

Missouri Bow Hunters BofR Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2014

Meeting Attendees:

B of R Members & Officers:

Jeff Friedmann, President	Bill Myers - Buder Park
Jerry Denker, Vice President	Dan Jasa - Summit
Steve Bridger, Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Forbes - Independence Bow Hunters
Candy Bridger, Recording Secretary	Chris Botkins, East Fork Archery
Julie Griggs, Parliamentarian	Jeff Blystone, ABI Archery/Large & Small Game Committee
Vince Griggs, Carroll County Bow Hunters	Dennis Dudley, Owl Creek Archery
John Erickson, Marshall Bow Hunters	Terry Whitford, Webmaster
Jim Frazier, Area ASA Rep/3D Committee	
Tim Randall, Nodaho Bow Hunters	

Additional MBH Attendees:

Connie Randall, Nodaho Bow Hunters	Tobi Roger, Independence Bow Hunters
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Summary:

Meeting called to order by Jerry Denker, Vice President, acting in Jason Hancock's absence.

Jeff Friedman submitted a letter from Jason Hancock, resigning his position as President of Missouri Bow Hunters, citing work and family commitments taking priority.

Per the By-Laws of Missouri Bow Hunters the vacancy of the Office of President must be acted upon immediately. A short discussion by members and Steve Bridger letting everyone in attendance know that this decision by Jason had not been made lightly and that during his tenure as President of Missouri Bow Hunters, Jason was extremely committed and took the role very seriously.

Bill Myers made a motion to accept Jason's resignation. Jeff Friedmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominations were made for Interim President who would perform the duties through the end of 2014 when regular nominations will be taken and a new President elected.

Jerry Denker was nominated by Jeff Blystone, John Erickson seconded the nomination.

Jeff Friedmann was nominated by Bill Myers, Dan Jasa seconded the nomination.

B of R members present voted by secret ballot.

Secretary/Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Steve and Candy Bridger counted ballots.

By a vote of 6 to 3, Jeff Friedmann was elected as Interim President.

Since Jeff Friedmann was acting in the role of Parliamentarian, and since that office has now been vacated, this position must be filled as well.

Terry Whitford was nominated by Jeff Friedmann, Dan Jasa seconded the nomination.

Julie Griggs was nominated by Candy Bridger, John Erickson seconded the nomination.

Secretary/Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Steve and Candy Bridger counted ballots.

By a vote of 5 to 4, Julie Griggs was elected Parliamentarian.

Minutes of the August Meeting were reviewed.

Discussion: Jeff Friedmann stated that since the Financial Statement is no longer published in the Release, it needs to be sent via email or by US Mail to the B of R each month. Steve Bridger apologized and let members know that he would make sure it is sent each month. He also stated that if any MBH member in good standing wishes to have a copy, they need to contact Candy Bridger by telephone or at mbhsecretary@gmail.com and she will send them a copy of that month's statement. Jeff Friedmann asked why the webmaster fees were not listed in the Financial Statement for 2013. Steve Bridger let him know that those fees were paid prior to the

transfer of the checkbook and checking account to him from the previous Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Potter. Those fees were paid by her prior to that transfer. Jeff Friedman also asked what the total of PayPal fees were for the year. Candy Bridger stated that the total fees paid to PayPal was \$277.92. Jeff Blystone asked where the line item for the Bowhunter Defense Fund was. Steve Bridger stated that the \$1,000 is included in the General Fund and that to date we have not had reason to touch or use that money.

Bill Myers made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement also showed that the Paul Jeffries Scholarship Fund had been moved to a savings account following the August B of R meeting. Discussion with respect to possibly moving that money into some type of fund that might draw higher interest instead of the current 1% annually. Dennis Dudley mentioned that he had a possible resource and would check into it further. Dan Jasa also has a resource as well.

Dan Jasa made a motion to table the discussion until more information regarding possible funding could be done. Jim Forbes seconded. Motion carried.

Candy Bridger introduced the 2014 Missouri Archery Guide. She stated that enough advertising was sold prior to publication that with the exception of about \$150 there was no out of pocket cost to Missouri Bow Hunters. Jeff Friedmann asked that an ad or article be put in the February issue of the Release letting people know that we have the guides available and that they will be distributed at Midwest Indoor Sectionals and at the State Indoor Championship to as many members who are in good standing for 2014 in an effort to keep mailing costs down. It was decided that the books could be put in any member archery shop or range and that they could be purchased for \$5 each for additional books per family or for non-members. He also asked if, should all books that were ordered and on hand were sold, would we be able to get more published and if so, how long would it take to get them. Candy stated that the average turnaround is about a week from printing to shipping and to the door.

