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Minutes of the 3rd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2009  
(8-01-2009)

Agenda for the 3rd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2009 (8-01-2009)

1. Meeting Called to Order by MBA President Steve Welch (7:30AM)
2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the last Area Director's Meeting of 7-18-2009
3. Old Business from the Area Director's Meeting of 7-18-2009
4. Financial Statement Review for July, 2009
5. Update on MBA Life Member Account (Type of Account/Amount/Interest)
6. New Area Directors for 2009 (Ronnie Cannon, Oxford, MS and Brandel Russell, Collinsville, MS)
7. Finalize Date for the 2010 MBA Annual Spring Awards Banquet
8. MS Wildlife Commission/MDWF&P Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program and the MS Commission Meeting Summary of 7-22-2009
9. MBA staff/TMA Staff cooperative options regarding Wildlife Management Area Safety Harness Ruling and Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program
10. Mississippi Bowhunters Association Archery Shop Membership Drive Form
11. Annual MBA Area Director's Renewal Commitment/Responsibility Form
12. 2009 'Outdoorama on the Rez' (Volunteers needed) is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Turcotte Lab of Highway 43 at the Ross Barnett Reservoir
13. National Archery in the Schools Program/AIM (Archery in Mississippi) update/listing of the current 151 participating Schools
14. Update on MBA Chapters and Affiliates Status
15. 2009 MBA Deer/Hog Hunt (October 9-10-11, 2009/Hosted by Yazoo Bowhunters)
16. 3-D Archery Update (New Member Enrollees)
17. Meeting Adjournment

Call to order (7:30AM) by MBA President, Steve Welch

Approval of the Minutes of the last Area Director's Meeting of 7-18-2009

Attendees\* at the meeting included the following:

(1) Steve Welch, MBA President	(10) John Ledbetter, MBA Area Director, Benton, MS.
(2) Joel Cunningham, MBA Sec./Treas.-Inverness, MS.	(11) Linda Ledbetter, MBA Member, Benton, MS
(3) Patrick Taylor, MBA Vice President-Grenada, MS.	(12) Billy Lewis, MBA Member
(4) Joe Bumgardner, M.D., MBA Web Master-Starkville, MS	(13) Bill Tolbert, MBA Area Director,
(5) Dwayne Ensign, MBA Magazine Editor, Pelahatchie, MS.	(14) D.R. Bozeman, MBA Area Director, Flora, MS
(6) Shilo Farmer-Area Director, Vicksburg, MS	(15) J.J. Brock, MBA Area Director, McComb, MS
(7) John Loper, MBA Member Pelahatchie, MS	(16) Todd Haygood, MBA Area Director, Liberty, MS
(8) Tim Wolverton, MBA Member, Jackson, MS	(17) George Fielder
(9) Max Thomas, Legislative Chairman, Madison, MS.	

1. **Meeting Called to Order 7:30AM:** MBA President Steve Welch called the meeting to order @ 7:30AM and welcomed all those in attendance (16 attending). The meeting was held in conjunction with the 2009 MWF Wildlife Extravaganza. This meeting was held at the nearby Shoney's Restaurant @ 680 Larson Street, Jackson, MS.

2. **Minutes of the Area Directors Meeting of July 18, 2009:** were reviewed and approved as presented.
3. **There was no carry-over old business from the 7-18-2009 Area Director's Meeting.**
4. **Current MBA Financial Statement** (Presented by MBA Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Cunningham, It is as follows:  
(See the next page for the full financial report).

**Mississippi Bowhunters Association Financial Status Report**

As of July 16, 2009 there was a balance of \$23,879.

Mississippi Bowhunters Association

Financial Status Report

16-Jul-09

Bank Balance as of	7/8/2009	7/8/2008
	\$23,879	\$9,860

Our financial condition has increased tremendously year-to-date. The only significant expenses on the horizon will be for the Fall 2009 magazine where I anticipate our cost to be \$3,500-\$4,500, depending on the final tally on ad sales. Additionally, I estimate \$2,000 in revenue from the extravaganza. As more and more bow shops agree to follow Lakeway Archery's lead, we should continue to see increases in membership and cash flows. If we can pull off another banquet like we did this past year, the MBA will be financially strong for years to come. It was discussed and recommended to keep ~\$15,000 in the general MBA Account and transfer any/all balance above this amount to either the MBA Life Member Account of another account that would produce a better interest yield.

5. **The MBA Life Member Account:** This account was discussed and it was recommended that the account be checked (by Steve Welch and Melinda Welch) to clarify the total current amount, the type of account and the current interest being paid. Steve Welch reported that the current total amount as \$32,045.71. It was requested that Dr. Bumgardner pursue the options for the best return on this account.
6. **Newly Elected MBA Area Directors for 2009:** (Ronnie Cannon, Oxford, MS and Brandel Russell, Collinsville, MS. were approved for MBA Area Directors for 2009). They were notified and will become active as new Area Directors immediately.
7. **The final Date for the 2010 MBA Annual Awards Spring Banquet:** The date proposed for approval was initially set Saturday, April 10, 2010; due to a conflict with Lee and Tiffany Lacosky's schedule. It has been reset to May 1, 2009. Their fee will be \$5,000. It was voted to return to Grenada, MS as the host site for the 2010 banquet. Patrick Taylor has contacted the Lacosky's and we are awaiting confirmation of the May 1, 2010 date for the confirmed banquet date.
8. **MS Wildlife Commission/MDWF&P Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program:** Dr. Bumgardner had previously distributed a summary of this meeting of the MS Wildlife Commission that was held 7-22-2009 regarding the Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program. A Youth Participation Initiative Grant Program Committee was appointed and consisted of the following members: (1) Mark Livingston, (2) Max Thomas, (3) Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D., (4) Steve Welch, (5) Patrick Taylor and (6) Todd Haygood. It was discussed and decided to submit an application for funding for this Youth Grant Program with any/all proceeds to be used to promote the NASP (National Archery in the Schools

Program). A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2009. The MBA will have representative attendance at this meeting to get the specifics of the Youth Program application for funding.

