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Agenda for the 3rd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2011 (7-2-2011)

1. Meeting Call to Order by MBA President Patrick Taylor
2. Reading and Approval of the meeting minutes of 5-21-2011
3. Any Old Business
4. Financial Statement (Including current status of the MBA Certificate of Deposit)
5. 2011 Wildlife Extravaganza
6. 2011 MBA Banquet-Final Preparations
7. Update on MBA Area Directors/Nominations for a New MBA
8. Area Director roles, responsibilities and possible rewards
9. MBA ProBoards Talk Forum Status
10. Any New Business
11. Meeting Adjournment

**Call to order (12:05PM) by MBA President, Patrick Taylor**

The Minutes of the last Area Director's Meeting of 5-21-2011 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Attendees at the meeting included the following:

(1) Patrick Taylor, MBA President-Grenada, MS	(11) D.R. Bozeman, MBA Area Director, Flora, MS
(2) Mark Livingston, MBA Area Director, Union, MS	(12) Magen Prather, MBA Area Director, Brookhaven, MS
(3) Joe Bumgardner, M.D., MBA Web Master-Starkville, MS	(13) Steve Riley, MBA Area Director, Collinsville, MS
(4) Dwayne Ensign, MBA Magazine Editor, Pelahatchie, MS	(14) Brandel Russell, MBA Vice President, Collinsville, MS
(5) John Ledbetter, MBA Area Director, Benton, MS.	(15) Max Thomas, MBA Area Director, Madison, MS
(6) B. J. Lewis, MBA Member, Wiggins, MS	(16) George M. Fielder, Benton, MS
(7) Bill Tolbert, MBA 3-D Tournament Chair, Shaw, MS	(17) Danny Smith, Benton, MS, MBA Member
(8) Joseph Pettit, MBA Area Director, Crystal Springs, MS	(18) Blair Rankin, Benton, MS
(9) Marcus Casano, MBA Member, Flowood, MS	(19) Steve Welch, Madison, MS, Immediate Past President
(10) Mike Robinson, Membership Coordinator, Grenada, MS	(20) Todd Haygood, MBA Area Director, Liberty, MS

1. **Meeting Called to Order (8:05PM), Saturday, July 2, 2011:** MBA President Patrick Taylor called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. This meeting was held in a conference room of the MDWFP Jackson Archery Center on Lakeland Terrace Drive in Jackson, MS. It was held in association with the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AIM (Archery in Mississippi) / MBA 3-D tournament.
2. **Minutes of the Area Directors Meeting of May 21, 2011:** were reviewed and approved as presented.

3. **MBA Financial Report as of Friday, May 20, 2011:** The MBA Certificate of Deposit matured on 5-21-2011 and the amount of the CD is \$43,195. The current rate on the 11 month CD at BancorpSouth is 0.35% and it matured 5-11-2011. The checking account balance as of Wednesday, July 06, 2011 was \$5041.18. The CD authorizing signature is that of Melinda Welch. The penalty for pre-mature cashing, liquidating or transferring funds from the CD to our checking count would be \$37.28 if it was done today (July 6, 2011). It was voted to transfer \$5,000 from the CD (in the near future) to the general checking account to have funds available for banquet preparation.
4. **Old Business (MBA Trailer Inventory Update):** (follow up on MBA clothing inventory): Joseph Pettit reported that he had contacted the owner of Long Leaf Camo in Flowood, MS regarding using them as a resource for our MBA clothing inventory for restocking the MBA trailer. Initial contact has been made by Joseph but a scheduled meeting has not come to fruition as of yet. It was requested that Joseph Pettit and Marcus Casano continue to pursue this option.
5. **2011 Wildlife Extravaganza:** The 2011 MWF Wildlife Extravaganza is scheduled for the week-end of August 5-7, 2011. The MBA will have a booth as per usual. The Booth fee has been submitted by Steve Welch and confirmation of our booth has been verified by Melanie Starnes of the MWF. It is anticipated that finalization for our 2011 Annual Awards Banquet will be address during that week-end by the Area Directors volunteering to work at the MBA Booth. Dr. Bumgardner will organize and submit the Extravaganza work schedule to Area Directors in the immediate future. Dwayne Ensign informed the attendees that 2,000 additional copies of the recently mailed Spring 2011 MBA Newsletter would be available to hand out at the Extravaganza to promote the upcoming banquet.
6. **2011 MBA Awards Banquet Update:** The 2011 Annual MBA Banquet will be held in Philadelphia, MS @ the Neshoba County Coliseum on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2011. Banquet Chairman MBA V.P. Brandel Russell updated the meeting attendees on progress of the banquet preparation. One hundred Banquet Posters were distributed at the meeting to the attending Area Directors. They will in turn distribute them to local retailers to promote ticket sales for the banquet. MBA Vice President Brandel Russell informed the attendees that the banquet tickets were being printed by the Philadelphia, MS Printing Service and would be available in the immediate future. They will be mailed by U.S. postal (10 tickets to each Area Director). The City of Philadelphia, MS has donated \$500.00 to be used in advertisement/promotion of the upcoming event. The staff of the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia is helping to promote the banquet by waving the venue cost of using the Coliseum and they are providing the security for the event. It was reported that the spokesperson for the local CHOCTAW TRIBE will be purchasing 200 tickets for the event. The evening's auctioneer has been obtained. The 2011 banquet will be an alcohol free event. It was reported that the cost for our 2 speakers and the CROSSING DIXON band will be ~\$4,500. The Neshoba County Coliseum is booked all day for the MBA to prepare for the 3:30PM door opening time. The evening meal will be served at 4:00PM. The evening guest speakers will be Shane Smith and Kenneth Lancaster of the 'Bone Collectors' TV series. Again it was noted that '**Crossin Dixon**' will be presenting a live concert following the banquet live auction. The booking fee for **Crossin Dixon** was \$1,500.00. Dr. Bumgardner will have all the details for the 2011 Banquet uploaded online including the online ticket application forms for ordering online tickets for both adults (with and without meals) and children tickets as well. It was also mentioned that Morton Construction, Neshoba COOP, Bullock Toyota and Farm Bureau of Philadelphia, MS had committed to be Sponsors of the 2011 MBA Annual Banquet Event.
7. **MBA Area Director's Update and New Area Director Nominee's:** Dr. Bumgardner reported that Area Director Donny Guest (owner of Hunters Hollow of Oxford, MS) has requested that his name be removed as an Active Area Director. Donny is convalescing from back surgery and is entering semi-retirement. He will continue to support the MBA in all their efforts and he has done the past. The MBA certainly appreciates all the contributions he and the staff of Hunters Hollow have made in recent years. There were motions to accept 2 new MBA Area Directors. Marcus Casano of Flowood, MS and Magen Prather of Brookhaven. Marcus has been active with the MBA and has requested to be even more active. He is a Mortgage Loan Specialist with Metropolitan Bank. Magen likewise has been active with the MBA and has requested to be more involved. Magen is affiliated with Banded Nation/ and is Co-host of the outdoor television show, '**The Fowl Life**'. She recently volunteered and worked the 2011 Camp Rainbow Event at Utica, MS. Magen has been very active in promoting youth involvement in archery. Both nominees were approved by an affirmative vote. We look forward to working with both of these newly elected MBA Area Directors.

