

ROLL CALL

President	Ken Schultz	P
1 st Vice President	Stephanie Prater	P
2 nd Vice President	Stephen LePage	NP
Treasurer	Mandy Garness	P
Secretary	Jerry Davis/ Jeremy Harwood	P/NP
Region 1 Representative	Al Kelly	P
Region 2 Representative	Marlon Clapham	P
Region 2 Representative	Kevin Robinson	P
Region 3 Representative	Liberty Brown	P
Region 3 Representative	Robin Mestdagh	P
Region 4 Representative	Justin Doll	P
Region 4 Representative	Jess Wagner	P
Region 5 Representative	Chris Gasner	P
Region 6 Representative	Tristan Manuel	NP
Region 6 Representative	Nick Seabrasse	NP
Region 7 Representative	Rick Miller	P
Region 7 Representative	Bob Morgan	NP
Director at Large Even Years	Cliff Garness	P
Director at Large Even Years	Jake Garness	P
Director at Large Even Years	Alisha Zemlicka	NP
Director at Large Even Years		
Director at Large Odd Years	Brian Koelzer	NP
Director at Large Odd Years	Mike Shepard	NP
Director at Large Odd Years	June LePage	P
Director at Large Odd Years	Jackie Weidow	P
Administrative Services	Claudia Davis	P

The meeting was called to order by Ken Schultz.

Roll call taken by Jerry.

Ken said that Alisha has agreed to step down from her Even Year DAL position.

MOTION

Jerry made a motion that we accept Mark Schwomeyer as interim Even Year DAL position until the next election when he will run for said position.

Seconded by Cliff

Vote: Pass unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 31, 2023

Jerry talked about the importance of reading minutes and being prepared to discuss Action Items assigned to your or your committee before next meeting.

TREASURER REPORT**Current Balances**

Total liabilities	\$5,642.57
Contributions	\$3,600.00
Life Member Fund	\$35,929.83
Life Member Fund interest	\$175.09
Restricted Legislative Funds	\$11,348.15
Restricted Teen Camp Fund	\$4030.27
Restricted Modified Archery Equipment	\$1000.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$54,323.66
Fiscal Year Net Income	-\$6,672.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$101,831.93

Budget

Closed Action Item: All committee chairs send budget requests to Mandy with a deadline of no later than May 15th. Update: Mandy reported that as of this meeting no one has sent in any budget requests. Budget has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment for PTMAEs

The individual who made the \$1000 donation earmarked for only PTMAE is Garrett Fereday of Gallatin Gateway. Marlon discussed his desire to find a machinist who could build the one arm devices. He said he found someone who is interested in buying his shop. Marlin said it took 80hrs shop time to build Pete Siegel's setup and that every person requires a unique setup. Jerry brought up the possibility of getting a bill sponsored that would establish a check-off for PTMAE funding on the bowhunting stamp.

Action Item: Marlon

Redo shop drawings and information about bow modifications and will send them to Ken so he can visit with the individual(s) in Billings that might take on some of the machining and manufacturing of modifications. Marlon will also contact the individual that is interested in buying his shop.

Action Item: Jerry

Talk to FWP about sponsoring a bill to create a check off for supporting PTMAE on the hunting license application.

Action Item: Kevin

Reach out to the Legislator he had talked to this session to see if he might be interested in sponsoring a bill.

UPOM Lawsuit

Nothing to report.

Crow Tribe Issue

Rick discussed the history of this issue where Montana allows unrestricted hunting by the Crow Tribe on Custer NF lands, but Wyoming does not in the interim period until the case on treaty rights is decided in Wyoming State Court. This has the potential to have a negative impact on archery hunting and we should keep abreast of the issue and speak to it or become involved in any groups fighting the unrestricted hunting by the Crow Tribe.

June 2022 Action Item: Rick will contact FWP and others as needed to determine what action may be taken to address the potential impacts of unrestricted hunting on Forest Service Lands by the Crow Tribe.

Future MBA Convention

Stephanie looked into the costs for holding a convention at the Delta in Helena and they said it would be \$6000 not including catering. Nick was unable to look into the costs at the Red Lion in Kalispell before this meeting.

