

MBA Board Meeting April 17, 2020

ROLL CALL

Steve L, Bryan, Mark S., Claudia, Al and Terry, Marlon, Kevin R., Liberty, Mike and Stefani, Ken S, Nick S., Cliff, Angie, Rick L., Rich Smith, Paul, M, Ray G,

TREASURERS REPORT

QuickBooks software update

- The software has not been updated yet. There is a \$250 charge but because the software is still working so Claudia has not done this yet

CDs

- After talking to a banker about options Claudia moved money to a CD and some to a separate money market fund.. All of these funds are from the Life member fund.

Budget

- Claudia explained Fiscal year is July 1-June 30 so budget was set prior to banquet being canceled and therefore those planned costs are in the planned 19/20 budget.
- The draft budget for 20/21 was sent to the full board on Tuesday April 4th.
- Claudia discussed the budget vs actual columns.
For the 20/21 budget she kept everything the same except changed a few things to address normal cost increases

Below is a recap of the budget

<u>Convention Income</u>	<u>Convention Expenses</u>
19/20 Budget \$49,990.00	19/20 Budget \$24,575.00.
Actual to date \$5,965.00	Actual to date \$5617.20
20/21 Budget \$46,700.00	20/21 Budget \$27,675.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
19/20 Budget \$67,540.00	19/20 Budget \$62,797.01
Actual to date \$15,225.31	Actual to date \$32,320.17
20/21 Budget \$67,250.00	20/21 Budget \$67,250.00

<u>Net Income</u>

19/20 Budget was \$4942.99
Actual to date -\$17,015.20
20/21 Budget \$200.00 with \$5000 contributions to other organizations
20/21 Budget \$4520.00 with no contributions to other organizations

NOTE: Right now there is about \$54,000 in checking account so we are ok for actual funds but we need to make up for our loss in income from the cancelation of this year's convention. We are around \$3300.00 short on memberships because a lot of people renew memberships at the convention.

- Poster charges went to debit card per Liberty
- Bank Statements for March are not completed yet, Claudia will get to it in the next couple of weeks
- Brian – we need to try to make enough from raffles by Carp Safari to cover costs of news letter
- We have money to cover operating costs for the next year.

AUCTION ITEMS

See discussion below.

MINUTES FROM DEC.7, 2019 FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS

Moved to approve by Cliff, Ray second. Motion Passed

TBM VIDEO

Al had a question about TBM video – Marlon has not tried to get back ahold of Tim. Barrett and Kevin were going to work with Tim. Mark is the liaison and he said the ball is in TBM's court. Mark said it was at a standstill at this time. Mark will let us know if it moves forward. We have not given them any money.

The ballot results elected Stephen LePage as the new president of MBA.

Stephen LePage took reins of meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Credit Card

- We checked with our bylaws and it is ok to have a third person to sign checks. The 1st Vice President has been added. We still need two signatures on each check.
No concerns from the board

- Claudia will be sending out forms for new signees on checks in the next week or so— Stephen, Bryan, and Claudia will be signees
- We checked the bylaws for credit cards or debit cards. It is ok to do a credit card on an as needed basis.
- Claudia has drafted a company credit card policy for MBA that has not yet been approved. (NOTE: Claudia will send the policy to the Financial Committee and President Stephen for their approval).
- Marlon said Bylaws will allow either debit or credit card
- Claudia said CC much safer because it keeps our bank account safer because a CC doesn't access bank account whereas debit cards do
- Ray made a motion to change from debit card to credit card for purchases. Nick Seabrass seconded. Motion passed without further discussion

Breaks Permits follow up:

- The FWP did not break up the 900-20 permit areas into three separate areas to draw for. They did however add 300 permits to the 3700 permits which ups the quota to an even 4000.
- Sen. Kary did not push to open up all the Breaks Permits or to drop them altogether. But that may come in the next Legislative Session. Commissioner Stuker may be in favor to go that route also.
- As the 300 permits were added to the 900-20 and no other changes occurred during tentatives there is no need for further action at this time.
- Marlon stated that Sen Kary may bring a bill at the next Legislative Session to remove all elk archery permits in eastern MT, this is **something we need to keep close tabs on with** the next session starting in Jan of every odd year (This January). Marlon also said Comm. Stuker is supportive of opening up the quotas for archery only eastern MT permit numbers also.

