

Montana Bowhunters Association

Board Meeting 12/10/2018

Great Falls Heritage Inn

Call to Order 10:06 am

Steve Schindler made motion to read minutes as read, marlon asked to go thru minutes to address old business. Steve rescinded motion . Beckie started discussion of how to follow up Old Business.. was suggested to create an action items list & breakdown who's responsible for what.

RMEF website share was discussed, need follow up from Liberty however it appears from the website this was completed by both parties.

Mountain Bike discussion is tabled until Barrett is in attendance. Al and group discussion to support if Barrett carries through from idea to plan.

banners need to get to Great Falls Convention. Bob has a region banner and will bring to convention. Dave needs to get the banner also.

Al questioned online ticket sales and the regulations with description by Jenn.

Steve motion to accept as read with the clarifications. Brian 2nd. motion passed

Treasures Report: ( see budget 2018)

Marlon requested Draw Loc donations be added as a line item after the expense is paid as they come up vs budgeted for.

Al asked if we can use our volunteer hours as a tax break-No because we are a 501 C-7 non profit Lobbying Group vs 501-C3 Non Profit..

Kent asked how can he get a monthly finance report as he's on the Finance Committee. This report must be issued monthly by the treasurer as required by the by-laws. Discussion between Jenn and Jerry Davis to work towards meeting the direction of the by-laws and the Treasure's job description was read. Kent also asked for clarification about membership and this also falls under the treasurer's duty to put out reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elk Fever 2019.. Spring 2019.. Marlon is not sure who is in charge and Jenn stated help from the members would be needed. There's no cost to attend> Bob Morgan is trying to get info.

MBA Survey- Marlon gave a review of 9/5/18 board email with the proposed questions. Group discussion was had and here is the agreed upon questions:

1. Do you feel the MBA should continue to support limited permits in the breaks, ( along with a

description bringing folks up to date).

2. Should we, As the MBA, continue to oppose crossbows in the archery only season. yes/no

3. Where do you bowhunt? a. private land b. public land. c. block management

4. How many days do you spend in the field bowhunting? a. 0-10 b. 10-30 c. 30+

5. Who do you bowhunt with? a/ family b. friends. c. alone

Marlon will send an alert that the survey is coming.

all other potential survey questions are tabled for general membership poll at Convention.

work thru lunch.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Crossbow bill: the board will proceed preparing to oppose the crossbow until membership survey is complete and then act accordingly.

Marlon shared article about crossbows and the design as archery vs rifle equipment. also discussed article nationwide #'s are down.

Legislative Committee is putting together paperwork and video with TBM for you tube to address the crossbow with legislators. Joelle, Kent, & Ron Asheim to talk on video.

Disability while using draw loc addresses legal issues for disabled opportunity.

Steve discussed marketing of crossbows in the archery departments of retailers and if urges members to speak with local shops/ larger retailers about such placement.

General Meeting Agenda Item: can we raise the MBA membership by \$5.00 a year.

Need FWP Personnel at Convention.- Cliff is working on it.

New Financial Chair? Kent? - discussion that Jerry Davis step down so no conflict when MRS. Davis transitions into treasures' position. discussion tabled

#### Area Rep Reports:

##### Region 1 AI-

hunters from Region 1 go to Dillon to hunt, especially during archery season for opportunity. the new Mule Deer permit - is it keeping people hunting locally- need a couple seasons to see results. also concern about the mountain lion population and harvest quotas in the area. Beckie shared the proposed

Mountain Lion Management Plan with Mt FWP. Al to share the info in Region 1.

Region 2 Marlon- HD 290 the landowners till want gun season for does during archery only season. last year was a high winter kill so we'll see what they bring to the tentative secession.

Bitterroot Valley HD's have thigh tags for does and less opportunity as HD 's changed boundaries.

Region 3 Brian-

Urban building not so dense so populations able to adapt. Mule deer seem to be declining however.. need to hear from Bute & Dillon communities.

Region 4 Cliff- tabled until convention committee report

Region 5 Rich- CWD is the issue spread from border to border

Region 6 Steve- same as Region 5 discussion.. CWD

Region7 Bob- CWD as well as loss of a couple large block management pieces.

Committee reports-

Legislative Jerry- already discussed earlier

Tentative- Ray not present and we are a year out.

Financial jerry- We would like to start transitioning from Jenn to Claudia in the Treasure's position. Jerry should reclude himself and Kent be Chairman of committee to avoid any conflicts. Jenn- Claudia spoke with her in July and will walk thru Convention with Jenn, quick books is on the MBA computer, get through convention and then transfer to Claudia.. this transition is very detailed including switching addresses, financial institutions, etc.

Landowner/Sportsman- Mark not in attendance

Nominations Steve- positions are open, with write in ballots due 40 day before election.

Awards Brian- needs to get ahold of Roger/ Joelle to find out where plaques are purchased from etc. nominations on FB/ Website to be emailed to Brian at Rocknroollbowhunter3@yahoo.com

Membership Marlon- Jenn says we are getting a lot of renewals, Marlon seeing less missing newsletters  
newsletter : Jan 15 deadline because of Convention issue

Website- Liberty not in attendance

Carp Shoot- Joelle and Roger L. Roger discussed potential cash money prize Roger, Bob, & Jerry Doyle would volunteer monies.. discussion tabled until 3/19 meeting

Bow-Ed Al- nothing at this time

Youth Membership- Marlon & Jackie working on getting kids input

Campo Beckie/Marlon- Returning campers will become Jr. Instructors and add to the staff discussing moving camp to different locations each year.

Jerry Davis discussed the Advanced Hunter Ed program

Convention Cliff- ( see handout)

Jenn discussed live auction is the biggest money maker then the dinner games and silent auction items.

Tables for sale with 8 dinners and a \$100 credit added to your bid number

Cliff asked if the Archery Fun shoot can be put up again. yes, by camp volunteers

Someone call Jeff Hill to see if he wants to do the Duck otherwise Brian bringing a chicken

discussed vendor space, cost, 5 on contract so far, quilt is almost done, metal art to be auctioned, etc. donations are coming in

discussed Buffet before served, group decided served with Salmon/ prime rib.

inviting governor/ commissioner FWP. director, etc. via Marlon

Brian -live music?

photo contest, antlers, dessert auction this year, folks collecting free shoot passes across the state, carp safari passes?

Brian to collect beer cozies 7 from Willies Distillery in Ennis?

majority of setup will be Thursday night with board meeting Friday morning at 10 am archery booth setup either Thursday or Friday, general meeting at 9 am instead of 8 am on Saturday

Billings Convention Chair Region 5- booked at Fairmont

Bozeman Convention Chair Region 3- booked at Fairmont

Region 1 next?

Brian motion to adjourn, Al 2nd motion passed meeting adjourned @ 3:12 pm