

**Mississippi Bowhunters Association**  
**P.O. Box 6**  
**Inverness, Mississippi 38753**  
**Web Site: [www.mississippibowhunters.com](http://www.mississippibowhunters.com)**



• **Agenda for the 2nd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2010 (7-24-2010)**

- Old business and approval of the minutes of the last Area Director's Meeting of 3-13-2010
- Approval of the Nominations Committee Slate of Officers for 2010-2011
- MBA Financial Update
- Volunteers for the 2010 'Outdoorama on the Rez' (Sat. the 25th of Sept.)
- Volunteers for the 2nd Annual Sportsman Banquet in Waynesboro, MS (Tuesday the 28th of Sept.)
- Report of the MDWFP Commissioner's Meeting of July 22, 2010
- Legislative Action Plan for 2011
- MBA Inventory Update (i.e. bumper stickers, car tags, camo clothing etc.)
- Update on Archery Shop/MBA Membership Drive/Program Coordinator Position
- Update report from 3-D Tournament Committee
- 2011 Awards Banquet Speaker
- 2010-2011 Area Directors Update
- MBA Sec./Treasurer Status Update
- MBA's Future Involvement in Archery in Schools Program
- MBA Magazine Update
- Any additional new business

**Call to order (4:50PM) by MBA President, Steve Welch**

The Minutes of the last Area Director's Meeting of 3-13-2010 were reviewed/read and approved.

Attendees at the meeting included the following:

(1) Patrick Taylor, MBA President-Grenada, MS	(6) B. J. Lewis, MBA Member, Wiggins, MS
(2) Steve Welch, Immediate MBA Past President-Madison, MS	(7) Bill Tolbert, MBA Area Director,
(3) Joe Bumgardner, M.D., MBA Web Master-Starkville, MS	(8) Brandel Russell MBA Vice President elect
(4) Dwayne Ensign, MBA Magazine Editor, Pelahatchie, MS	(9) Mark Livingston, MBA Area Director, Union, MS
(5) John Ledbetter, MBA Area Director, Benton, MS.	

1.

**Meeting Called to Order (4:50PM), Saturday, July 24, 2010:** MBA President Steve Welch called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 2010 MBA State Championships 3-D tournament. This meeting was held at the Queen City Bowhunters Archery Range Pavilion. MBA President Elect, Patrick Taylor accepted the 'gavel' from Steve Welch and newly elected MBA President Patrick Taylor conducted the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the Area Directors Meeting of March 13, 2010:** were reviewed and approved as presented.

3. **The MBA Nominations Committee Slate of Officers for 2010-2011:** The Nominations Committee presented their recommended slate of MBA Officers for the 2010=2011 fiscal year. Their report/recommendations were approved unanimously. The Committee's report is included below:

<b><u>Office/Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominees for 2010-2011</u></b>
President	Patrick Taylor
Vice President	Brandel Russell
Sec//Treasurer	Joel Cunningham (Pending Replacement by Area Director Wyatt Craig/Jan.2010)
Immediate Past President	Steve Welch
Life Member Director/Legislative Committee Chairman	Max Thomas
MBA Web Master/MBA Liaison Officer	Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.
MBA Magazine Editor	Dwayne Ensign
Records Chairman/Scorer	Corey Neill
MBA Advertising Coordinator	John Loper
MBA Magazine Design	Tim Wolverton/Michael Chesney (Micro Printing & Blueprint)
Chapter and Affiliate Director	Bill Tolbert
3-D Tournament Chairman	Bill Tolbert
Bowhunter Education Chairman	Ronnie Pittman
Public Relations	Max Thomas
Archery Shop/MBA New Membership Coordinator	Patrick Taylor
Executive Committee Members	MBA President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, 2 at large members (Max Thomas, Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.)
Nominations Committee	MBA President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, 2 at large members (Max Thomas, Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.)

