

2024 IFAA Spring Meeting

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Koteewi Archery, Strawtown, IN

9:07am Roll Call – conducted by President, Kyle Van Meter

Present:

Denver Wischmeier, *Vice President Field*

Ben Rance, *Treasurer*

Michael Arison, *NFAA Director*

Kyle Van Meter, *President*

Rob Garfield, *Vice President Hunting*

Michael Clary, *RIC*

Jessica Shearier, *Secretary*

Jacob Miller, *Indiana Pro Representative*

Rusty Culp, *District 1 Senior Director*

Tom Stricker, *District 6 Senior Director*

Randy Davis, *District 3 Senior Director*

Rick Koertge, *District 6 Junior Director*

Frank Baker, *District 3 Junior Director*

Justin Waldrip, *District 8 Senior Director*

Chuck Thorn, *District 4 Senior Director*

Chris Shearier, *District 8 Junior Director*

Kenny Kays, *District 5 Senior Director*

LaWayne Yoder, *District 5 Junior Director*

Total Present: 18; Absent: 2; Vacant Positions: 5 Quorum = 12 (2/3 of seated position)

Selection of Sites and Dates for 2024:

Awaiting announcement from NFAA on when the Indoor National Tournament will be.

See discussion in NFAA Director's report.

Secretary Report

Minutes of Fall Meeting read by Jessica Shearier.

Motion to approve: Kyle

Second: Denver

Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report (Ben)

Balance of General Fund: \$34,473.35

Balance of Bale Fund: \$10,811.67

Balance of Stripe Fund: \$497

Discussion: Why are the funds listed separately. Bale fund is not actually a separate account, it is reserved for potential of needing bale repairs, etc. Stripe fund is used to cover fees, refunds through stripe. Bale fund was set up a long time ago to purchase bales and is kept in reserve to repair, replace.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Michael Clary

Questions: Justin thought the 60% to clubs came off top BEFORE awards. Iroquois 3D state math doesn't add up per treasurer's handout. Ben did not subtract belt buckles from the awards cost at Iroquois. Justin says \$270 unaccounted for from Outdoor State. Found that the amounts paid to Iroquois at 3D state and Pine Hill at outdoor state were recorded backwards.

Questions: The Hoosier 690 income from page 1 doesn't match last page. Which items on the last page are included on the 1st page income report? Determined "pro am" and up on last page is what is included on the 1st page amount. Amounts taken in-person cash are separate from the stripe receipts.

Questions: Frank- at what point do we get in trouble for "making" money as a non-profit? Ben-not sure. Arison & Chris – as long as we show we are continuously spending money on needs and not just increasing profits, we will be fine.

Second (motion to approve): Randy.

Passed unanimously.

NFAA Director's Report (Michael Arison)

No location or date for indoor nationals. Rocky Cline said bids in multiple locations. Cincinnati & Louisville are both out.

Discussion: Justin - what is the latest we can set State? Michael Clary – We should go ahead and set our state on either second or third weekend of march. (March 15 or 22). Based on history of dates, Jessica thinks Mar 15 is the only one we consider so as not to conflict with ASA or other events. Tom has suggestion to potentially get rid of 4th district and have state in February. If we confirm a date, Richmond will "hold" venue for us while we shop around.

Discussion regarding 4 district system – Question was asked: Why do we have 4 districts? We could potentially remove February district to hold state in that month. Michael Clary - we have 4 for convenience and when there was a class/flight system, people needed the opportunity to get to the districts. We could start districts in October if we wanted to keep 4.

Motion by Jessica: to tentatively hold Feb 15 date for Indoor state with Richmond and reserve the right to change the date based on venue's availability and nationals date. (big buck will need adjusted if that date is used, elections, etc)

Second by Justin.

Further discussion: Denver would like us to reserve Mar 15-16 for indoor state also and look for a venue for that weekend. Kyle reports Kokomo is not actually for sale.