Closed Action Item: Stephanie will check on availability and rates for the Delta in Helena. Update: Stephanie looked into the Delta and they wanted \$6000 to rent rooms. This cost doesn't include food.

Action Item: Chris

Investigate costs of holding a convention at the Big Horn Resort in Billings.

Action Item: Ken

Investigate other locations in Billings for convention costs.

Action Item: Ken

Follow up with Nick on rates at the Red Lion in Kalispell.

Action Item: Stephanie

Investigate rates and availability at the Copper King in Butte.

Membership recruiting

There was discussion of the \$500 per region line item for the budget brought up at the last meeting. Mandy said she had not received any such request for this line item but will add one, \$3500 total. The \$500 can be used by each Region for events and other ideas to recruit new members. The idea is that each the Region Rep will submit an expense report to Claudia or call Claudia and she can use the MBA credit card to pay for expenses not to exceed \$500.

Closed Action Item: The Board will put in a budget request to the Finance Committee (Mandy) to set aside \$500 for each Region to be used for membership drive events. Update: Mandy asked Claudia to set up a line item in the budget to allocate \$500 to each region for each region's promotional activities to recruit new members.

MBA Magazine

There was a discussion about improving the magazine content. There were complaints about the quality of the magazine printing. Some complaints about getting too many extra magazines for distribution and if it would help with costs if we reduced those extras. Also there was a question as to why they ship boxes to those with 10 or so extras, wouldn't it be less expensive to ship those in a large envelope and save postage. Mandy brought up the spreadsheet she has that gives some content guidance. Kevin has been placing extras at onsite port potties. Discussed going entirely e-version and eliminating paper. Claudia said in her work with not for profits that paper versions are critical to maintaining membership. E version already exists and can be read online at the MBA website. Suggestion to send out an Alert every time a new e-version is available. Rick said his extra copies of the Mag are not having an effect. Discussed Jackie's concern that some of her articles were not in the latest edition. We have asked Julie to hold some articles if there are lots and that may be what happened.

Action Item: Stephanie

Call the Bozeman Chronical and let them know that we are not happy with the quality of the product they are producing for our magazine and ask them questions about the number of extra mags and postage and shipping.

Action Item: Magazine Committee

Send out a blast when e-version of Mag is available online. Then it can be posted on FB and other social media.

Action Item: Mandy

Email the board the spreadsheet she developed for newsletter quarterly topics.

Action Item: Magazine Committee

Develop some ideas about improving content.

Bowhunter Education

HB 243 did not pass that would have required a day in the field for all individuals taking hunter safety. Marlon said that since then the FWP has stepped up and now the Hunter Education Citizens Advisory Group have a tentative to require a field day for everyone taking hunter safety if they are younger than 18 which will be a promulgated rule and not a law therefore it can be more easily amended to meet any changes MBA may push. Possible combined rifle hunter/bowhunter class would require an additional 3 hours that are unique to bowhunting instead of a bowhunter specific course. These concepts will now receive public comment. Jackie brought up that the program needs to make sure all of the books are the same edition and not different versions.

Committee Member Volunteers

Ken gave a breakdown of committee members. There are board members who are on multiple committees and there are board members who are not on any committees. The MBA Board of Directors Handbook (BOD) requires that each board member belongs to at least 2 committees. New board members who are not on any committees need to select at least 2 committees to participate in. There was discussion that the Legislative committee missed opportunities to lobby and testify on other bills not associated crossbows but were important to our mission. Discussion how the committee should handle this during future sessions. This is a committee issue. Jess brought up that per the MBA BOD Handbook committees are supposed to meet a minimum of 3 times per year and we are not doing that aside from the Legislative Committee during the biannual session.

Action Item: New board members

Select at least 2 committees to participate in. See the committee list attached to the minutes.

Action Item: Board members

If you have over two committees you participate in and wish to drop some of them notify Ken and Jerry via email.

Action Item: Ken

Send an email Blast to the board stating that all committee chairs should hold a committee meeting a minimum of 3 times per year as per the MBA BOD Handbook. With Zoom this should not be a problem.

