



2023 NDBA General Membership Meeting

Rough Rider Center – Watford City

March 24, 2023, 7:00 PM

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll call of Board Members**
- III. **Approve 2022 Annual membership meeting minutes**
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Bryan T.

- V. **President's Message**
 - a) Introduction of Board members
 - b) Recap of 2022
 - i. Legislative year
 - ii. Donation to ND YAAC - \$3,000
 - iii. Web site updates
- VI. **Committee recommendations for membership approval** – Kent Reiersen
 - a) Background for the past year
 - b) Constitution, Bylaws, and Tournament & Banquet Guidelines
- VII. **Government & Conservation** – Darrell Belisle
 - a) 2023 Legislative Updates
 - b) Position Statement for HB 1151
- VIII. **VP message** – Nevin Jenner
- IX. **Rendezvous Weekend updates** – (Brent S., Nevin/Tate)
 - a) Thank you to McKenzie County Sportsman's Club
 - b) Barry Wensel guest speaker at banquet
- X. **Tournament & Competition** – (Eric Buchholz)
 - a) 2023 NDBA State Outdoor 3-D – Oliver County Archers June 16-18
 - b) 2024 NDBA Rendezvous – Missouri Basin Bowmen (TBD)
 - c) 2024 NDBA State Outdoor - (Accepting Bids, TBD)
- XI. **Membership & Publicity** – Adrienne A.
- XII. **NASP Update** – Adrienne A.
- XIII. **Archers Voice (Editor)** – Courtney W.
- XIV. **Election of Officers and Area Rep appointments**
 - a) President, VP, Treasurer
 - b) Reappointment of Area Reps (1, 3, 5 & 7)
- XV. **NDBA Bowhunters Foundation** – Steve Rehak
 - a) NDGF expansion of Bulls-eye equipment trailer (Jeff L.)
- XVI. **Upcoming events:**
 - a) Events page on NDBA website
 - b) NDGF Spring Advisory meeting
 - c) NDGF Outdoor Skills Park (July)
 - d) Archery Alley trailers

- XVII.

Adjourn



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April 22, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM CDT

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. 50 members in attendance. Board members in attendance: Steve Goroski, Nevin Jenner, Darrell Belisle, Paul Speral, Courtney Wilhelm, Kelly Arndt, Adrienne Arndt, Ryan Bauer, Dallas Rice and Tate Ferrell. Absent Board members: Bryan Triebold, Kyle Roelfsema.

Minutes from the 2021 meeting were attached to the agenda and also on the website prior to the meeting for review. Motion to approve 2021 minutes made by Paul Speral, 2nd by Adrienne Arndt, all approved.

Bryan Triebold, NDBA Treasurer was absent. Kim Hacker presented the financial report. NDBA is in a good financial position with a stable balance sheet year after year. Noted was the importance of a successful banquet as it is the greatest source of income each year. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Steve Rehak, 2nd by Paul Speral, all approve.

Steve introduced the group to Kim Hacker, new Executive Director. The contract with the previous director was terminated in February 2022, Kim's contract started March 7th, 2022.

Upcoming events noted to be the R100, June 3-5 in Bismarck and the ND State Fair in July. Archery Alley will be set up at each event and will need volunteers to assist.

Steve discussed the cross promotional contract with Dakota Outdoors. Their first article is in the current newsletter.

A member, Stacy, asked a question about the thrower for events. It was explained to the group that NDBA owns the thrower but NDG&F stores it. The rent (unknown price) goes through NDBA. A portion of the proceeds will go back to NASP. Noted that it is for indoor use only.

Discussion was had about the possibility of combining areas 3&4 and 7&8. Kent Reiersen stated that the NDBA constitution would have to be amended in order to combine the areas. The board will continue to take this into consideration and would have a vote prepared for the next general membership meeting in 1 year. Paul Speral stated that there is a lot of value having a representative for each area that lives in that same area and suggested we reach out to local clubs to recruit area representatives for the vacant positions. Kim will send Paul a list of the members in those areas and he will call upon members.

A member in attendance stated that Glen Ullin has opened a new range and will have a grand opening this summer.



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NDG&F has had advisory meetings all over the state recently, some upcoming meetings such as Bismarck and Watford City. Paul attended in Wahpeton and stated there was little discussion relating to bowhunting but some baiting related discussion.

Darrell provided an update on Government and Conservation. He previously worked with Bill Helphrey, the previous G&C board member during the legislative session. He explained that it is important to visit with the legislators prior to bills going to the legislative vote. Darrell thanked Bill for his many years of service in Government and Conservation.