4. **There was no carry-over old business from the 3-13-2010 Area Director's Meeting.**
5. **Current MBA Financial Statement** (Presented by acting/recording Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D, the current MBA Financial Report (as submitted by MBA Treasurer Joel Cunningham) was discusses and is as follows:

<p><b><u>Mississippi Bowhunters Association Financial Status Report as of July 20, 2010</u></b></p> <p>Mississippi Bowhunters Association Financial Report (7/20/2010)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bank Balance on 7/8/2010 was \$21,500.18. I have not yet received the bill from Micro Blue Printing for the most recent magazine. I estimate that total expense to be approximately \$7,000.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Membership is approximately 1,315.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joel Cunningham will be sending out renewal forms via Amerimail to those members whose membership expires 8/31/2010.</i></p> <p>Joel Cunningham</p> <p>The MBA Certificate of Deposit (BancorpSouth Branch, 647 Starkville Crossing Branch, Starkville, MS) recently matured on 7/11/2010 and has a balance of \$42,724.55. Dr. Bumgardner will contact BancorpSouth Staff requesting a better return APR interest rate for this 11 month Certificate of Deposit.</p>
--

6. **Update on Newly Elected MBA Area Directors for 2010:** Brandel Russell of Collinsville, MS and Wyatt Craig of Natchez, MS were both recognized as newly elected MBA Area Directors (elected since the last Area Director's Meeting of March 13, 2010.) Steve Riley of Collinsville, MS was nominated by MBA Vice President Brandel Russell for an MBA Area Director. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mark Livingston of Union, MS was recognized as a 'reinstated' Active Area Director. Mark has been instrumental in serving on the MBA Legislative Committee and has been very active in keeping the MBA apprised of all our Legislative activities. Dr. Bumgardner informed the meeting attendees that Shilo Farmer (Area Director from Hattiesburg, MS had requested that he be removed as an Area Director because of his job description not allowing him to fulfill the responsibilities or Area Directorship.
7. **Volunteers for the 2010 'Outdoorama on the Rez' (Saturday, 25 September, 2010):** The MBA has been invited to participate in the 2010 'Outdoorama on the Rez' which will be held Saturday, 25 September, 2010 at the Turcotte Laboratory on Ross Barnett Reservoir. The event will start at 8:00AM and will be over by 1:00PM. Volunteers for this event include Steve Welch, Dwayne Ensign, and B. J. Lewis. We need at least 4-5 volunteers to make this event work.
8. **Volunteers for the 2nd Annual Sportsman Banquet in Waynesboro, MS (Tuesday, September, 28, 2010):** The MBA received an invitation to be the 'Featured Booth' at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sportsman Banquet in Waynesboro, MS on September 28, 2010. It was decided by an e-Mail vote to participate in this event. Volunteers to participate included Area Directors Brandel Russell, J.J. Brock and Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D. Dr. Bumgardner will contact Noel Gandy (MBA member who extended the MBA the invitation to participate) and confirm that the MBA will be in attendance at this Event.
9. **Newly Elected MBA Secretary/Treasurer-Transition Period:** Jeffrey Lee (Wildlife Biologist from Richland, MS) had agreed to fill the position of MBA Secretary/Treasurer that is being vacated by Joel Cunningham. Joel a few months ago moved to Alabama with an additional job commitment and has graciously agreed to continue as MBA Secretary/Treasurer while we are going through the transition phase. Due to current and ongoing health issues, Jeffrey Lee has regrettably but understandably not been able to accept the MBA Secretary/Treasurer position. In the interim, Area Director Wyatt Craig has agreed to accept the Secretary/Treasurer position effective January, 2011. Current MBA Secretary/Treasurer Joel Cunningham has agreed to work with Wyatt to make the transition as smooth as possible.
10. **Magazine Advertisement Rate Update:** At the last Area Director's Meeting, upon the recommendation of Dwayne Ensign (MBA Magazine Editor) the existing magazine rates of \$375 for a full page and \$225 for a ½ page were increased to \$400 and \$250 respectively. It was mentioned that the Archery Shop/MBA New Membership Program has/will significantly help advertisement income to help defray the cost of our magazine publication. All Area Directors were again encouraged to sell at least 2 advertisements per year.
11. **Update on the Archery Shop/MBA Membership Drive/Program:** At the last Area Directors meeting (3-13-2010) Clint Hood of Yazoo City was elected to the Coordinator Position of the Archery Shop/MBA Membership Drive/Program. However, Clint has not been active and has not been able to be reached. Newly elected MBA President Patrick Taylor said he would assume that position starting immediately. Currently Lakeway Archery/Outfitters at Grenada, Hunters Hollow at Oxford, the SPORTS CENTER of Starkville, Vicksburg, and Natchez are participating. Village Sports (of Meridian, MS) and Ferrell and Company were mentioned as possible candidates for the program. Dr. Bumgardner will contact Patrick Taylor (Archery Shop/MBA Membership Program coordinator) to request a full listing of all the participating shops.
12. **MS Wildlife Commission/MDWF&P Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program:** The 2009-2010 MBA Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program Proposal application was combined with the Grant Proposal submitted by the NWTF's MS Chapter's \$5,000 proposal, for a total Grant Application request of \$21,000 (\$16,000 MBA and \$5,000 NWTF). This submitted application (for funding for this Youth Grant Program) was approved by the MDWF&P. Any and all proceeds were returned to the MDWFP to promote/support the NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program). This grant was for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Another Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program proposal/Application will need to be submitted for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
13. **National Archery in the Schools Program/AIM (Archery in Mississippi) update/listing of the current 186 plus participating Schools:** MBA President Patrick Taylor mentioned that it takes ~\$3,000.00 funding to be a Sponsor and initiate the NASP Program in a new school. The MBA has been a NASP sponsor for the past 3 years and plans to continue as long as the MBA is financially able to do so. Patrick discussed the various support levels of the NASP. There was concern that the financial status of the MBA might prohibit a full Sponsorship for the upcoming year. The previously appointed MBA/NASP Coordinating Committee consist of Bill Tolbert and B.J. Lewis.

