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Minutes of the 3rd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2008
(8-2-2008) **

Agenda for the 3rd MBA Area Directors Meeting of 2008 (8-2-2008)

Call to order (7:15AM) by MBA President, Steve Welch

1. Old Business from the Area Director's Meeting of 6-8-2008
2. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes from the last Area Director's Meeting of 6-8-2008
3. Updated MBA Financial Statement
4. Bowhunter Magazine Update
 - a. Advertising Update
 - b. Next Publication Date
 - c. Update on Magazine Layout and Coleman Green's continued service status
5. Membership # update as of July 31, 2008
6. MBA E-Mail Roster Update/Status
7. Area Directors Update and Nomination of Bill Tolbert as a New Area Director
8. Request from U.S.S.A. regarding the MBA participation in the 2008 Trailblazer's Adventure Day (October 18, 2008).
9. 2008 'Outdoorama on the Rez' (September 28, 2008)/Volunteers needed)
10. 2009 Banquet Speaker-Commitment from Michael Waddell (Biographical data needed for Web Site for Promotion of our guest speaker)
11. Additional 2009 Banquet Items to Address

ticket publication	advertisements	posters	sponsors	vendors
raffles	door prizes	Ticket price ↑	Banquet awards	

12. Update on MBA Chapters and Affiliates Status
13. Membership Drive
14. 3-D Status for 2009
15. 2008 MBA Deer/Hog Hunt October 24-26, 2008
16. Misc. Info.
17. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was called to order @ 7:15AM by Steve Welch, President of the MBA.

Attendees* at the meeting included the following:

(1) Steve Welch, MBA President	(9) Adam Stewart, MBA Area Director-Meridian, MS.
(2) Joel Cunningham, MBA Secretary/Treasurer	(10) John Ledbetter, MBA Area Director-Benton, MS.
(3) Patrick Taylor, MBA Vice President	(11) Elvis Jennings, MBA Area Director-Yazoo City, MS.
(4) Joe Bumgardner, M.D., MBA Web Master	(12) Todd Sutherland, MBA Member
(5) Dwayne Ensign, MBA Area Director/Magazine Editor	(13) Shilo Farmer, MBA Area Director-Vicksburg, MS.
(6) Joseph Pettit, Area Director-Crystal Springs, MS.	(14) George Fielder, MBA Area Director-Benton, MS.
(7) Bill Tolbert, MBA Area Director-Shaw, MS.	(15) Greg Morris, MBA Member-Greenville, MS.
(8) Max Thomas, MBA Area Director-Madison, MS.	

Meeting Called to Order 7:15AM: MBA President Steve Welch called the meeting to order @ 7:15AM and welcomed all those in attendance (15 attending). The meeting was held in the conference room @ Shoney's Restaurant, 680 Larson St, Jackson, MS.

1. Minutes of the 2nd 2008 Area Directors Meeting of June 8, 2008 (which was held in conjunction with the 2008 MBA State Championships 3-D Shoot @ Yazoo City, MS.) were reviewed and approved as presented.

Current MBA Financial Statement (Presented by MBA Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Cunningham, It is as follows:

Mississippi Bowhunters Association Financial Status Report 2-Aug-08	
Reconciled Bank Balance as of 7/8/2008	\$9,860
Our financial condition has remained relatively stable since our last meeting in July.	
The only significant expenses on the horizon will be for the Fall 2008 magazine where I anticipate our cost to be \$3,500-\$4,500, depending on the final tally on ad sales.	
We typically make \$1,000 to \$2,000 at the extravaganza and the cash will be much needed as I don't foresee any noticeable cash receipts until the 2009 banquet.	
Perhaps a high renewal rate at the end of August will net us \$2,000 at best.	
Cash flows remain stagnant and will remain so until we increase our membership	drastically or make
budget cuts.	

2. **2008 Annual MBA Deer and Hog Hunt:** The 2008 MBA it was elected to change the date for the annual Deer and Hog Hunt to the last complete week-end in October, 2008 (Oct. 24-26). It had been traditionally the 1st week-end in November of each year. The campground will be located at the Yazoo Bowhunters Association Archery Range. There will be available water and electrical hook-ups. Hook up fee for RVs will be \$15 per day. Alton Rivers informed the meeting attendees that Billy Brewer (Director of Camp Swayze) had requested that all RV owners use the upper pavilion of Camp Swayze for placing their RVs for hook-up. Hillside WMA will be the main hunting area again this year. MBA Area Director John Ledbetter informed the attendees that he will be cooking a hog on Saturday evening (October the 25th) and all MBA Deer and Hog Hunt attendees and their families are invited to attend. All the details of the hunt will be posted on the MBA Web Site later this month.
3. **MBA Magazine Update:** Magazine Editor Dwayne Ensign updated the attendees regarding the following:

- (1) The Magazine Committee consists of Dwayne Ensign, (Editor) and Area Directors Patrick Taylor and Adam Stewart.
- (2) The next magazine should be mailed by the middle of this month (August, 2008).