Youth Hunt:

- The change to the Youth Hunt to allow the mentor to carry a firearm while hunting with a youth during the two-day Youth Hunt was passed in the tentatives session. The mentor may carry the firearm as long as that person has a permit to harvest a species open during the Youth Hunt such as Bear, Sheep, Moose or Goat. No deer or elk.
- No comments

Elk Management Plan

- No word on the new research for the Elk Objectives yet.
- Marlon said a new person was hired by FWP that is going to reevaluate all elk objective numbers for HDs. FWP will be holding meetings in the future for this effort but the Covid issue has caused them to postpone those meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Region 4 Representatives

- We have three persons in Reg 4 for area rep. one needs to take a director at large position where we are shorthanded. It was placed on the ballot as two openings.
- Steve had invited the Praters to represent Region 4 as a couple but Marlon researched bylaws and that is not allowed. Marlon, Stephanie and Michael talked about that and Stephanie will become DAL and Michael will become the Region 4 rep.
- Teri would like another article from one of them.
- There was discussion about the difference of DAL and Region Reps, (see bylaws) Marlon will send them our bylaws, etc.

MBA File Repository

- Claudia asked that official MBA files be sent to her so she can put them on the MBA computer to maintain an Official File repository on the MBA computer.

Contributions: (also continued below)

- There was the question of where do we stand financially?
- Rich L will keep rustic bed for auction at next year's banquet as well as 15-20 silent auction items.
- Ray has some donations also, as does Cliff,
- Cliff – We need to seriously reconsider making contributions to other organizations this year given that the auction was canceled and our budget is out of whack.

Auction and Raffle Items (also continued below)

- Liberty – We can post auction items on website and can auction off by a specified date, need to take advantage of the items to make sure we use them to ensure we get donations next year.
- Bryan is concerned with shipping costs that may be incurred.
- Ken said that everyone that donated small items have understood and would not have a problem with holding those to next year. But larger cost items should be auctioned online.
- There is a list of live auction items. That list needs to go to Liberty. (Also to Terri)
- Cliff said other groups who use the online hunting auction.com reach a much larger audience but has a cost and has some risk, might be a better option than just the website.
- Liberty said we have 4000 FB followers ,
- Bryan suggested we could also advertise on Bowsite.com and others.
- Liberty thinks we should use FB
- Bryan suggested P&Y to get a national audience.
- Cliff said some donators may prefer not to have their donations advertised online, Hells Canyon an example.

- Al said his donors will hold off until next year. Need to let donors of bows know that we are still selling raffle tickets,
- Ken said he and Sean have done that and they will probably follow-up. Kudos to Claudia and Ken for getting out raffle ticket items forms which will also be put in the newsletter.
- Drawings will be at the Carp Safari. Can sell tickets at the Carp Safari, but mail-in will end the week before.
- Claudia said we need a plan B if Covid is still an issue.
- Liberty - stay with the date and use FB live for the drawing if Carp Safari is canceled. Stephen says if winners are present they can get the item if not the Reg Reps can take them the item if feasible. (hand deliver)
- Stephen said the Banquet committee needs to figure out nuts and bolts of the auction and raffle including deadlines and time frames so we can move forward
- Liberty will need pics and descriptions to post online **ASAP**. Plan to award auction winners at same time as raffle.
- There was discussion on minimum bids and it was decided we at least have to have a minimum bid on items we purchased but if items are a straight donation then place a low minimum bid to get it started.
- Stephen, said the Convention Committee needs to make decisions as to what items will be auctioned and which will not.
- Need to setup a meeting with convention committee to make those decisions. Also it may be possible to bundle the small things to reduce postage.
- Ken will coordinate to get a meeting setup
- No motion needed.

Contributions cont.

- At the Board Meeting Dec. 7th 2019 Brian made a motion to raise donations from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00. Stephen 2nd the motion, Motion carried. (We may need to revisit that amount)
- This motion was found in Beckie's notes after Marlon sent out the minutes. Marlon thinks this is very important for the board to look at again.
- Claudia asked if organizations have already been designated for contributions.
- Marlon said Teller is canceled. MBA Teen Bowhunter camp will be canceled. Camp on hold for one year, Libby Archery has canceled all of their activities.
- Al said that Weyerhaeuser has sold the old Plum Creek properties.
(Note from Jerry)
At the Master Hunter Class I attended on April 18 and 19th I was informed that the new owner of the old Plum Creek properties will still honor their agreements to allow public hunting but as of now that purchaser is not been released.
- Brian, the \$5000 was not designated but was seen as an opportunity. So we should possibly look at it again at Carp Safari board meeting,

- Marlon said that we already made changes to the 19/20 budget but we need to revisit this at the next board meeting.
- Teller Youth Expo we have donated \$1000.00 each year. Marlon will look into if we can still help them out financially if we determine we have the funds.