14. **New Membership Packet Content and Distribution:** It was discussed at length a practical and economical way to implement the distribution of new membership packets to newly recruited/enrolled MBA members. Since these packets are distributed by the MBA Secretary for all online applications, it was recommended that Joe Cunningham, Jeffrey Lee, and Dwayne Ensign (as a committee) decide and recommend how to distribute these new membership packets and exactly what should be included in the packet.
15. **2010 Annual MBA Deer and Hog Hunt:** The Annual MBA Deer and Hog hunt had been traditionally the 1<sup>st</sup> week-end in November of each year. It was elected to change the date for the upcoming 2010 annual Deer and Hog Hunt to October 8, 9, 10, 2010 (before squirrel season). The 2010 campground will again be located at the Yazoo Bowhunters Association Archery Range (Camp Swayze). There will be available water and electrical hook-ups. Hook up fee for RVs probably will be \$15 per day as it was for the preceding years. Hillside WMA will be the main hunting area again this year. Traditionally MBA Life Members John and Linda Ledbetter have cooked for all the attendees of the hunt on Saturday after the evening hunt. Representatives of the Yazoo Bowhunters Association once again graciously extended an offer to host the 2010 Annual Deer/Hog hunt and the MBA promptly accepted their invitation.
16. **3-D Archery Update:** Bill Tolbert (MBA 3-D chairman informed the directors that our four 2010 3-D Regional Shoot's attendance was up approximately 30-40 participants per Regional Shoot over 2009. Bill and his 3-D Tournament Committee were commended for doing such a fine job this past year.
17. **MBA Inventory Update:** Steve Welch discussed our need to update our MBA inventory including but not limited to the following: bumper stickers, car tags, camo clothing etc. Steve is currently trying to contact Ben Maki (Director of Marketing for Mossy Oak) regarding honoring our Mossy Oak Camo apparel exchange for MBA Magazine Advertising Credit. It was also discussed regarding ordering some more bumper stickers and window decals. It was elected to postpone placing an order until a decision was finalized regarding possibly changing the MBA logo.
18. **MBA Banner Committee Appointed:** Following some discussion regarding updating the MBA Banner, a committee was appointed to make recommendations regarding (1) logo change pros and cons, and (2) updating our MBA Banner. The committee consisted of Brandel Russell (chairman) and committee members Dwayne Ensign and Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.
19. **2011 MBA Spring Awards Banquet Location and Speaker:** MBA Vice President Brandel Russell informed the Directors that a good location to consider would be the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia, MS. It seats up to 5,000 people and Brandel was confident that he could obtain a \$1,000 stipend from the Neshoba County Officials to assist in the MBA's 2011 Banquet Advertising Campaign. The next item address was Banquet Speakers options. Names that were mentioned were David Blanton of Realtree® and possibly someone from the Primos Staff (specifically mentioned were Brad Farris/Shane Smith). Vice President Brandel Russell is the current Banquet Chairman and will pursue these options further. He said he would submit an application for the Advertising funding from the Neshoba County Officials in the near future.
20. **Kuche Safaris South African Bowhunt Donation/Offer for the 2011 MBA Awards Banquet:** Joel Cunningham received an e-Mail message from Koos de Meyer of Kuche Safaris offering a South African Bowhunt for our 2011 Spring Awards Banquet. The communication did not include the usual and customary cost, duration of the bowhunt, minimum bid that would be acceptable to 'make the bowhunt' a reality etc. Dr. Bumgardner will contact Mr. Koos de Meyer of Kuche Safaris and request more information so an appropriate decision can be forthcoming regarding accepting this donated bowhunt in South Africa.