March 31 Action Item: Chair of the Legislative Committee

Work with the committee to develop processes for improving our methodology for addressing Legislation during sessions to include bill tracking either spreadsheet or Congress Plus and how to keep confidential MBA comms separate from other comms we have with other groups we work with on Legislative strategies.

Closed Action Item: Ken will place Justin Doll on the Legislative and Bow Ed Committees. Update: Done

Closed Action Item: Action Item: Jerry will send out a short article by an attorney which briefly outlines the process of changing from one nonprofit to another nonprofit status. Update: Jerry sent out article on June 17th.

Closed Action Item: Liberty will be the new Legislative Chair for next session. Update: Liberty is now chair of the Legislative Committee.

Communications

Chris brought up using one of the many apps available to allow communications between specific groups. This would allow for more instantaneous communication between group members. The software Chris is familiar with is SLACK. There are several available. Asana being used by MWF.

Action Item: Mandy

Research what options might be the best communications App for MBA.

Teen Bowhunting Camp

So far, they have 24 campers registered. Jackie is working on the Forest Service permits for having activities on FS lands. The bags for each camper which includes a number of items have been donated but it will cost \$50 to put the MBA logo on each bag. Jackie put out a request for board member or other MBA members to come to the camp so that we have a presence. Beckie put out a request that we donate money to the Moon Eagle River Ranch which general works with disabled vets on various programs. During the Teen Camp the Ranch will curtail all other activities that generate money. We are not paying a fee. Jackie requested a donation be made to the Ranch to help them alleviate the loss of revenues they may have. There was a discussion as to which Budget Line Item a donation should come from.

MOTION:

Jerry made a motion to donate \$500 to the Veterans Victory Alliance.

Seconded by Mandy.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Marlon gave an update that the Teller facility gave MBA and others the boot and are contending the equipment that MBA and others purchased through Teller but not by Teller such as the purchase a trailer and archery targets now belongs to Teller. This may end up in court for a resolution. Those that will no longer be working on the Teller Youth Camp have organized themselves into a group called Conservation Elders. They will be working to provide youth camps for over 250 students. Conservation Elders held a benefit dinner and auction and they raised or \$400,000.00. So, half of that money when to sponsor the 250 students for youth camps and the balance went to sponsoring the First Hunt program. The youth camp will be moved from Teller Wildlife to the Hamilton Fairgrounds. They have promised \$1000 will go to the MBA Teen Youth Camp. Possible

Motion:

Kevin made a motion that MBA give \$500 to the Conservation Elders for financial support of youth camps.

Unsure of second.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Action Item: Jackie

Work with Mandy and Claudia to get a check cut for the Veterans Victory Alliance.

Action Item: The Finance Committee

Continue with \$500 donations for youth camps to the Conservation Elders for youth camps. Those donations have been curtailed since COVID.

Closed Action Item: Finance Committee

Look into helping with the costs of the Teen Bowhunting Camp given that MBA has a line item in its budget for the camp.

UPDATE: The MBA Teen Bow Camp Fund is at \$6,61732, all of which is available for use by the Camp. They need only to submit an expense report to be reimbursed. This is an earmarked fund to be used only by the MBA Teen Bow Camp.

MBEF Update

Nothing to report.

Board Meeting Day, Friday vs Saturday

After discussion it was decided that the only meeting that could be held on a Saturday is the December meeting before the Convention. Region 4 is looking into various locations that we could hold a meeting and have access to AV that would allow for good Zoom characteristics.

Closed Action Item: Stephanie or Steve

Check with Mark S. to see if it would be possible to arrange for our December meeting to be on a Saturday at the Electric Co-op HQ.

UPDATE: Region 4 is looking into other various locations in Great Falls.

Required Board Meeting Attendance.

There was discussion about the minimum number of Board Meetings a director must attend. Many thought that this requirement was written in our By Laws or our BOD Handbook. To date no such verbiage has been found.

Carp Safari

Claudia and Kevin gave an update on tomorrow's Carp Safari.

