

NDBA Annual Membership Meeting
Williston Basin Curling Club
Williston, ND
April 12, 2024
7:00 PM

Steve Goroski called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

The minutes from the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting were made available to the membership prior to the meeting and copies available for distribution. Paul Speral made a motion to approve the 2023 minutes, 2nd by Darrell Belisle. Hearing no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Lyle Lordemann presented the treasurer's report. Financials and cash flow continue to be consistent year after year. However, last year, we did have a significant increase in banquet expenses and a decrease in the joint membership program, accounting for the changes in the balance sheet from 2022 to 2023. The annual banquet is the largest source of income for the organization so Lyle encouraged all members to "attend and spend" at the banquet and spread the word about the NDBA to increase membership. The year-end balance on the balance sheet was \$90,484. Scott Rehak made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd by Loren Adams. Hearing no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Steve Goroski introduced the NDBA board members.

- Nevin Jenner – Vice President, Lyle Lordemann – Treasurer, Kim Hacker – Executive Director, Eric Buchholz – Tournament & Competition, Darrell Belisle – Government & Conservation, Tate Ferrell – Area 1, Dallas Rice – Area 2 (not present), Wyatt Hanson – Area 3, Kelly Arndt – Area 5 (not present), Ryan Bauer – Area 6, Gaylord Hibl – Area 7 (new to the board) and Paul Speral – Area 8. Courtney Jenner – NDBA newsletter and social media editor.
- Welcome Gaylord to the board. Dallas Rice, Kelly Arndt, and Paul Speral have all been reappointed in their respective areas as NDBA area representatives. The board continues to seek an area 4 representative in the Grand Forks area.

ND Game & Fish

- Advisory Meetings – Steve encouraged all members to attend the local advisory meetings in their area.
- Electronic Tagging via the NDGF app – other states have been doing this for several years and ND is working on this as well. Some photos of animals harvested in states like MT may not have a visible tag due to electronic tagging. Steve noted that Courtney has updated the verbiage of our photo submission requirements in the newsletter.

ND Youth Archery Advisory Committee

- NDBA donated \$2000 to NDYAAC. Jeff Long was present and spoke about the program's success.
 - NASP – Gave \$30,000 Scholarships
 - Doubled the number of seniors in the program.
 - Over 700 shooters at the state tournament

Minum Video Archery Game

- Small portable archery simulator that is for all ages. It can be used to play games as well as hunting simulations and the simulator travels easily.
- \$6000 to purchase but received grants to offset the cost.
- Will need to purchase a small trailer to transport.

Questions

- A member asked what our active membership numbers are. Kim responded that we have 650-700 members. That is active memberships and does not include family members in family memberships.
- It was requested to have membership statistics posted in our newsletters.
- A member asked about membership increase/decrease with joint membership programs. Kim responded that we do see an increase in membership when clubs participate in that program but saw a significant decrease in membership with the decrease in charter clubs on the eastern side of the state. We currently only have one club participating in the joint membership program.
- Steve addressed that the charter club list is staying current, as it has not been for many years.

Executive Director Update – Kim Hacker

- Online ticket sales through the website were challenging last year. It continued to be challenging this year, but we streamlined the process and seemed to go much smoother for our members. For those that did need assistance, Kim was more familiar with the website behind the scenes and was able to help more quickly and efficiently.
- We continue to push our website administrators to improve the website as we find issues and as we use more website functions. We recently found an issue with the donation platform and that issue has been corrected. But we still can improve.
- We have also been working on ways to communicate more effectively with our members. We started using an email platform to send communications. We are now looking at a different platform that would allow us to send better formatted, more content friendly emails, or “prettier” emails and text messages.
- Our board members have been actively posting on our social media and Facebook keeping you all up to date on events that way.

NDBA Archers Voice – Courtney Jenner

- Continually trying to improve and open to suggestions from the members.
- Courtney encouraged members to submit articles and she is happy to help edit them.
- Also, there are always opportunities for advertising in the newsletter.

Tournament & Competition – Eric Buchholz & Steve Goroski

- 2024 Outdoor Tournament Bids – Buffalo Valley Archers, Roughrider Archers, Oliver County Archers. Oliver County Archers has withdrawn their bid per Stacy Vojacek.
 - Steve Berger, Roughrider Archers – August 10-11, 2024 – shoot west of Medora, camping, hotels available.
 - Brandon Sailer, Buffalo Valley Archers – August 2-4, 2024 – shoot at Hazen Bay, camping at Hazen Bay and Beulah Bay, camping and hotels available.
 - A question was asked, if one is chosen, will the other club still host a shoot? Both said they would. Another member thanked both clubs for stepping up to host the shoot.

- Kent Reiersen made a motion to flip a coin to decide, 2nd by Darrell Belisle, hearing no discussion, all approve. Kendall Bauer asked if the other club will be willing to host the following year, they agreed.
- 2024 – Buffalo Valley Archers
- 2025 – Roughrider Archers
- 2025 State Rendezvous and State Indoor in Bismarck, ND
 - March 28-30, 2025
 - The banquet will be at the Baymont Inn, shoot will be hosted by the NISHU Bowmen in Bismarck, ND and Curt Wells will be our guest speaker.

Government & Conservation – Darrell Belisle

- Badland Pressure Survey – The NDBA has been in conversations with the NDG&F regarding complaints from landowners and hunters about too many bowhunters in the badlands. A Human Dimension Survey was conducted. Results are being reviewed. There may be legislation moving forward and NDBA will keep members informed.
- Channel Catfish bowfishing is now legal to bow fish in the Missouri River System, must keep and clean them.
- Northern Pike can be shot with archery equipment through the ice in a dark house except in the Red River. You must register for dark house spearing.
- Pope & Young currently does not allow battery operated lighted sights because it can alter fair chase. This may be brought up at the advisory meetings.
- Future legislation may include CWD & baiting, nonresident any antlered bow tags being adjusted, gratis antelope tags, but will know more in December. NDBA will keep members informed.
- Paul Sperial mentioned questions regarding real time trail cameras. The membership in attendance had a discussion. NDBA as an association will not take a position on this issue at this time.

Area Representative Updates

- Vice President, Nevin Jenner – The State Tournament hosted over the weekend at the fairgrounds, the banquet hosted Saturday evening.
- Area 1, Tate Ferrell – Watford City hosted a shoot but was not advertised and they do not have a club manager, so attendance was low.
- Area 3, Wyatt Hanson – St. Johns Archery be trying to host their 2nd shoot at Shephard's Hill near Devils Lake.
- Area 5, Kelly Arndt – Nothing to report.
- Area 6, Ryan Bauer – NISHU will be hosting Safari shoot August 17-18, 2024, with the Mule Deer Foundation.
- Area 7, Gaylord Hibl – Stutsman County is not highly active, Lamoure hosts a successful shoot each year.
- Area 8, Paul Sperial – Will continue to work on Sandhills and Lake Agassiz to renew their charter club membership.

Kent Reiersen provided a NDBA Foundation update. The Foundation is now in its 15th year and discuss what the Foundation does for education and promotion archery and bowhunting. The Foundation awards grants and encourages members to learn more about the grant application process. Kent explained the donation process and various donation levels.

Paul Speral made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Ryan Jenner, meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.