21. **Report of the MDWFP Commissioner's Meeting of July 22, 2010 and the MBA Legislative Plan for 2011:** Mark Livingston (of the MBA Legislative Committee) provided the following information and discussed the following items in some detail:

**Commission Meeting**

Steve Welch, D.R. Bozeman, Mark Livingston, and a local retail archery dealer (Bill Leamond of Pearl, MS) attended the July 22nd MDWFP Commissioner's meeting in Jackson, MS to discuss the proposed archery season changes. Mark Livingston thanked the MDWFP for its effort to find a solution to allow bowhunting during the open firearm and primitive weapon seasons, but clearly stated that the MBA was in opposition to the new antlerless only Primitive Weapon season regulations in November. The MBA questioned the use of the word 'exclusive' as used frequently by the MDWFP as he stated that the seasons were open to all Mississippians for the cost of a hunting license. Additionally it was pointed out that Zone 2 only had a 17 day season and that should also be reviewed by the Commission as neither bowhunters or archery retailers in that area would find that favorable. Lastly, it was explained to the Commission that for the bowhunting sport to prosper and grow, that archery only seasons were needed as an incubator of that growth.

The Commission made no final vote at the meeting as that was expected the following week.

**Legislative Plans**

It is unclear at this point how lawmakers feel and will react to what is assumed to be a full ratification of the November primitive weapon changes. The MBA is hopeful that favorable legislation will be filed that will be beneficial to bowhunting in January. We are hopeful that legislation will be filed to allow by law full archery user access in all open deer seasons. Currently, the Commission allows this as only a condition of having surplus deer. The Attorney General ruled in May that stated bowhunting was not allowed by statute in the Mississippi primitive weapon and firearm seasons. The "surplus" law was on the books and allowed the MDWFP this year to allow full archery access through the Mississippi hunting seasons for deer.

22. **Meeting Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned @ 6:15PM.

**Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.**

**Recording Secretary for the Meeting**