Scheduled a virtual meeting to reconvene in 30 days to report on available venues for state. Size must be 150x250 at least. (Richmond is 150x240 maybe?) Rick will host a meeting. What is budget? Arison suggests \$8000 as a hard maximum. Denver suggests updating district schedule to start in October if we land on February for state that way constitution doesn't need changed excessively. Rick brings up committees. Do we all need to be in the meeting? Should there be a committee of people focused on searching for venues. But Kyle says we will all need to be looking.

Rick will schedule meeting for 5/6/24 at 8pm.

Indoor 3D state will be Feb 8 & 9, 2025.

Vice President, Hunting Report: (Rob Garfield)

Ordered new traveling trophy for 5-man team because old team was full.

Doug Girt is hosting a USA Event in Markleville in June. Similar format to American Round.

Unfinished business

Rob asks about trailer. That will be in new business.

New business (Non-Constitutional)

D1 – Rusty – Could the state be shot in 1 day without a constitutional change? No, would require changing format completely.

Discussion: Some states around us do 1-day shoots. Michael Clary says that's because they don't have buildings; if they are holding shoots at clubs it will have to be 1 day shoot. Changes the experience of a "state" shoot if it is like that and not with peers.

We will have a better event if we keep as-is and look hard for a venue. Peer grouping is important for the pressure and sets us apart from those around.

Second item...shooting from the correct stake at 3D state. In the instance of having an issue with someone shooting from a further stake than their assigned stake, the person objecting needed to file a protest but didn't. Do the 3D rules state where to shoot? (Per IFAA Constitution, shooter is supposed to TOUCH the stake. This would mean that many probably were in violation of rule). Record set by shooter in question from the further should not stand. Per secretary, the record was not added to the page yet anyway. But protest was not filed so no awards should be taken from the shooter in question. Should rule state that you must shoot from correct stake? Will review later with constitutional changes. If you shoot from the wrong stake, your score should be void.

Accepted report.

D2 – No directors. Kyle and Rusty have been splitting responsibilities. There are 3 clubs in this district: Michiana, Bass & Bucks, Hook & Arrow (also Izaak Walton outdoors). They will disperse the responsibilities to other districts for the upcoming year: D4 will assume Hook & Arrow, D1 take over Michiana Izaak Walton/Michiana, D3 take over Bass & Bucks.

Motion to approve by Michael Arison

Second by Michael Clary.

Passed unanimously.

D3 – nothing

D4 – nothing

D5 – Nothing

D6 – Rick reads a prepared statement. He feels we are at a crossroads and the next couple years are critical to our success or failure. Everything cannot be covered in this spring meeting. We need to stop behaving like a “club” and run ourselves like an actual corporation. Just setting up and tearing down at tournaments is not enough contribution. We have good fellowship and have demonstrated that we do work together much harder than previous iterations of boards. Rick thinks we need more committees to keep us from having so many redundant meetings. Need to hold each other accountable on what we say we are going to do.

Tom and Rick have brought forward a suggested trial of age classes. Senior, Silver, Master, etc are separated by 10 years. But the adult class is 32 years. Rick would like to suggest a trial for the upcoming indoor season to split the age group in half for freestyle and bowhunter freestyle. Would not be a requirement for those move to the adjusted divisions. 18 and on

could shoot Division 1. But there would be a division 2 for those 34-49. Those eligible for Division 2 would still have the option to shoot “down” to Division 1, but those in the Division 1 age group would not be eligible to shoot Division 2. Peering people in “like” age groups might make it more competitive for those at a different stage of life.

Discussion: Michael Arison feels this board is the most proactive we have ever had. So, he doesn’t agree that we are only reactive and not doing enough to progress. Rick – Have any states tried splitting the age groups? Michael A. says other states always bring this forward to nationals and it never gets anywhere. Kyle – it’s the same across all the organizations so it might be confusing to change. Rick – why can’t we be different? Jessica – concerns about the challenges of registering even more age groups, and expenses associated with more awards. Justin – haven’t heard anyone saying they won’t come shoot because they can’t beat an 18-year-old, so maybe there’s not enough data on what our members want. Kyle – the people who want to shoot are going to shoot regardless. The people who want to do well like the competition the young guys offer and want to prove that they can still beat the young guys. Justin – if Rick brought in data that says a certain number of people would be motivated based on this, he would be more inclined to consider. Michael Clary – this is an “organization” not a “corporation.” Ben - Officially, we are a corporation, just not taxable.