Montana Master Hunter Program

- Jerry said that the Master Hunter Program will add an Archery portion to their curriculum and are asking for input on their program for the bowhunting portion and also asking for a contribution
- From Marlon's Agenda notes - The Raised At Full Draw is asking to share information on the campers maybe trading youths from their camp to our camp.
- Jerry presented a rambling description of the Montana Master Hunter program and request for a contribution if we find we have the moneys. He also requested members to help set curriculum of the Master Hunter Bowhunting component which will be new next year. They also would like volunteers to help instruct.

NOTE: The Master Hunter Program is administered by One Montana's Common Ground Group and is a landowner/sportsman driven initiative to increase public hunting on private lands through education and knowledge gained by students in hunting ethics, skills, and a better understanding of agricultural operations. This 50 hour program is intended to be an advanced curriculum for experienced hunters. Though this program is endorsed by FWP it is 100% privately funded through donations from both sportsman and agricultural organizations such as RMEF and the Grain Growers as an example.

- Paul said after his presentation at the Flathead Archery Club that contributing money to the program will cause many members to leave MBA because those members see it as a pay to hunt on private land program.
- Others were supportive and some had further questions.
- Jerry will follow-up with the Lead Instructor with the Master Hunter Program to ensure the curriculum includes issues that our membership considers critical to such a program.
- No motion was made to ask for a contribution at this time but instead Jerry will wait to see what budget is at Carp Safari meeting.

Auction and Raffle Items cont.

- How do we proceed with an online auction? Will we have to ship items? With the lay-offs will it be worth it to have an auction with the 50/50 items. Can we draw enough money to make it worth our while?
- A time line when to draw the Raffle Tickets. (been brought up to draw at the Carp Shoot) Maybe that way there are folks that could pick up the items they won.

Awards

- Bryan needs to get the plaques handed out around Carp Safari time. He has been giving Teri information slowly but he is going to get all the award info to her for the next newsletter ASAP. Will figure out who will do plaques.

- Stephen said we should coordinate sending out plaques with the release Award selectees in the next newsletter
- Teri said information (columns) from members still needed because we are lacking content for the newsletter because the convention was canceled. Will be 3-4 weeks before newsletters get delivered to membership.
- Teri said she knows a person (around Libby) who could make the plaques and ship them to the recipients. Teri will follow-up.

Newsletter

- Teri needs harvest shots (old or new) and stories and nomination letters for newsletter.
- Marlon has sent a blast from the past and a story about Mary
- Terri has gotten Paul's info.
- Need correct addresses and emails for newsletter.
- Stephanie will be an even year DAL
- Can update photos for column so get them in
- Claudia - Lapsed membership in the last 3-6 months - we should send a mag to encourage them to renew, renewal date is shown on the label.
- Teri will put in an article to have people check their renewal date on the label and renew if you are lapsed.
- Claudia will make sure Teri knows how to make membership renewal automatic for inclusion in her column.
- Bryan said we should we go back a year or 2 and send old newsletters with a note asking to renew.
- Claudia had a concern with bad addresses if you go back too far
- Cliff said that if going out of Wild Apricot is how lapsed memberships are determined then Region Reps can develop the list themselves.
- Teri said Claudia sends lists out to Region Reps already
- Claudia announced a **New life member Bob Sherer from GF, Cliff will reach out to say thanks**
- Teri said new Reps and DAL will get a box of 25 newsletters shipped for their use at their discretion
- Teri said we give businesses that are members free advertisements in the newsletter

Secretary Position

- Jerry volunteered to be secretary

Newsletter Editor

- We need an editor, Teri will continue for the next year but they want a replacement before Libby takes on the convention. Bryan's mother-in-law, Julie will take on the duties. Teri will coordinate with her.
- Bryan will send contact info to Teri.

Board Members

- Marlon said new board members need to pick at least two committees to serve on and make sure committee changes requested by board members are sent in. Call Steve if you have questions
- Claudia asked what is status of write-ins.
- Marlon gave which openings are open to Stephen, they are Region 6 Rep and several DALs. With Jerry as Secretary there are 4 even and 4 odd year DALs but possible we can have 6 or 8 for each year DAL
- Stephen will call write-ins to ask for bios. If we publish their bios then they are in so we need to make sure they will participate.
- Claudia found in bylaws that there shall be 16 Area Reps and 14 DALs not including officers. But there is no longer a Region 8.
- Teri asked about Rick Miller because she does not have a column from him.

Bryan made motion to adjourn seconded

Next meeting is June 12th at Hellgate Campground. Also that is Stephen LePage's birthday.

Motion passed, Adjourned

Respectively Submitted MBA Secretary pro tem
Jerry Davis