9. **MBA/TMA Staff Cooperative Endeavors for the WMA Ruling on 4 Point/Full Restraint Safety Systems:** It was elected to work with the TMA (Treestand Manufacturer's Association Staff) to implement any/all Treestand Safety courses (that might be required of the recent legislative bill passed stating that all hunters on Wildlife Management Areas [WMAs] would require the wearing of a 4 point/Full Restraint Harness Safety System). The MBA currently has 16 members that are certified Treestand Safety Instructors. It was elected to assist the MDWF&P in anyway needed to assist in Treestand Safety Courses.
10. **Archery Shop Membership Drive:** It was discussed that the MBA needed to contact/recruit statewide archery shops to participate in the New MBA Membership Donation for each new bow that was sold. The purchaser of the bow would be given a 1 year membership in the MBA. The Archery Shop would either donate \$20 to the MBA for each new bow sold or could be credited up to a \$750 for a full page ad in 2 magazine publications. These guidelines were finalized stating that a participating Archery shop would be credited \$20 for each new bow sold (or for each new MBA membership signed) and will be credit eligible for a 1/3 page advertisement if they were credited with <40 new members and they would be eligible for a full page advertisement for signing 40 or more new members. These advertisements will in each of 2 magazine publications.
11. **Annual MBA Area Director's Renewal Commitment/Responsibility Form:** Dr. Bumgardner agreed to create an Annual MBA Area Director's Renewal Commitment/Responsibility Form that will be used for renewal of Area Directors. This form will be distributed to all Area Director's for approval.
12. **2009 'Outdoorama on the Rez' (Volunteers needed):** The 2009 Outdoorama on the 'Rez' will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Turcotte Lab of Highway 43 at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Volunteers were recruited for this event and included Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D., J.J Brock, Steve Welch, Dwayne Ensign, Max Thomas, Todd Haygood and Shilo Farmer.
13. **National Archery in the Schools Program/AIM (Archery in Mississippi) update/listing of the current 151 participating Schools:** Todd Haygood gave the Area Directors an update on the NASP. He informed the attendees of the meeting that Mississippi now had 151 schools committed to the NASP. Todd expounded on the mechanics of getting new program started in school. It requires \$3,000 to initiate a NASP in a school. Currently instructors are being trained to assist in these archery programs. The MBA is currently an annual sponsor of the NASP. It was also discussed that it will be the intention of the MBA to apply for a Youth Participation Initiative Program Grant and if funded, the proceeds will be donated to the NASP program.
14. **Update on MBA Chapters and Affiliates Status:** The MBA appointed an Affiliate/Chapter Committee consisting of Bill Tolbert, chairman, George Fielder, Mark Livingston, and Patrick Taylor. This committee will be charged with clarifying the criteria and benefits of an Affiliate Membership as well as clarifying any required liability insurance. It was recommended that a MBA Affiliate not be required to pay any annual Affiliate dues.
15. **2009 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 2009 annual Deer and Hog Hunt to October 9, 10, 11, 2009 (before squirrel season). The campground will 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. MBA Area Director John Ledbetter agreed to again cook for all the attendees of the hunt on Saturday after the evening hunt. It was elected to donate \$150 gratuity to the Yazoo Bowhunters Association to help offset the expense of creating the availability of RV and camper hook-ups.
16. **3-D Archery Update:** Bill Tolbert (MBA 3-D Tournament Chairman) informed the directors that we had signed up 101 new members during the 4 MBA Regional Shoots and the State Shoot. The Top Gun Fund has on deposit \$1150. Bill also told the directors that a new archery club (*'Kanahaw' Archery Club* at the Natchez State Park would be becoming functional soon. They will be closed from Oct. 1, 2009 to Jan. 31, 2010 and will then become active again. The contact person is Will Reaves (601-431-3383). It was also discussed regarding the possibility of getting 'TOP GUN' 2009 License plates for each category winner. Bill Tolbert will get this information to Dr. Bumgardner. It was also mentioned that Ronnie Cannon of Oxford, MS would be working to establish a new archery club at Water Valley, MS. The contact person is Tim Taylor.

17. **Resignation of Joel Cunningham as MBA Secretary/Treasurer:** Joel Cunningham informed the attendees of the meeting that he would be moving to Alabama in the near future and would submit his resignation as the current MBA secretary/Treasurer. All attendees of the meeting expressed their appreciation of the services that Joel had offered the MBA during his tenure and wished him the best of luck with his move and relocation.
18. **Meeting Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned @ 8:35AM.

**Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.**  
**Recording Secretary for the Meeting**