8. **Area Director's Role, Responsibilities and Possible Rewards Program:** President Taylor discussed with the attendees a need to recognize those individuals in the MBA that repeated work/serve/commit time to participate in MBA events. He discussed the need to (in some way) recognize key directors for ongoing commitment to our organization. This might involve some form of 'Point System' to be appropriately recognized for service. A Service Appreciation Committee was appointed to make recommendations regarding this Rewards/Recognition Program. The Service Appreciation Committee was appointed as follows:

Chairman- Patrick Taylor  
D. R. Bozeman-member  
Mike Robinson-member  
Marcus Casino-member

9. **Hall of Fame Committee Formed:** There was much discussion regarding recognizing the late MBA member Richard Keys who was a past Vice President of the MBA and was active in promoting our organization. Richard was an outstanding Mississippi State University football player and an outstanding National Football League player for the Atlanta Falcons. After much discussion, a Hall of Fame Committee was appointed consisting of Mark Livingston (chairman), and Max Thomas, and Joe Bumgardner. They will check the MBA by-laws regarding the Hall of Fame recommendations for nominees /inductees and submit their recommendations for subsequent action on this issue. Both Mark and Max are past inductees into the MBA Hall of Fame.
10. **2011 MBA Annual Deer and Hog Hunt:** An invitation was extended and accepted for the MBA to return to Yazoo City for our 2011 Annual Deer and Hog Bowhunt. The camp headquarters will be on the premises of the Yazoo Bowhunters Archery Range. The Mississippi Bowhunters Association 2011 Annual Deer/Hog Hunt will be @ Hillside National Wildlife Refuge near Yazoo, City, MS. It will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> full week-end of October, 2011 (i.e. October 7-9, 2011).

11. **Magazine Advertisement Exchange:**

12. **MBA ProBoards Talk Forum Status:** Dr. Bumgardner (as MBA Web Master) informed the meeting attendees that the staff of **ProBoards** notified the MBA that the ProBoards Community Policy does not allow the advertising/selling/purchasing of 'firearms and other destructive weapons'. They requested that we remove all the bowhunting listings in our 'BOWHUNTING TRADING POST'. Dr. Bumgardner posted the following on the MBA ProBoards Talk Forum informing the 417 Talk Forum members and all visiting guest to the Talk Forum:
- As the Mississippi Bowhunters Association Web Master and ProBoards Administrative Moderator, I was recently informed that the ProBoards Community Policy does not permit the listing, advertisement, buying or selling of guns or weapons on the Talk Forum Bowhunting Trading Post Board.
  - They considered these listings as an abuse of the community policy and therefore suspended the MBA Forum account and removed our MBA/ProBoards Talk Forum and it was no longer available online.
  - To get it reinstated, I agreed to abide by their policies. I therefore removed all the threads that were considered an abuse of their stated policy. For the future, we will not be permitted to list items for sell that fall into their 'WEAPONS' category.

With the above so stated policy it was voted to pursue options for a different Talk Forum so that our Talk Forum Registrants can advertise, list, sell, and purchase bowhunting gear. In the near future as time permits, Dr. Bumgardner said he would pursue additional options for a Talk Forum.

13. **Meeting Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned @ 9:12AM, 7-2-2011.

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

**Recording Secretary for the Meeting**