Jeff Blystone made a motion that he be given 20 copies of the Archery Guide to take to the Conservation Federation Convention to be held in March so that he could hand them out to key people in order to promote both the value of the Guide and the value of Missouri Bow Hunter membership. Vince Griggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Candy Bridger, Tournament Coordinator reviewed the volunteer roles that need to be filled at the State Indoor Tournament and that the individuals who had volunteered to get volunteers and make sure that the necessary roles were filled for each line time were outlined in the sheet. The only additional roles that would need to have someone to coordinate volunteers would be the Guardian Angels to assist with Cubs and General Support to help fill in as needed. Jeff Friedmann said he would take care of making sure that someone was available to coordinate those roles.

Awards for the State Indoor were discussed. Steve Bridger stated that there was some disappointment in the awards for adults for second and third place with those individuals receiving only a medal. Plaques were discussed as a possible award for not only adults but for the Cubs, Youth and Young Adults as well since many of those had said that they had more trophies than they knew what to do with. Bill Myers made a motion that a budget of not more than \$1500 be approved for awards for the State Indoor. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wes Voss stores all of the bale stands, bow racks, etc. throughout the year. Steve Bridger stated that in the past, including 2013, MBH had paid for Wes' gas, his NFAA and MBH memberships, with the gas totaling approximately \$200. Also, last year Wes was promised a bale, however, he did not receive that bale as there had been some confusion and the bales were oversold. Dennis Dudley made a motion that we pay Wes's expenses up to \$200, plus his NFAA and MBH membership, plus one bale. Tim Randall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Candy Bridger stated that we had done a t-shirt design contest as there had not been any new "style" designs in the past 2 years. Since we have a new design, we will need to print approximately 350 shirts for the tournament. The designs for the shirts will be emailed to the B of R this week and they have until Saturday, February 8 to respond and vote on 2 designs and those will be the designs printed on shirts for the State Indoor. Jim Forbes made a motion that \$2300 be allotted for an apparel budget to get these shirts printed. Dan Jasa seconded he motion. Motion carried.

Discussion with respect to Guests shooting at the State Indoor. All guests will be grouped into a single class no matter the age or shooting style. Candy will make sure that "Guests" are aware of this at check-in. Also, any MBH member in good standing, even if they reside in a different state will be eligible to shoot for awards.

The topic "Growing MBH" which had been prepared by Cole Duensing, who could not attend due to weather conditions was presented by Candy Bridger. Cole had suggested that we create an incentive plan for new, first time MBH members, wherein their first year's membership would be at a discounted rate and then when time to renew, the rate would return to the standard rate. Discussion: Jeff Friedmann stated that he didn't feel that we would gain anything by giving discounted memberships and that those people were unlikely to renew their membership at the standard rate. Instead, he proposed that as an incentive, he would acquire a "high end" bow from one of the manufacturers and we would advertise in the Release and by word of mouth that for every member who brings in 10 new members, their name would be entered into a drawing for that bow. Should those individuals bring in more than 10, for every additional 10, their name would be added again. While this will take some doing on the part of the secretary as new memberships come in, he feels this is a better way to raise and promote new members. It was also noted that should any of the B of R members receive the bow, that they would in turn raffle it at their own range/shop so that one of those new members might have a chance of getting the new bow. Dan Jasa made a motion that for every 10 new MBH members, the individual referring would receive 1 ticket in the drawing for a high end bow to be drawn at the end of 2014. Jeff Blystone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedmann also stated that we need to create an interest in younger members of Missouri Bow Hunters for becoming leaders, B of R members and officers. He would like to create an MBH Leadership program utilizing 18 to 26 year olds by bringing them to meetings, getting them to assist with tournaments and even creating a committee of these young people to come up with new and fresh ideas for promoting Missouri Bow Hunters and raising membership. He challenged each B or R to bring one young person who might be a good fit for this role to each of the B of R meetings and encourage their participation in those meetings.

The "MBH Triple Crown" was another agenda item added by Cole Duensing, Public Relations/Publicity Chairman. Candy Bridger presented this on Cole's behalf in his absence. Each individual shooter's cumulative score from the State Indoor, State Outdoor, and State 600 would be used as the scoring method for this award. All events must be completed in the same shooting class and division in order to count toward the Triple Crown. An additional \$10 would be collected from shooters wishing to participate in the Triple Crown. This money would be used as the payout to the participants following the State 600 tournament. Upon completion, the awards would be paid out using the NFAA payout scale as a guideline. Dan Jasa made a motion that we create a Target Triple Crown that takes in all of our State Target Championships, including State Indoor, State Outdoor, State 3D and State 600, and that the first year there will be 4 classes, pro male, pro female, amateur male and amateur female. Also, the NFAA payout scale will be used as a guideline. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. There was additional discussion, Dan Jasa withdrew his previous motion and made a motion to create a committee to explore this further and outline and define the rules of the Triple Crown more completely. Cole Duensing will participate on this committee as well since he brought the idea to the B of R. Bill Myers seconded. Motion carried.

