and is successful. Marlon to continue helping Jackie Doyle organize this.

Be Bear Aware Funding: Marlon

Marlon gave an update of his conversation with Chuck Bartlebaugh about why this funding is needed. Chuck expressed desire to continue having Outdoor Organizations keep the advertising spot vs. anti-hunting groups pay for it. After lengthy group discussion, no decision will be made at this time due to confusing information and a desire by board members to support current members and their endeavors who support the MBA which it appears Chuck is not.

Electric Bikes:

Marlon will be asking the USFS about these so we have clarity on the rules behind locked gates. Also, the MBA's stance on NO motor access behind locked gates needs to be updated to the Website.

Regional reports:

Region 1-Al K.



Al's meeting minutes reflect folks trying to get Mule Deer permitted areas for archery and general season.

Region 2-Marlon C.

Tentatives suggest archery only areas to add 50 rifles permits (HD290). The MBA will not support any gun hunting in HD290. FWP and landowners at odds over management of HDs 204 and 262.

Region 3,4, & 5- no report at this time

Region 6-Steve S

Public interest peeked about HD 680/690 and how the permits are currently structured. Appears to be good elk numbers with no access/ opportunity. Steve to follow up with Quentin Kujala of FWP.

Special permit dilemma with limited vs. unlimited permits in this area needs to continue to be watched.

Region 7-no report

Region 8-Jerry D.

Jerry and Joelle have been discussing Senate Bill 236- The MBA needs to maintain awareness of this bill and how it is continuing. Joelle wants to make sure the newsletters are getting mailed to the donors and Jenn confirmed she will follow up with the Bozeman Chronicle. Jerry also discussed the need to follow up with membership retention.

Committee Reports:

Legislative-Jerry D.

Jerry is a member of the group One Montana.. a diverse group which is developing an advanced hunter ed certification to gain access to some coveted private lands. The hope is to encourage more landowner/hunter trust and



gain more private property access to hunt by updating/re-educating older hunters .

Membership Committee- Needs chair! Jenn will look into MBA decals for MBA sponsors to display in their businesses.

Landowner/Sportsman- no report

Bow-Ed Committee- Al

Al discussed the changes made by FWP Admins to the program and the opposition by instructors. These discussions hopefully will be ironed out at the training in Helena June 23 and 24th. Retention of bow-ed instructors throughout the state is questionable due to decisions being made by FWP and hopefully these issues will be ironed out.

Marlon is working on the original 8 members of the MBA who started Bow-ed prior to FWP taking over 30 years ago and honoring those folks at the training. Marlon is to get an article about the start of Bow-Ed to Teri for the newsletter and to Liberty for the website.

Neil voiced concern about the online classes from out of state which do not require a field day course. He will be following up at the training in Helena to see where we can make a difference to ensure field days for online courses in Montana and how to retain/recruit instructors.

Magazine Committee-Al

Bottom line is every board member needs to get their articles turned in promptly to Teri and work together to help her. Steve S. expressed he will call every member as a reminder to get their stuff in. Marlon will send Teri an updated committee list.

Youth Committee- Marlon



Marlon and Beckie are trying to recruit 16-25 year olds to be on this committee. Callie Stevens and Jackie Doyle will be working on ideas for youth articles via FB and public events. Roger L will check with someone from his region. Everyone on the MBA Board is encouraged to find someone from their region to get on the committee.

Financial Committee-Jerry

Jenn to scan a copy of the new signed treasures' contract for Jerry. Jerry asked Jenn to setup ability for him to view bank statements to assure accountability and clarity.

Carp Committee: Let the fun begin!

Brian made motion to adjourn. Neil 2nd. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 3:06 pm