

NFAA Annual Meeting February 4–5, 2013

South Point Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

Report of the Massachusetts Director, Paul E. Lewkowicz

I attended the above-noted meeting representing the Archers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The following is my report of events, presented in chronological order.

Sunday, Feb. 4 – New England Section Meeting

Present: Ken Moore (Councilman, NE Section), Jim LaMoin (CT), and Paul Lewkowicz (MA). RI, VT, NH, ME Directors were not present. There were no significant developments at the last Council meeting to report.

Sunday, Feb. 4 – First Plenary Session of the Board of Directors.

Bruce Cull, President, made the opening remarks. Thirty-nine (39) states were represented at the meeting. States not in attendance were AAE, Alabama, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia. Delaware and Vermont are out of compliance and therefore inactive.

President Cull announced that the regional National Guard units will be doing their summer work project at Headquarters. They will be creating berms and re-grading several of the field and target ranges.

Current NFAA Membership (as of end of 2012) is 11,893 archers, an increase of 4.5% over last year.

Sunday Afternoon – Committee Meetings. Plenary Session recessed for Committee Meetings; the various working committees of the Board met in separate sessions to review the Agenda Items (AIs) for Constitution and By-Law changes.

Massachusetts was on the Administration Committee this year and we met for approximately two hours. As in all Committee meetings, many proposals were considered and recommendations were made as to whether to adopt, adopt as amended by the Committee, or “Take No Action” (or simply “No Action,” abbreviated as N/A in this report). These recommendations were recorded and presented to the entire Board of Directors for a vote. Under our Constitution, even if the Committee voted No Action on a proposal, any Director could move to adopt the proposal at the plenary session. Such a motion only needs a second to bring the issue to the floor for discussion. On the other hand, any proposal recommended for adoption by the Committee is automatically open for discussion in the plenary session and could be Passed or Defeated by a vote of the Directors.

After the committee meetings, the Plenary Session reconvened and each Chair presented the Committee's recommendations on each proposal. This report discusses only the significant proposals that were adopted by the full Board. For ease of reference, each proposal listed below begins with the Agenda Item code. For the full text, please see the official Meeting Minutes in the Second Quarter issue of *Archery* magazine.

Administration Committee

C-1 Formation of Committee to Explore NFAA/USAA Merger – Passed Unanimously

C-4 Reinstating 2d and 3d place awards – Passed

☆ FL-11 Add rule to formally adopt minimum number of faces – Passed as amended

- 35 and 36 yard fans require a minimum of two 50 cm faces, mounted side-by-side. Unofficially, exceptions will allowed in Massachusetts when the bales aren't wide enough, but I encourage you to make the necessary fixes as you maintain your ranges.)
- All Animal targets must all be the same on a multi-face bale (two or four of the same face for Group 3 and 4, respectively).

FL-13 Rename “FSLR/L” to be “FSLR” – Passed

PRO-1 Eliminate Pro mulligan days at Outdoor National – Passed as amended

- Last day of shoot to be Animal Round, Pros will only score the last three days. (Pros may shoot first two (of five), but those scores will not count.)

Competition/Equipment Committee

RIC 2012-2 Ruling that riser weights may be used in Traditional style – Upheld

- Weights must be flush-mounted to riser; stabilizers and counterbalances that project from the riser are still prohibited.

RIC-2012-3 Ruling that Tilt Tamer device is legal in Barebow and Competitive BH – Upheld

- ONLY IF device is not within the sight window (which depends on the bow setup).

☆ AZ-1 Expand Junior (C, Y, YA) styles to add BHFS – Passed as Amended

CA-1 Allow 12” Stabilizer in Traditional – Passed

FL-5 Clarified that Longbow style is same as Trad “except for” the listed limitations – Passes as amended

- Added “no stabilizer” limitation.

FL-9 Prohibit “sky drawing” – Passed as amended

- “No archer shall draw a bow with the bow hand above the top of the head when drawing on a horizontal plane, parallel to the ground.”
- I interpret this to be enforced only in actually dangerous situations, with ample warning. The BoD does not intend to ban common practice of drawing while moving the bow down onto the target.

☆ PRO-2 X-ring Scores as “6” for Pro Division only – Passed as amended

- Pro Archers must track Xs separately at all NFAA-sanctioned Outdoor (Field or Hunter) rounds – this includes States and Sectionals.
- Non-Pro Divisions may use Xs for tie breaking at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- NFAA Scorecards have been updated to include an X Count column.

☆ WA-1/WA-2 (superseding various other AIs) Conform Senior sub-divisions to USAA, ASA, and IBO age minimums – Passed as amended

- “Senior” is now 50+; “Silver Senior” is 60+; and “Master Senior” is 70+.
- All Adult Styles now allowed in all Senior Divisions.

WI-2 lighted Nocks banned for all NFAA-sanctioned competitions.

Financial Report

A budget for the next fiscal year, October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, was discussed and adopted. This budget projects \$709K of income versus \$701K of expenses for NFAA of US, Inc. (Note that the revenues and expenses for the WAF are separate.)

All of our National and Sectional tournaments made money in 2012, except for the Outdoor Nationals – which only lost \$6,000, due to the higher purse.

Actuals for the current fiscal year (10/2012-9/2013) are not available because we are in mid-year. For the last full year (year ending 9/2012), we had a net loss of \$7,809.00. On a consolidated basis (rolling up NFAA of US, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries — the World Archery Festival and Point & Aim Real Property), our total year-end revenue was \$1.227 million and expenses (including income taxes) were \$1.231 million, for a net loss of \$0.008 million or \$7,809.00. Basically, we broke even – as we should.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 AM, Monday Feb. 5.