Decision to table this idea for now and get more data from membership.

D7 – No directors because they haven’t been in attendance for 2 years. Jim Shackelford has said he would take over D7. We will be sending Joe Williams and Brent Baker a written notice that they are no longer in position. He’s not in attendance due to conflict. Who will be his junior? Jim can find someone hopefully. Jim question via Jessica – Can clubs/shops be chartered or host districts for Indiana if they are in Illinois? Michael Arison had phone call with Brian Sheffler to find out: Indiana and Illinois NFAA directors, our board, and the Illinois board would need to approve. Brian Sheffler said it was not recommended but it was possible. He just wants to make sure it was gone about in the right way and not as a result of any kind of conflict within their state.

Michael Arison question: Pioneer award – figure out the verbiage that needs to be in the constitution and have a form for that. Jessica – all the guidelines are written into the constitution. She will work on making a form based on that.

D8 – nothing

President: Kyle – Trailers. Do we want to go ahead and buy 2 new electric jacks for the trailers? \$250-350 each.

Motion to buy: Justin

Second by Denver

Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Ben - \$2143 spent on district pins. Do we want to continue this program? Would need to be added to constitution to continue. Took in \$3508 in district fees. Seemed like district attendance was down overall despite offering the pins. Justin feels like 1 year of data isn't enough to judge success or failure. Attendance could have been down for any number of other reasons. Won't need to keep buying the same amount every year because earning them will taper off. Rusty has people want to go to other districts to earn the pins all at once. Are we turning money down by not allowing this? It would be challenging to track, especially if people wanted to shoot one district Saturday and a different one Sunday.

Motion to extend the trial for a second year: Michael Clary

Second by Justin.

Passed unanimously.

Discussion: Need to order next 4 colors. Look at how many earned the 4th color.

Further awards discussion: Do we continue giving out plaques for 3d state? No. If we do buckles, don't do plaques. Rob has concerns that we are double charging for awards to clubs because they have already been purchased once, in some cases a long time ago.

NFAA Pro Representative: Jacob – sending an email to the pros. What does the board want to see from the pros? Do we have any ideas we want communicated to the pro?.

Discussion: Rick – what would bring our pros to the tournaments? Money was the motivator for the 690, but what would the motivator be to get involvement at the state level tournaments? Jacob - Can there be a side-pot for the pros involvement at state events, funded by the pros? We cannot be involved in handling money. IFAA cannot put money into this pot. Jessica - Jacob can send out the list of dates of state tournaments and maybe invite 1 pro to attend each event to mingle, practice, whatever, even if they can't participate fully in the event due to scheduling conflicts. Kenny – can we get another “traveling” trophy like the 5-man team for pros? Per Jacob – no one has an issue with our organization, but schedules are stretched too thin for people to come to everything. Michael Arison - what do we expect from Jacob: Honesty and transparency and giving us accurate information. Also stay in touch with Josh Butcher to keep trail shoot going strong. Jacob – pros appreciated the pay out at the 690. It was motivating. Frank – send the message to the pros that they should pay it forward. If it

wasn't for the other 90% of shooters out there, there wouldn't be money for their contracts and payouts. So, the average shooter would like to see them as a sign of respect/appreciation. Rusty – people can have the impression that the pros think they are too good for us now that they have “made it.” Jacob – scheduling conflicts can't be completely avoided, but if contracts require pros to attend certain events, that will hurt our attendance if we schedule on top of national events, they can't choose our events. Chris – be present when you are at the events. Interact and talk with the amateurs. Jacob – can't overcome personality and remember that is the time for pros to connect with each other too, but he will encourage others to mingle more. Pros aren't as interested in shooting the pro/am at the 690 because it's too late in the evening. Keep this in mind when 690 meetings start. Jacob will report back to board with feedback from his email.