(3) Again, it was stressed that selling advertisements for the magazine was the main financial resource to support the magazine. Each publication will run between \$3,000 and \$3,500. Dr. Bumgardner submitted checks totaling \$750 for advertisement he sold in the Starkville, MS area for the magazine.

(4) Dwayne reminded the attendees regarding the continued requests for magazine articles. He again emphasized that the articles did not have to be about taking a trophy buck. Any hunting experience that may be of interest to our readers and membership were welcome.

(5) Dwayne informed the group that he would be doing an article in the spring 2009 issue regarding Steve Brown's 6th Wild Turkey Archery Grand Slam (which Steve just completed this spring).

(6) A motion was submitted and passed that the MBA should recognize Coleman Green with a courtesy MBA Membership for a year's time as a token of our organization's appreciation for his volunteers work in doing the MBA Magazine layout free of charge to the MBA. Dwayne will notify Coleman Green regarding this.

4. **Membership Update:** Joel Cunningham (MBA Sec. /Treasurer) informed the attendees that there are currently ~ 250 Life Members and ~500 active members in our organization. He said he would be mailing ~250 renewal mail-outs to members who have allowed their memberships to lapse. These mail-outs will go out in late August, 2008. He also said he expected ~ a 30% response rate from these mail-outs. A Membership Committee was formed with Adam Stewart being appointed as chairperson of this committee. The committee members consist of Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D., Joel Cunningham, Shilo Farmer, and D.R. Bozeman. This committee will be charged with providing our organization with suggestions on how to maintain as well as recruit new members to the MBA.
5. **MBA E-Mail Roster Update:** MBA Secretary, Joel Cunningham is in the process of creating a MBA E-Mail Roster for alert messages, newsletters and e-mail updates so we can keep our membership informed of pertinent issues that involve our organization. He currently has ~ 500 names on the e-mail roster.
6. **MBA Area Director's Update:** Dr. Bumgardner introduced/welcome the 3 newest MBA Area Directors. They are Shilo Farmer from Vicksburg, MS., and Adam Stewart from Meridian, MS. and D.R. Bozeman from Bolton, MS. A motion was submitted and passed unanimously to accept Bill Tolbert of Shaw, MS. as a new Area Director. Bill had been contacted and agreed to abide by the responsibilities of Area Directorship. This brings the total number of current active MBA Area Directors to 25.
7. **Request from USSA regarding the 2008 Trailblazers Adventure Day:** Dr. Bumgardner had received an e-mail invitation for the MBA to participate in the 2008 Trailblazers Adventure day sponsored by the U.S.S.A. It is scheduled for 18 October, 2008. It was voted not to participate this year due to the time frame as most our membership will be involved with deer hunting commitments. Procuring volunteers for this event would not be possible due to the time frame. Dr. Bumgardner will notify the USSA accordingly.
8. **2008 'Outdoorama on the Rez' Event:** The MBA received an invitation to the 2008 Outdoorama on the Rez event. The 2008 Outdoorama on the Rez is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Turcotte Lab of Highway 43 at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. It was voted to participate in this event again this year. Dr. Bumgardner will be soliciting volunteers in the near future for this September 2008 event. At the meeting, the following attendees agreed to volunteer for this year's Event: (1) Dr. Bumgardner, (2) Steve Welch, (3) Elvis Jennings, (4) Dwayne Ensign, (5) D.R. Bozeman, (6) J.J Brock and (7) Shilo Farmer.
9. **MBA 2009 Spring Awards Banquet:** The upcoming 2009 Spring Awards Banquet has been set for Saturday the 7th of March, 2009. It will be held @ Grenada; MS. Michael Waddell of Realtree Road Trips will be our featured/guest speaker. MBA Vice President Patrick Taylor has started making arrangements and has secured the facility for the banquet for a rental fee of \$300 for the event. We were told the Grenada Banquet facility would seat! 350-400 people. MBA President Steve Welch will assume responsibility for having the banquet tickets printed. Also Steve Welch will have additional banquet announcement posters made similar to the ones used last year. The banquet auctioneer will be handled between our guest speaker and Area Director D.R. Bozeman. It was voted to increase the banquet ticket price for adults from \$25 to \$35. Children's tickets will remain the same at \$15 for children 15 and under. It was then discussed regarding the possibility of having each banquet ticket purchaser be eligible for a drawing for an awarded hunt; possibly a hog hunt with the MESQUITE BOW HUNTERS @ Pearsall, Texas. Next the vendors and sponsors for the banquet were discussed and it was decided to give each banquet vendor table/floor space and up to 2 courtesy banquet tickets. It was encouraged that we located and commit sponsors for the banquet. Joseph Pettit submitted the name of Stephen Castleman (Director of Marketing- Big Bucks of Hattiesburg, MS. and Big Bucks recently purchased Mean Mallard of Ridgeland).

