

MBA Board Meeting Hellgate Campground, June 12, 2020

ROLL CALL

Stephen LePage, Teri Kelly, Al Kelly, Cliff Garness, Mandy Garness, Kevin Robinson, Marlon Clapham, Bob Morgan, Jerry Davis, Jess Wagner, Rick Miller, Stephanie Prater, Mike Prater, Rich Lewallen, Claudia Davis

TREASURERS REPORT

Financial Support of TBM Video In Opposition to Crossbows During Archery Only Season

After some discussion of this video Mark informed the board that production of the video is progressing. TBM is asking that we donate \$1500.

There was open discussion of the video costs and how MBA should use the video to thwart future campaigns by others to legalize crossbow use during the Archery-Only seasons. Ideas included;

1. Get the video into the hands of our local legislators prior to the next session, preferably in person not via mass mailing;
2. Show and distribute the video at the Sporting Coalition's pre-Legislature ice breaker night.
3. Show and distribute at various brewery community nights.
4. Open to other ideas

Action Item: All board members suggest other ideas on how to distribute the video to achieve maximum impact.

Motion: Stephanie made a motion to increase the video donation amount to \$3000 for TBM for the production of video opposing the use of crossbows during the Archery-Only Season and to encourage marketing.

Seconded by board member

Discussion: Claudia pulled up all moneys tracked through the Legislative raffles. It has been tracked since 2005, Total of \$10,576. Claudia will pull out into our equity account. Checking has \$56,000, \$17,000 in savings, Life Member fund has \$31,000.

Marlon doesn't think this should be the ceiling for this effort. Mark informed the board that other contributors are TBM, BHA, MWF. Marlon stated that a lot of our old MBA members belong to BHA.

Motion Pass Unanimously.

Action Item: Claudia will cut a check to TBM. Mark will get contact info were check is to be sent check to.

Claudia explained that the Balance Sheet gives our cash on hand and funds designated for special uses.

Checking \$56,103.51

Savings \$17,223.18

Life Member Fund Total \$31,001.84 split between a CD and a Money Market Fund

Total cash is \$104,328.53.

Teen Camp Fund is \$2449.18 Marlon - none of the Teen Camp Money is from MBA funds but was raised through grants and donations.

Claudia finds it interesting that the Teen Camp is one of our programs even though we don't support it financially. Marlon said that we have offered but the camp coordinators have tried to make the camp supporting.

Claudia said the bank informed her they have not yet received the Signature pages from Stephen and Brian. Both Brian and Stephen said they have been sent in.

Claudia, for the FY 2019-2020 we have spent \$19,000 more than we have brought in because of the cancelation of the 2020 Convention.

Claudia asked should we be pushing the disabled hunter program more. For this program \$250 was budgeted for last year and we spent \$193.10. Claudia raised the budget to \$300 for next year.

Claudia asked should we up the Legislative budget for this year to \$3500. The \$3000 for the video production will come out of this year's moneys but should we up the budget to \$3500 for next FY and leave the rest of the budget as is. Board agreed to this amendment to \$3500.

Liberty requested an advertising line item in the budget for advertising the Carp Shoot. \$200 would be adequate.

Claudia said there is a miscellaneous \$150 line item that we could use but decided to add the line item.

Motion: Brian made motion to accept the budget as amended.

Second: Mark.

Motion Pass unanimously with a voice vote.

Action Item: Claudia will finalize the budget with amendments and distribute to board members.

REGION REPORTS

Region 1: No Report

Region 2: Member concerns that the Master Hunter Program will be a pay to hunt program, that when those in the Bitterroot that have gone through the program allowed access all that they were allowed to harvested was does and cows, no bucks or bulls, and see it as an elitist program. However some were happy to see historically inaccessible ranches now open to some hunting.

Region 3: Could not hear Liberty.

Landowner concerns about weapons restricted areas where cattle have been shot. Possibly an opportunity for making them Archery Only areas, we need to watch.

Region 4: Could clearly not hear Mike or Stephanie but there was discussion about the 900-20 permit quotas. There were discussions about breaking the 900-20 area into smaller areas thereby giving more opportunity but limiting area old 900-20.

Region 7: Rick discussed CWD Red Zones where game carcasses must be left where they are shot, I assume must be boned, and some of the public's response and impressions of seeing left carcasses. One must process heads and skulls before they can be removed from the area. Concern that many hunters will not have the skill and ability to do this and they will feel that it is impossible to comply and instead of going through check stations they will take back roads so they can avoid FWP, thereby making normally law abiding hunters outlaws.

Rick and others discussed elk objectives being based on numbers of elk on both and how FWP counts inaccessible elk on private lands toward elk populations.

Discussed issues we have seen with Tribal hunting rights where they are having an impact on not only elk populations but also big horn sheep in some locations. Rick feels we need to start a dialog with Tribal Fish and Game departments to work on a way to allow hunting rights but ensure that game populations are not jeopardized.

Rick and others discussed methods to increase MBA membership. We have many old members who now belong to BHA and MWF instead. Claudia reported we have 470 active members at this time. Brian said P&Y memberships mirrors trend that we are seeing in MBA. We do want to ensure we have members that believe in our mission to protect bow hunting in Montana. Cliff thinks we need to be more aggressive on our marketing of MBA.

There was discussion about why handicapped bowhunters that we have helped have not continued to keep in contact and what we might be able to do to improve the situation. Wounded Warriors have not taken Marlon up on his offer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board had a discussion of tomorrow's activities including drawing convention raffle tickets and the Carp Safari mechanics.

Next meeting will be December 5th at 10:00 AM at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, MT.

Claudia said a board member needs to put together a renewal thankyou letter listing our accomplishments, something like" here is what your money has done for the last year" and it should be updated quarterly. Stephen LePage said he could help with this.

Action Item: Someone craft a Here is What Your Money Has Done letter for member renewals.

Jerry volunteered to store the MBA trailer in Helena until the next convention.

Marlon said he sent out electronic copy of bylaws to new board members.

Marlon Moved to adjourn was seconded and passed.

Respectively Submitted MBA Secretary pro tem
Jerry Davis

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