



August 8, 2017 MFAA Meeting held at Lunenburg Sportsman's Club

Call to order: 1:34pm

Roll Call: NFAA Director: Paul Lewkowicz, MFAA President: David Ferrie, Classification Secretary/Treasurer: Ruby Shannon, Recording Secretary: Carmen Sarver Board members: Jeff Grieman, John Lanny

Clubs Present: Bay Path, Granby, Lunenburg, Pequoig, Riverside, South Hadley

Recording Secretary Report: accepted as electronically sent. Bay Path did not get copy of report. Email will be added to the email list for Delegates.

Treasurer Report: Accepted as written

Correspondence: none

Committees:

1. **Auditing:** No report
2. **By-Law:** No Changes
3. **Classification:** 201 Total
4. **Newsletter:** request to buy battery and tapes, accepted-Will try to get the news letter out by September.
5. **20 Pins:** no Activity
6. **Bow Hunter:** NFAA looking to grow the Bowhunter division.
7. **Tournament and Awards:** no report.

NFAA Directors Report: Paul just got back from outdoor nationals, course was great, had about 450 archers, great turnout. At the annual meeting after the tournament, 14 directors of 51 were not in attendance. Good crowd, Doug Joyce elected vice president. Bruce stepping down at end of meeting. New President is Brian Cheffland from IN. Head-quarters is working on a new addition with partnership the ATA to increase membership and retention of membership. Every year 3-4,000 memberships lapse, some return, but some don't. Doing polling to find out why. To that end they have recently brought up online registration system call Sport AD. This is a tool to get list of members to follow up. That system is available to schedule everything up to our Sunday shoot, which can be listed on the website. List of club names and maps are all getting updated. If you address is a PO Box, make sure Nationals has your physical address as well. Headquarters purchased the real-time scoring system, so we have wireless

system which will be used starting next year for all national tournaments. Has been used in Las Vegas for year.

Las Vegas had 3500 shooters this year, growing 17% a year, which is enormous. Room for 4500 at South Point, so there is still room for more. Flights for youth and recurve going massively. More international shooters because it is being run in conjunction with world cup finals.

Flight groups is a huge draw. People love the idea of being able to win a couple hundred dollars if they come in the top of their flight and it makes it appealing.

The Yankton facility is adding another indoor 70 m range. Which will also have air rifle and tennis available in it. Being paid for everybody but the NFAA. Should be complete in a few months. 36 Scholarships awarded, hundreds of applications received.

The agenda items for the annual meeting are attached to the website. Some Highlight:

Dues are going to increase by \$5 per member due to increase cost mostly due to credit card fees and online membership system added. Clarification that membership and charter fee changes eff. Jan 1st. but competition and roll changes fees are in effect Nov. 1st. The next board of directors will be in 2019 in April May time frame.

Pros changes: Setting qualification score level for pros by division. Prior to that change they just had to pay the pro fee to become a pro. But now they need to be able to shoot to a certain level.

The handicap card will be changed to soft copies, will no longer be mailing them out anymore.

Styles: NFAA styles: we had over 140 different styles and due to attendance in some of these styles were reviewed and some were eliminated. Youth freestyle limited, pro freestyle limited shooter and pro Olympic class. Also combined: competitive bowhunter class, bowhunter freestyle limited combined with freestyle limited. Longbow class has been combined into traditional. That said at state level any club can have those classes if they have them, the rules are minimum rules a club must follow. The pro added Silver Senior and Master Seniors Divisions. Pros are self-funded, not out of NFAA.

Agree to count x's for everyone for indoors and outdoors to make sure we have tie breakers. As a permissive rule. No additional points except for pros. The Vegas Round changed to 2 Min. per end. Question on time change for NFAA rounds, but there was some confusion which is to be clarified.

NFAA 900 Round will now have A to B and B to A lines like USA round. Bow Hunter/Axcel has a new signed which was deemed illegal due to 2 pin guards. Bowhunter and traditional require single straight counter weight bar in the front. The doinker A bar has kickstands and was deemed illegal because not a straight bar 3 shoot rule was challenged in RI and director and board upheld the 3 shoot qualification rule.

Budget in the black, made approx. \$90,000 this year.

Upcoming dates for shoots: Nationals at NFAA Headquarters in Yankton on Sept. 16,17 (900 Round). National Field Championships in Mechanicsburg on July 25-29th 2018, back to a 3 or 5-day format. Amateur animal on Friday, Pros animal round on Sunday. National Indoor 3/10-11 2018. Vegas on Feb. 9-11, 2018. Som discussion regarding instructor certification program or lack there -f in relation to USA Archery. USA Archery believe they are forced to do things their way and are no longer honoring

reciprocal agreement made in 1994. Trying to develop our own advanced instructor certification but are still using level 1 & 2 from USA Archery.

Old Business: Nominations still being taken for recording secretary: Annette Ferrie was nominated and Nominations being taken for Classification Secretary and Treasurer also being taken. Ruby Shannon did say she was willing to run again. Ed Woodcomb & Jeff Grieman accepted nomination for 2nd vice.

New Business: if club to do a 600 round can a 5-spot color face be used instead of the 3-spot. This way you can shoot 5 arrows in 12 ends. Though not official NFAA Round, records would not apply, but club can shoot any type round, if it is listed on the schedule so members know. Nim Rod looking to build field course and working with them on indoors. They can be a member without taking a shoot, but they are working on doing that. They have a Trail shoot, 2 arrows based on marked 3D NFAA round used in Reading., which is very interesting. Trying to get a variety of shoots to bring in interest and different shooters to the MFAA.

RE: club safety: Every club should have a First Aid Kit. Dave Ferrie will be looking for them. Please put them where we can reach them, so if there is an incident, we have some sort of medical aid equipment available. You should not shoot by yourself, should always have someone else with you, that way if something happens, there is help. Also, a club phone # for help should be on the score cards, so you can reach people if you need help while you are out on the course. Looking at stickers or hand written for now, but at some point, maybe a templet score card on website to be used that you can add the phone # to and will also have a spot for x's. This would also be more standardized for every club as well. Nationals also has score cards available.

Please remember non-NFAA/MFAA members cannot shoot in sanctioned. If club allows guest that are not Members, they cannot be listed and the club is taking the legal risk. NFAA insurance does not carry non-members, this is in the By-Laws. Liability Waivers also need to be signed every year and should be available at every shoot and a list should be kept up. The waivers are available on the website for printing.

Next Meeting Date: Lunenburg Volunteered to host the meeting October 1st at 9:00AM for pick shoots dates as well as regular meeting. Motion made and accepted.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted: *Carmen Sarwer*