

Minutes of the 2021 National Field Archery Association Board of Directors Meeting

NFAA Headquarters – Yankton, South Dakota

General Session – Monday July 12, 2021

General Assembly Meeting called to order by President Brian Sheffler at 10:00 AM.

Invocation: led by California Director Gary McCain.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Iowa Director Ray Jones, Sergeant of Arms.

Alternate Directors: Katelyn Higley - ID, and Ken Dixon - OK were seated by a motion from Florida, second by Massachusetts. Passed by a show of hands.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Officers present: President Brian Sheffler, Executive Secretary Natalie Vollmer, Executive Director Bruce Cull

Offices virtual: Vice President Doug Joyce

Council present: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northwest, Southern, Southwest.

Council virtual: New England, Southeast.

Committee Chairmen present: NFAA Pro Chairman Chuck Cooley.

NFAA State Directors present: IL, MD, IA, MO, ND, NE, SD, MA, FL, MS, AZ, CA, NM.

NFAA State Directors (or alternate) virtual: IN, MI, WI, NJ, NY, PA, WV, KS, MN, AK, ID, MT, WA, GA, OK, NV, UT.

States not present: OH, DE, VA, ME, NH, RI, VT, OR, WY, KY, NC, SC, TN, AL, LA, TX, CO, HI.

Rules of Assembly and Meeting and Parliamentary Protocol handed out to the Directors and Council. Parliamentarian Bruce Cull is present for interpretation.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion made by ND to strike the shortened Field trial from the minutes. Seconded by Arizona. All in favor. Minutes will be amended as noted. Motion made by Nebraska to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by South Dakota. All in favor. 2019 amended minutes were approved.

Vice-President Election: 39 Sealed ballots were opened and recorded. Candidates were Doug Joyce and Bob Borges. The NFAA Vice-President is Doug Joyce.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report and State of the NFAA: President Sheffler deferred to the Executive Director and the Headquarters staff to give a brief summary in regards to membership numbers, providing services and activities for the NFAA members during the Covid pandemic, and an explanation of Covid relief received by the NFAA as well as the SBA disaster loan that is currently outstanding. The 2020 virtual events were overwhelmingly successful.

NFAA Foundation Report: Executive Director Cull also gave an update on the Foundation including a review of the Vegas Shoot, the First Dakota Classic and the virtual events that were held across the country.

Ballot Considerations: Total Weighted votes = 34; Two-thirds weighted majority = 22; Simple majority is 13. 30 Directors are present.

CA-1. New Mexico moved to adopt. Seconded by California.

Motion made by Florida to adopt as amended. Seconded by Illinois. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 15, Article V, Edits to be determined by Legal Counsel

CA-2. No Action

CA-3. No Action

SE-2. Massachusetts moved to adopt. Motion failed.

IN-1, IN-2, IN-3. Pennsylvania moved To Table. Seconded by North Dakota. Agenda Items were Tabled.

MA-1. Massachusetts moved to adopt. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, Page 34, Article II, Section I. paragraph 14.

14. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, all Barebow Recurve archers may shoot at Youth distances at the discretion of each State or Club.

MI-1, MI-2. Illinois moved To Table. Seconded by Arizona. Agenda Item is Tabled.

WA-1. No Action.

SE-6. North Dakota moved to amend the amendment. Seconded by Nebraska. Motion failed.

SE-3. Nebraska moved To Table. Seconded by Missouri. Agenda Item is Tabled.

SE-1. Florida moved to adopt. Motion failed.

SE-4. Massachusetts moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Arizona. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 43, Article IV, Section B, paragraph 4

4. State Associations are eligible to host a NFAA sectional event or location if no other bids are received.

MA-2. Massachusetts moved to adopt. Motion failed.

SE-5. Iowa moved to adopt. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 62, Article VI, paragraph 6

Housekeeping Issue: Protest committee language on page 42/43 needs to match page 62.

FL-1. New Mexico moves to amend the amendment. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed.

Revision, Policy, page 88, 2013: Selection of World Team

2013: Selection of World Team

1. The President will appoint an individual to selection and manage NFAA archers attending IFAA World Championships. NFAA's Style team will be composed of archers registered for the shoot. Previous NFAA Champions will be given priority if they are tied with other archers registered.
2. Young Adults, Adults and Veterans both male and female are eligible to be on the team.
3. Professional, Senior, Junior and Cub archers are not eligible.
4. Archers must be registered for the event to be considered for the team.
5. All NFAA archers registered for the IFAA World Field Archery Championships will send their contact information (email and cell phone) and current scores (Field, Hunter, Animal) and where they shot them (National, Sectional, State and NAFAC scores) to the NFAA Executive Secretary who will forward it to the Team Captain. This will allow for selecting the best team and communication amongst the team.
6. Styles that are not competed at NFAA (currently) Bowhunter Freestyle Limited and Competitive Bowhunter can qualify at the previous years North American Field Archery Championships (NAFAC and at their State).