Marketing Ideas

Ken discussed giving a break on Lifetime membership costs for those that serve on the Board. Currently, we have 151 individual lifetime members. Liberty had the idea was presented to create a onetime use code for 100% off on any online merchandise on the web that could be provided as an incentive for a Lifetime Membership. He said we could get anything that is show on the printable.com. Robin brought up an interview done of Molnar by Aaron Flint on Montana Talk on the radio that was one sided and didn't have a person with an opposing view. Then a lengthy discussion ensued on the topic of crossbow and disability legislation. Out of that discussion it was decided that to get an idea of what our membership would find acceptable for proposed legislation to address disabled hunters and crossbows we should start with Region Reps to get an idea of what would be acceptable legislation to combat crossbow legislation. Jerry suggested that we revisit the Matrix that we developed for the Commission to use as guidance to decide which bowhunter equipment will be allowed as legal archery equipment. Al brought up the idea of getting college students to do a survey of all other states as to the effects crossbows have had on seasons, issues with crossbows and other data. We would pay the student(s) to do this as a third party. Students could possibly be in a curriculum that surveys would be part of that curriculum. Marlon brought up the Corner Crossing judgement in Wyoming that ruled in favor of the hunters who crossed corners. Also Marlon brought up that some members felt that we did not keep them well informed during the heat of the crossbow battle.

Action Item: Region Reps

Discuss ideas about what would be acceptable legislation to address disabled bowhunters and to combat future crossbow legislation at their next Region meetings.

Action Item: All Board Members

Attend this summer's FWP's Biennial Hunting Season-setting Process Meetings. See schedule below.

Region 1

- Thompson Falls, June 27, 6 p.m., Thompson Falls High School (601 Golf St.)
- Eureka, June 28, 6 p.m., Timbers Lodge (101 Julian Dr.)
- Kalispell, June 29, 6 p.m., FWP Region 1 Office, with a virtual option (490 N. Meridian Rd.)
- Libby, July 6, 6 p.m., KW Maki Theater (724 Louisiana Ave.)

Region 2

- Philipsburg, June 15, 6 p.m., Granite County Museum (135 S. Sansome St.)
- Deer Lodge, June 19, 6 p.m., Powell County Community Center (416 Cottonwood Ave)
- Anaconda, June 20, 6 p.m., Metcalf Senior Center (115 Pennsylvania)

Montana WILD CENTER, Helena, MT

10:00 AM

- Drummond, June 21, 6 p.m., Drummond Community Center (52 East Broad St.)
- Superior, June 26, 6 p.m., Superior High School Multi-purpose room (410 Arizona Ave.)
- Missoula, June 27, 6 p.m., FWP Region 2 Conference Room, with a virtual option (3201 Spurgin Rd.)
- Ovando, June 28, 6 p.m., Ovando School Gym (108 Birch St.)
- Lincoln, July 11, 6 p.m., Lincoln Community Hall (404 Main St.)
- Hamilton, July 12, 6 p.m., Bitterroot River Inn (139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr)
- Seeley Lake, July 13, 6 p.m., Seeley Lake Community Foundation (3150 MT-83)

Region 3

- Whitehall, June 19, 6 p.m., Community Center (11 N Division St.)
- Bozeman, June 20, 6 p.m., FWP large conference room, with a virtual option (1400 S. 19th Ave.)
- Helena, June 21, 6 p.m., Montana WILD (2668 Broadwater Ave.)
- Butte, June 21, 6 p.m., FWP's Butte Area Resource Office (1820 Meadowlark Lane)
- Dillon, June 22, 6 p.m., SAR building (1000 Hwy. 41)
- Livingston, June 27, 6 p.m., Livingston Civic Center (229 River Dr.)

Region 4

- Augusta, June 15, 7 p.m., Youth Center (132 Main St.)
- Great Falls, June 20, 7 p.m., FWP Region 4 Headquarters, with a virtual option (4600 Giant Springs Rd.)
- Conrad, June 22, 7 p.m., Pondera Shooting Sports Complex (972 Granite Rd.)
- Lewistown, June 26, 7 p.m., Yogo Inn (211 E Main St.)
- Stanford, June 28, 7 p.m., Stanford City Hall (102 Central Ave)

Region 5

- Billings, June 21, 6 p.m., FWP Region 5 Public Meeting Room, with virtual option (2300 Lake Elmo Dr.)
- Roundup, June 22, 6 p.m., Musselshell County Senior Center (610 2nd St. W)
- Big Timber, June 29, 5:30 p.m., Big Timber Carnegie Library (314 McLeod St.)