"3D and MBH" Following a lengthy discussion on Facebook, and after much frustration following the State 3D last summer, Cole Duensing, Julie Griggs, Vince Griggs and Jim Frazier have worked to put together some talking points to the B of R in an effort to bring more meaning to the State 3D Championship and to raise participation. Discussion: Jeff Friedmann asked for more information on why 3D participation is so low and what needs to be done to improve that participation. Jim Frazier said that based on the people he has spoken to in the last 2 to 3 years, the majority of the 3D folks in Missouri feel that this tournament doesn't mean anything and that there is really no incentive for them to attend. In recent years, there has not been a clear set of rules, there has been discussion on the number of days that the event should be held, and that the 3D shooters feel that MBH is only interested in target shooting and has left them out. The tournament in Carrollton last year was a perfect example. There was no clear set of rules, and there was a great deal of confusion both with the shooters and with the people running the tournament. Jim Forbes suggested that we follow ASA rules for this tournament since Missouri Bow Hunters is now also a member of ASA. Jim Frazier stated that MBH needs to adopt a set of rules and that those rules be used for any State run 3D shoot and that those rules should not change year after year. He also said that to increase participation, the State 3D needs to mean something to the shooter. Julie Griggs stated that MBH currently has a 3D Committee, it just doesn't have any committee members and has not been utilized. Julie stated she would be willing to chair the committee and that she would get other 3D shooters, including Cole Duensing to sit on the committee to create a set of rules that would then be used for the State 3D

tournaments. Jim Frazier asked the B of R if MBH is really interested in hearing what the 3D shooters have to say. He said that at this same tournament in 2006 when it was held in Excelsior Springs, that there were approximately 200 shooters participating, and last year there were only about 60 shooters. Cole joined the meeting via speaker phone and outlined what he feels it is going to take to make the State 3D grow. These items included, a standardized rule system, the NFAA and IBO rules are dead in Missouri; a modified class system needs to be adopted, possibly one similar to that of ASA; to make it bigger there needs to be some incentives or activities to go along side the tournament itself to draw people in such as bringing in vendors or pros to hold seminars. Currently the State 3D is just a local shoot with a different name. Jeff Friedmann asked that "if we are going to grow this event the way Cole is talking about, would it need to be a 2 day tournament?" Cole answered "yes." Jim Frazier stated that we need to shoot 12s and not 11s, need to make the tournament one that standardizes equipment so that individuals do not have to change their equipment to shoot this tournament.

The 3D Committee chaired by Julie Griggs will discuss and bring a written set of rules to the State Indoor, where a short meeting will be held prior to the 3pm line of the Team Shoot on Saturday. The rules will be emailed to the B of R prior to the State Indoor for review. Candy Bridger will provide Julie with a list of all B of R email addresses so she can send these rules to them.

Tournament Bids have been submitted for the 2014 Tournament Season.

State Outdoor/Field Tournament

Independence Bow Hunters submitted 2 bids for the State Outdoor Field Tournament

July 12 & 13, 2014 - \$300 for the 2 day tournament. IBH would provide concessions, workers, etc. – bid pulled

July 13, 2014 - \$200 for 1 day tournament. This would hopefully raise attendance and would include 14 field, 14 hunter and 14 animal targets. IBH would provide concessions, workers, etc. Dan Jasa made a motion to accept the bid for the 1day tournament. Chris Botkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

State 3D Tournament – all accepted bids will use the new MBH Rules

Carroll County Bow Hunters submitted a bid for the State 3D Tournament

May 17 & 18, 2014 – Cubs/Youth/Young Adult - \$20 registration fee - \$8 to club and \$12 to MBH; Adults \$35 registration fee - \$10 to club and \$25 to MBH. Pre-register until 8:30 am on the 17th, trickle start on a 30 target course. May 18th Shotgun start at 8:30 am. Carroll County Bow Hunters will provide concessions, workers, etc. Dan Jasa made a motion to accept the proposal, John Erickson seconded. Proposal for state bid accepted.

Independence Bow Hunters submitted 2 bids for the State 3D Tournament

September 6 & 7, 2014 or September 13 & 14, 2014 - \$35 registration fee with 50% to IBH and 50% to MBH. Redding style format 42 targets, marked yardages with the option of an unmarked class. 2 arrows per target with the orange dot. 20 ft to 80 yds, will shoot 28 targets on Saturday and 18 targets on Sunday. Maximum of 30 yard for traditional shooters and cubs, maximum 60 yards for all other classes. No motion to accept the proposal.