7. The IFAA shooting styles are now divided into four groups, each with their own shooting styles grouped together allowing for a team with a maximum of nine archers and a minimum of four archers.

Group 1 = Freestyle & Freestyle Bowhunter

Group 2 = Freestyle Limited or Freestyle Limited Recurve and Freestyle Bowhunter Limited

Group 3 = Barebow Compound or Barebow Recurve and Competitive Bowhunter and Traditional

Group 4 = Longbow

	Groups	Style		
Group	Unlimited	FU	BU	
Group	Limited Styles	FSC FSP	BL	
Group	Non-sight Styles	BBR BBC	BHR BHC	TR
Group	Traditional	LB	HB	

The TR shooting style may be entered in Group 4 in the event that no HB or LB style can be entered. In that case no TR shall be entered in Group 3.

Exec Note: The TR style cannot be entered in Group 3 as well as Group 4.

The TR shall not be entered in Group 4 to replace a "weaker" archer in HB or LB.

8. Points for the team are scored by how close you are shooting towards the IFAA World Record with the team getting the highest points from each group. Daily points are calculated from the daily score, expressed as a percentage of the world record, as it stands at the start of the tournament, of each individual division in each shooting style. E.g. if the world record in a style is 500 and the archer in the same style shoots 468, the day score of that archer will be $468/500 \times 100 = 93.60$ points. The maximum points each day is limited to 100 points.
9. A predetermined set amount, set by the Council, will be paid to each member to help with expenses.
10. The World Team shall be submitted to the President, Vice President, and the Executive Secretary for final approval.
11. The team shall be supplied with Team Shirts to be worn during the opening ceremonies and while receiving awards.

RIC 2020-1. RIC is upheld.

During an Indoor tournament in December of 2019, the Illinois NFAA Director was approached by a competitor who asked the following question: "Since the NFAA Board of Directors passed Agenda Item IL-3 at the July 29, 2019 NFAA Board of Directors Meeting that prohibited "Arrow Twirling", what is the definition of an "Arrow Twirl?" NFAA By-Laws, Page 30, Article II (NFAA Shooting Styles and Equipment Rules), Section A, Paragraph 11: "No arrow twirling or handling of arrows in an unsafe way. Every attempt should be made by the archer to keep arrow pointed toward the ground or target at all times. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of archer from the event".

The NFAA Director from Illinois stated, "Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, (Newest Edition, 2016)" defines "Twirling" as "to revolve rapidly, to cause to rotate rapidly". For example, "to twirl a baton". The Illinois NFAA Director ruled that the definition of "Arrow Twirling" is as follows: "The spinning or rotation of an arrow, greater than 360 degrees, from the time the arrow is in the competitor's quiver until the time the arrow is nocked on the bowstring".

C-1. Florida moved to adopt. Motion passed.

The NFAA's policy is to follow the guidelines of the US Olympic Committee (USOPC) in regards to transgender rules. This policy will be added to the By-Laws where appropriate, as determined by NFAA Legal Counsel.

C-2. Florida moved to adopt. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 34, Article II, Section J, paragraph 1

1. A one, two, or three-piece straight ended bow constructed of wood or laminated wood with nonadjustable limbs. When the bow is braced, the string must not touch the limbs between the notches on the limb. The belly and the back of the bow may have carbon or fiberglass on them.

C-3. California moved to adopt. Motion failed.

C-4. Illinois moved to adopt. Motion passed.

Revision, page 79, Article XVIII, Section A, paragraph 2

An archery club having a minimum of five (5) Head of Household members, one of which must be an adult, meeting requirements in NFAA Constitution Article III, Section A, Paragraph 2 or 3, may be chartered with the NFAA upon approval of the state association and the NFAA Director who has jurisdiction.

C-5. Nebraska moved To Table. Seconded by Florida. Agenda Item is Tabled.

Tournaments:

2022 Vegas Shoot – Las Vegas, NV	February 3-6, 2022
2022 National Indoor – Louisville, KY	March 18-20, 2022
2022 National Marked 3D – Redding, CA	May 6-8, 2022
2022 National Outdoor – Mechanicsburg, PA	July, 2022 TBD

President asked for anything for the good of the NFAA.

Items discussed were Judging/Officiating courses and the Instructor certification program.

Financial Reports were reviewed by the Directors. Proposed 2022 NFAA Budget was reviewed. Iowa moved to adopt proposed budget. Seconded by Florida. Budget was approved.

Iowa motioned to adjourn the 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Nebraska. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Vollmer
NFAA Executive Secretary