Region 6

- Malta, June 20, 6 p.m., Malta High School Cafeteria (1 South 9th St. W)
- Havre, June 22, 6 p.m., Best Western Great Northern Inn (1345 1st St.)
- Plentywood, June 27, 6 p.m., Sheridan County Library Jubilee Room (100 W Laurel Ave.)
- Glasgow, June 29, 6 p.m., Cottonwood Inn, with a virtual option (54250 U.S. Hwy 2)

Region 7

- Miles City, July 6, 6 p.m., FWP Region 7 Office, with a virtual option (352 I-94 Business Loop)
- Glendive, July 11, 6 p.m., Dawson Community College (room to be determined)

BOD handbook discussion**Action Item: All board members**

Read the MBA Bylaws and the Board of Directors Handbook.

Upcoming Archery Events**Closed Action Item: Brian**Make a request to the Finance Committee to have \$1200 designated for the Bridger Bowman shoot on June 3rd and 4th.

Update: MBA made the \$1200 donation and some representatives of MBA helped out at the shoot.

Other Action Item Status**Action Item: Board Members**

Let Ken know of things that need to be updated on the Website so he can work with Liberty to get it updated.

Region 1

No Report

Region 2

No Report

Region 3

No Report

Region 4

Cliff will be reaching out to Region 2 Convention committee to get ideas and feedback from this year's convention. June brought up an idea to reach out to Poly Sci departments in either UofM or Carroll and see if we could get an intern to help with next sessions legislature.

Action Item: Jerry

Contact Stan or Julie French about getting a contact for Dan French to see if Leopold might donate merchandise to our next Convention.

Action Item: June

Research the feasibility of obtaining a Poly Sci student from UofM or Carroll to help out with next Legislative Session.

Region 5

No Report

Region 6

No Report

Region 7

No Report

Next Meeting**Action Item: Board Members**

Attend our next Board meeting on Saturday December 2, 2023 location at Sletten Construction Company HQ in Great Falls.

Committees**Closed Action Item: Liberty/Website Committee**

Modify the website to include a chat app for each committee that will allow only committee members to carry on conversations dealing with committee business. Update: Several board members are looking into other chat apps that can be used for these conversations.

Committee Assignments

<u>Legislative</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Liberty Brown	
Jerry Davis	Jeremy Harwood	Jess Wagner
Marlon Clapham	Steve LePage	Justin Doll
Stephanie Prater	Paul Kemper	

<u>Financial</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Mandy Garness	
Al Kelly	Jeremy Harwood	Claudia Davis

<u>Landowner/Sportsman</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Stephanie Prater	
Tristan Manual	Jess Wagner	Rick Miller
Bob Morgan		

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Brian Koelzer	
Stephanie Prater	Al Kelly	

<u>Awards</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Cliff Garness	
Marlon Clapham	Steve LePage	Brian Koelzer
Al Kelly		

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Steve LePage	
Mandy Garness	Nick Siebrasse	Bob Morgan
Ron Aasheim		

<u>Convention 2024 (Region 4):</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Cliff Garness	
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<u>Magazine</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Cliff Garness	
Jerry Davis	Julie Jensen	Brian Koelzer
Kevin Robinson	Rick Miller	Jackie Weidow
Stephanie Prater		

<u>Carp Shoot</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Kevin Robinson	
Steve Lepage	Jerry Davis	Marlon Clapham

<u>Bow-Ed</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Marlon Clapham	
Nick Siebrasse	Tristan Manual	Al Kelly
Justin Doll	Stephanie Prater	

<u>Youth Membership and MBA Teen Bowhunter Camp</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Marlon Clapham	
Kevin Robinson	Becky Doyle	Jerry Doyle
Jackie Weidow		

<u>Governance</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Jerry Davis	
Jeremy Harwood	Al Kelly	

<u>PTMAE</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Marlon Clapham	
Kevin Robinson	Steve LePage	

<u>Tentatives</u>	<u>Chair:</u> Rick Miller	
Jess Wagner	Stephanie Prater	Steve LePage
Mark Schwomeyer		