We will record this information and contact Stephen in the near future regarding his banquet sponsorship for the 2009 banquet. Door prizes will be requested from various retail outdoor outlets when the time approaches. The procurement of the banquet awards will possibly be from another resource from previous years as a more competitive price was submitted. The banquet raffles were placed on hold until our organization receives a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the legality of same for our non-profit organization.

10. **Update on MBA Chapter and Affiliate Status:** The current status of the MBA Chapters and Affiliates was addressed and discussed. It was decided that MBA Sec. /Treasurer Joel Cunningham will search/review the MBA By-Laws regarding the language/wording for Chapters and Affiliates and send that information on to George Fielder who is the current chairperson for the MBA Chapter and Affiliates committee.
11. **MBA Special Award:** Joel Cunningham informed the attendees of the meeting that while reviewing the MBA By-Laws, he noted that our organization is suppose to recognize and award a MBA member each year as a *“Special Recognition Award for Organizational Services”*. The MBA By-Laws give the following wording for this award:

“Special Service Award: This award will be given to the person or persons having performed exceptional service for the M.B.A. during the past year or years. Nominees for this award must receive approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

12. **MBA ProBoards Talk Forum Etiquette:** George Fielder addressed the issue of proper etiquette on the MBA ProBoards Talk Forum with reference to not posting any negative commentary regarding the MBA. Rather than post negative comments, the poster should contact the individual via e-mail to address a concerning issue.
13. **Membership Dues Increase:** It was discussed and subsequently voted to increase the 2 year membership dues to \$35. This price change is currently scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2009.
14. **Crossbow Poll for the MBA Membership:** It was discussed and decided to create a form/language for a mail-out membership poll regarding the feelings/preference of *allowing/disallowing crossbows during archery only season/seasons*. Max Thomas was appointed to create the form/language for this poll and he agreed to do this for our organization. When completed, it will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval and then for mail-outs to the MBA membership so a tally can be made of the poll.
15. **2008-2009 3-D Committee Update:** Bill Tolbert (2008-2009 3-D Committee chairman) reported the following to the attendees:
 - a. Bill will check with the Grenada Bowhunters Association to see if they would consider hosting a fun shoot in association with the 2009 Spring Awards Banquet that will be held in Grenada, MS. March 7, 2009.
 - b. The clubs that have verbally agreed to work with the MBA for 2009 on hosting Regionals are:
 - c. PIN OAK ARCHERS IN GREENVILLE MS.
 - i. GRENADA BOWHUNTERS OR GRENADA ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
 - ii. LITTLE RIVER BOWMAN IN COLUMBIA MS
 - iii. WINDY RIDGE IN CARRIERE
 - iv. And hopefully hosting our state shoot is ATTALA BOWHUNTERS IN SALLIS MS.
 - d. Bill Tolbert will e-mail Dr. Bumgardner all the recommended changes for the ‘Shooters Rule’ for the 3-D tournaments.
 - i. Bill e-mailed the following recommendations regarding financing the TOP GUN Awards/Trophies: *Raise shooter fee from \$13 per person for members to \$15. The club will get \$12 of this and the other \$3 will go into a special acct. to cover the expenses of the TOP GUN TROPHIES. After doing this for all 4 regional and the state shoot there should be enough in the special acct. to cover this cost. Non member’s fee will be \$20 at Regionals and \$25 at the state shoot. No matter whether the shoot is a regional or a state shoot, if they are a member or a quest, \$3 dollars goes to the TOP GUN acct. and the rest goes to the hosting club.*
 - ii. Bill will also e-mail the 3-D committee’s recommendations for 3-D Shooting Rules changes for the Regionals and State Shoots and Dr. Bumgardner will post these changes on the MBA Web Site.
 - iii. Finally, Bill discussed some alternate options for the purchasing of Awards/Plaques/Trophies for the 4 Regional Shoot and the State Shoot. He will submit these recommendations in the near future.
16. **Meeting Adjournment:** With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned @ 8:40AM, 8-2-2009.
17. ****Meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D., MBA Liaison Officer/Web Master.**