

Montana Bowhunters Association
Board meeting
March 29, 2019
Heritage Inn Great Falls

Call to order 10:03 am by Marlon Clapham- Pres.

20 members present five guest
reading of the last minutes 1210 2018..

Elk Fever in Billings-Ken Schultz will follow up to see what is happening.

Steve similar was not getting the emails alerts from the survey results.

All reviewed.. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Brian, Cliff seconded
motion passed

Tim Roberts the guest speaker from TBM Tim spoke to the board about being on the offense against the crossbow in archery only season. They want to produce an eight minute video or three videos broken down by history of permit/how is the crossbow built/and actual use by the people. Tim wants to have accomplished this process within the next 12 months.

Jerry Davis talked about creating a disabled hunters program and provide info in the regs where people can go for help.

Steve Schindler quoted the FWP Agency sends folks to the MBA. Where are we pulling this money from? It could be a lot of money, how do we offset the cost? It took \$500 to make the last video that was shown before the legislation in 2019. Mark Schwomeyer volunteered to be the MBA liaison with TBM. Mark will hold the chairman position for that committee.

Jerry Davis stressed we need to educate the disabled hunters involved as well as the perception is tied to emotion and elk hunting and how do we address that issue as well when it comes to crossbows. The board suggested a link on the FWB website to the disabled regulations and Hank from FWP says yes that could absolutely come into play, and he will act upon that.

Amy also from FWP, pages 19 to 20 of the regulations could be reformatted and make it easier for disabled people to find the information.

Kent made a motion to create a committee called the crossbow offensive committee Brian seconded motion passed.

Mark Strohmeyer will be the committee chairman with volunteers of Steve Schindler, Kevin Robinson, and Stephen LePage. This committee will work hand-in-hand with TBM at this point with the potential of MWF and BHA to be involved. Progress to be reported to the board meeting on June 7 in Helena.

Marcus Strange from the Montana Wildlife Federation gave a briefing of what it would be to be a MWF affiliate. The group discussion consisted of what's the benefits of affiliation versus not affiliating. Marcus his reply was unity working together not having to agree on everything, 3200 members, lobbyist, mission statements. We discussed public perception of the group and how that grouping would be perceived by individuals. Yearly affiliation dues would be \$100. Jerry Davis appreciated the guidance of MWF through legislative issues. It was noted

that the two organizations can work together without being affiliated by the board members. Stephen LePage asked how the MWF was funded. Marcus replied through grants, events, memberships and donations. Marlon is the MBA's contact person currently for MWF. Discussion tabled until new business.

Treasures report by Jenn and the new treasurer Claudia Davis. Jenn gave a brief introduction of Claudia. Jenn discussed that her contract ends the end of June Claudia gave her background the current bookkeeper for three organizations. Jenn & Claudia are working together on transferring all that pertains to the treasures position in a transition deadline to be determined preferably before the summer deadline for the fall issue of the newsletter.

Liberty will help with changing the phone number on Google and other social media. Accounts to the banquet to switch locations to the Helena branch of the same institution we currently use, and an interim contract will be written be in the financial committee. Jenn & Claudia will split monthly duties which is in the contract and divvy up the responsibilities during convention. Jenn will give a presentation at the June board meeting to present the info on the finalizing of the transition.

Going through the budget on the line items Marlon asked for a specific line item for the team camp as well as for the ATV raffle to keep things separate. Motion to approve the budget as amended by Steve second by Jerry motion passed. A copy of the 2019 proposed budget can be asked for.

Hank Worsch, legislative liaison from fish wildlife and Parks along with Dave and Amy discussed the bow mounted camera with the MBA board and how that was approved via the regulation review committee. On page 22 of the regulations. Cameras are not considered bow equipment therefore there never was a ruling for cameras on bows via 1992. Statuette that states the commission can only dictate archery equipment rules. Amy spoke about the lighted sites with batteries removed is also illegal.the commission.

The Commission will set April 1st to be the deadline in the future for bucks, bulls along with moose goat sheep and bison as well as elk B, doe B an antelope so that everything is easier for folks and altogether.

FWP personnel would always like to be invited to our board meetings and is happy to assist us however they can

The discussion for the road bike with Barrett led us with the question of what to do with the bike and would we need to split the cost of \$2200 and the answer was yes. The decision was made to draw for the bike at the Carp Safari on June 8, 2019. Liberty will mastermind it on the website and Stephen LePage got approval for selling raffle tickets online with a credit card via the MBA website. Barrett made the motion for raffle tickets to be sold at \$20 each or six for hundred dollars, Jerry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Area rep reports:

Region one - Al Kelly- folks still talking about predators.

Region two- Marlon- the area meeting was discussion of not legalizing the pickup of Bighorn Sheep horns, legislative bills that were ongoing. Kevin Robinson gave a short bio to the board for the area rep region two position Stephen LePage made a motion to vote Kevin in, Mark seconded motion, motion passed-welcome aboard Kevin!

Region three- crossbow discussion/ info on special archery of tags the breaks/how those tags are drawn versus who bought an archery only stamp seems to be a large discrepancy 11.85% of those who drew the breaks permit had not purchased a bow stamp- discussion of what to do about it with no conclusion.

Region four-accessed availability of tags along the lines of region three and where you draw versus hunt wherever discussion with no resolution.

Region five- discussed getting messages and communicating better to the members about legislative issues and tentative. Also double checking current email addresses and what causes members to leave the MBA. Group discussion related most issues thing to be single issues like the lighted nocks etc.

Region six-same communications at meetings as stated by region five.

Region seven-report unavailable

Committee reports

legislative-Jerry Davis-there are bills still to come Jerry discussed household to HB 265 could be vetoed by the governor if it goes through, 161 was killed, 497-shoulder seasons going to the Senate floor. The crossbow bill is down, GPS location data from FWP no, enter picking up of Bighorn sheep horns is on the floor. Big thank you to Jerry for all of his work on crossbow and other bills.

Tentative-Ray not here-discussion about bow mounted camera, Marlon will discuss with Ray and get back to us.

Financials-Jerry Davis states most things were covered with Jenn during treasurers report

Landowner sportsman committee-Mark-discussed Judith Basin and a FS access that road that have been gated, so it's becoming a topic that he is working on.

Nominations-Steve -Rich Lewallen wants to stay as DAL and Ken as area rep. Al made a motion that Rich be an even year director at large, Steve seconded, motion passed.

Website-Liberty-he's updating and posting archery shoots as events, Liberty asked for new content, needs people to give him information to post to the website. Liberty and Jenn reworked the website to add all the stuff from Go Daddy and saved \$2000, he is also updating the carp shoot information and purchasing tickets, Liberty is also up for area rep in Brian's spot.

Camps & Youth membership- Marlon- asking for more involvement from members. Marlon asked we up our donation to the teller wildlife conservation Expo from \$750 to ? Brian made a motion to give \$1000.00 to teller and Steve seconded motion passed

The team camp is coming up in June so any and all help is appreciated.

New business:

Vote on the Montana wildlife Federation filiation, after group discussion of the membership has been polled and they vote no, Marlon will wait for the letter from MWF to formally decline.

MBA membership proposed five dollar increase be brought up at the general meeting. If no quorum, than a ballot will be sent out.

General membership meeting will be Saturday morning at 9 AM.

Motion to adjourn at 2:37 PM by Kent, seconded by Stephen motion passed