Darrell is still currently the main contact for the website and noted that he does not seek items, events and information to add to the site but is happy to add if sent to him. Kim will be taking on more website responsibility going forward.

Bill Haase with the NDGF was in attendance and provided an update. He discussed boating access, they were approved by the legislature to add staff around the state for this effort. Bill prepared a number of graphs and charts showing the deer populations and disease trends across ND. Significant increases shown in EHD numbers and CWD hot spots noted to be in the NW corner and SW of Bismarck but staying concentrated. He reiterated the importance of acknowledging carcass transportation and baiting restrictions. NDGF is working on a potential incentive for hunters to turn in samples for disease testing as numbers are very low. Bill also recognized the increase in ND deer bow licenses. He presented graphs of the percentage of each type of license.

Cayla Bendel with NDGF was in attendance to provide an update on R3 (Recruit, Retain, Reactivation). She provided an explanation and history of R3 stating it was started due to the decline in hunters per capita in the state. The goals for the project are to maintain plots and licenses in ND. Cayla presented fishing and hunting license trends across the state by license types. She noted the disparity between male/female and adult/youth. NDGF is working to encourage for females and youth to participate. Cayla also writes a column called The Drift and encouraged all to read on the NDGF website.

A member in attendance asked the NDGF representatives if it was possible to create license packages similar to Montana to encourage participation. NDGF has been looking into more combined package options but stated it takes legislative action to make formal changes and encouraged people to come forth with ideas.

Jeff Long provided an updated on National Archery in the Schools Program. He gave a brief history of NASP and explained the curriculum for teachers to be archery instructors. He said the NASP State Tournament in Minot brought in 800 archers. He thanked NDBA for the donations to NASP.



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Steve discussed NFAA and the potential changes to state tournament guidelines. NDBA did not renew their affiliation with NFAA. Due to this, the tournament guidelines will need to be updated to remove the NFAA related guidelines and classifications. This mostly affects the senior class division. A committee was formed of volunteers Scott Rehak, Bill Helphrey and Stacy B to look into this.

The State Outdoor Shoot will be held in Williston in July, there will possibly be one competitive course and a 2nd non-competitive course with different terrain and targets.

Watford City has put in a bid for the 2023 State Rendezvous. Representatives from the McKenzie County Sportsman's club were in attendance. They stated that they have become an NDBA Charter Club and have a great new complex for archery and shooting, both indoor and outdoor. The Roughrider Center in Watford City can host the banquet and they have multiple hotels for out of town archers. They proposed a tentative date of April 15, 2023. There was discussion that this date coincides with the Pope & Young convention in Reno. There are other date possibilities pending availability at the banquet venues in Watford City. Paul Speral made a motion to accept the bid for the 2023 Rendezvous with the date being tentative, 2nd by Nevin Jenner, all approved.

No bids for the 2023 State Outdoor 3D have been received.

Adrienne Arndt gave an update on Membership and Publicity. She asked the board and attendees if any had seen the digital ads that were created to promote the state shoot and banquet. Very few had seen them.

Courtney Wilhelm provided an update on the Archer's Voice newsletter. The Board thanked Courtney for the great job she did on the most recent newsletter. The deadline for content for the next newsletter is May 25th, 2022.

Nevin provided an update as Vice President thanking Watford City for the newly formed relationship with NDBA and encouraged members to attend their shoots and events.

Tate Ferrell, Area 1 Representative stated they have had successful shoots recently and are preparing for the State Outdoor 3D.

Dallas Rice, Area 2 Representative stated that they will still be hosting the spring bear warmup shoot pending weather as it is an outdoor shoot.

Kelly Arndt, Area 5 Representative updated on the upcoming shoot in Dickinson in June. The shoot will be at the outdoor range and they have arranged for camping on location. There will also be an outdoor shoot in Medora in August.



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Ryan Bauer, Area 6 Representative noted that Center and Hazen do shoots throughout the year and encouraged attendance. Nishu will be hosting the Scheels R100 in June.

Paul Seral, Area 8 Representative, stated the city hunt has yet to be approved in Fargo.

Brock Wahl of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers was in attendance. He explained that BHA is an advocate for public land access and hunting. He stated the importance of “Public land in public hands” regarding the state taking ownership of public land.

Kent Reiersen provided an update on the NDBA Education Foundation and brochures were passed out to all attendees. He provided a history and explanation of what the Foundation does as a 501C3 entity. They help support and promote the sport of archery through NASP, bowhunter education, habitat projects and local archery club grants. He explained the donor levels and that those pledges can be paid over time. Coltin Hurst donated a recurve bow to be auctioned at the banquet for the Foundation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul, 2nd by Nevin, all approve. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.