September 7 or 14, 2014 - \$35 registrtrtion fee with 50% to IBH and 505 to MBH. Shotgun start at 9 am, unmarked yardages, 30 targets. Jeff Blystone made a motion to accept the proposal. Bill Myers seconded the motion. Proposal for state bid accepted.

By a vote of 6 to 3, Carroll County Bow Hunters will host the State 3D Tournament

State 600 Tournament

Summit Archery submitted a bid for the State 600 Tournament

June 7 & 8, 2014 – To be held at Forest Park. 19 bales, 2 line times, \$35 registration fee, \$20 to Summit and \$15 to MBH. Will shoot yardage of 60, 50 and 40. Summit will provide bales, target faces, concessions and workers. Bill Myers made a motion to accept the proposal. Jim Fores seconded the motion. Proposal for the state bid accepted.

Vince Griggs made a motion to accept the bid for the State 600 Tournament from Summit Archery. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Blystone made a motion to spend not more than \$500 for awards for the State 600 Tournament. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Blystone made a presentation from the Large & Small Game Committee. Jeff asked if dues had been paid to the CFM in the amount of \$270. Steve Bridger stated that these dues would be paid this week. The CFM Convention will be held in March. To date he has only received 28 reports from 7 members with respect to their harvest of large and small game. He asked that the B of R push the Large and Small Game Awards to its local membership. He also asks that the B of R also promote the work that Jeff is doing with the CFM and the meetings he attends on behalf of MBH. There were more than 220,000 tags sold in Missouri in 2012 and "Bow Hunters" is part of our name. He does not have the tag numbers yet for 2013. Jeff outlined the new awards which are the "Deer of the Year" and the "Top Turkey of the Year". The recipients will be listed in the Archery Guide. Would welcome suggestions for the prize package to be given for these awards.

Jeff Blystone also introduced a research project from Emily Flynn of the Missouri Department of Conservation. She is looking for funding. The project will begin next year and will monitor and document the migration/movement of deer within the state of Missouri. The study will span 6 years and likely will not be published for at least 8 years. Ms. Flynn states that she would make known that this study was supported in part by Missouri Bow Hunters. Tim Randall made a motion that we table the vote on this discussion until such time that the B of R can review it a bit more. Dan Jasa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scholarship Entries for 2014 – to date we have received only one application, from Katie Younger. All applications must be received by March 1, 2014. Julie Griggs and Chris Botkins both said that they had children who would be submitting applications. Once these are received, we will scan and send the applications to Steve Christian, Past President, Jeff Friedmann, President and Dick Woods for review. The scholarship recipient will then be presented to the B of R at the State Indoor during the short meeting and will be voted on for scholarship recipient for 2014.

Discussion with respect to a review and revision of the ByLaws and Constitution of Missouri Bow Hunters. The last updated ByLaws and Constitution was dated 2009. Candy Bridger stated that not reviewing and revising for 5 years is too long. Jeff Friedmann will head the committee, Candy Bridger will sit on the committee with him.

Cole Duensing presented his ideas for the Public Relations/Publicity for MBH via telephone. Cole's goal for 2014 is to work to bridge the gap and to bring new ideas to the B of R from the membership. He will work with and talk with members to bring their requests, questions and ideas to the B of R. He will work to make sure that we are promoting events well ahead of time in order to increase participation. He plans to go into schools and visit with NASP, JOAD and 4H groups in an effort to get information to them about Missouri Bow Hunters and what MBH can do for their groups. He also wants to work with other associated organizations to help make sure we are properly growing MBH.

Steve Bridger made a request that we purchase a hand truck/dolly that would hold up to moving things including boxes and tubs for MBH. Dan Jasa made a motion that up to \$100 be spent to purchase the hand truck/dolly. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion with respect to holding a conference call instead of a face to face meeting, especially for the winter meeting due to other conflicts and possible inclement weather. Candy Bridger will investigate conference call services and options to be presented at a later date. Jeff Friedmann also stated that the Winter Meeting needs to be held in January so that financial approvals can be made without forcing executive decisions by any member without the approval of the B of R.

Candy Bridger asked that she be allowed to take on the production and publication of the Release effective April, 2014. The Release is small enough that it can easily be handled along with the Secretary duties and would save MBH at least \$200 each month in fees currently being paid out. Jeff Friedmann will call and talk to Diane Harlan and let her know of the change and make sure there is not a contract in existence with her. Dennis Dudley made a motion that Candy Bridger take over the production and publication of the Release effective April, 2015. Dan Jasa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Jasa made a motion to pay \$125 to the Quality Inn for room rental for the day. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Myers made a motion that we pay webmaster fees to Terry Whitford in the amount of \$500. Dan Jasa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Jasa made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Jim Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.