Michael Arison requests Jessica to add constitutional change form added to members page on website.

690 bow raffle update (Rusty) – Ryan Maginot's bow will be at his house tomorrow per Dan Jasa. But who won the Supra X? No one knows. Per Tom Stricker – new owners at PSE are difficult to work with. How can we figure out who won? Probably not a good idea to just post and ask who won. How can we prevent this in the future? Keep better records. Downside to having bows on hand is that you limit who will want to purchase raffle tickets. Maybe have a certificate to take to shop so we have a shop handling the order.

11:50 am break for lunch for 45 minutes.

Resume 12:36

New Business (with Constitutional Changes)

D1 – none

D2

D3 – none

D4 – none

D5 – none

D6 – Rick

1. **Revision**: Article VIII, Election and Term of Office, page 8, lines 250-278.
 - a. Second by Michael Arison
 - b. Unanimously passed
2. **Revision**: Bylaws Article V, Tournaments, Sites and Dates, page 15, Item 6, lines 560-566.

Discussion: Responsibility of the directors prior to the fall meeting to find out if their clubs want to hold qualifiers. Adding language to help prevent clubs from losing their 2nd year option.

- a. Second by Jessica.
- b. Passed unanimously.

Note: Kyle has a suggestion to give the potential 4th qualifier to sunman. Will have to confirm dates.

D7 – None

D8 – None

NFAA Director, Michael Arison – regarding outdoor 3D. His proposal is to strike out p 22 k.iii. So no stickers. Saves us money, time, wear on targets. Easier for clubs to get involved.

Discussion: No 5, the body is 8. Targets would need to be set at distances according to the size. Jacob questions the scoring size of the different targets scoring rings. Chris – should we still set ranges with same variety (for example, when using dots, clubs will get 8 dots in larger size, 12 in middle size, etc)? Kyle says no, clubs can set however they want. Just want to make it easier for clubs to be involved. Rusty – Bret Staal says the orange dots are what sets our event apart from other 3d events, so he would not personally participate. Jacob -- Michigan added the orange dots to copy the trail shoot because people like that. Rusty – could we table this and put out a poll to gauge members' interests? Justin would like to have some data to drive the decision. What the members want is not necessarily the same as what the clubs want.

Motion to table until Fall Meeting: Michael Arison Will have surveys at each qualifier and via email.

Second by Justin.

Passed unanimously.

Note – Michael says we should look into having plaquards to hold up to have a turn to speak.

VP Hunting – Rob

1. **Revision** By-laws Article VII p. 18, line 693 Change big buck deadline from Feb 15 to Feb 2, to accommodate potential date for Indoor State.
 - a. **Second** by Jessica.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.

(note form doesn't match; Jessica needs to update form).

Secretary, Jessica –

1. **Revision**: remove all instances of accepting USA membership because NFAA is no longer recognizing as form of membership for our organization. Lines 513, 529, 537, 552, 570, 586, 601, 614, 884, 788,
 - a. **Second** by Denver.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.

(Note Delete form from website.)

2. **Revision**: By-laws Article VII, Item 2, lines 644-648
 - a. **Second** by Michael Clary
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
3. **Revision**: By-laws Article VII, Item 2, lines 649-652
 - a. **Second** by Denver.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
4. **Revision**: By-laws Article IX, Item 3.a.i & 3.a.ii, beginning in line 757
 - a. **Second** by Justin.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
5. **Revision**: By-laws Article IX, Item 5.a, 5.a.ii, & 5.a.iv, beginning in line 856
 - a. **Second** by Michael Arison.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
6. **Revision**: By-laws Article IX, Item 5.j.vi, beginning in line 908
 - a. **Second** by Kyle.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
7. **Revision**: By-laws Article IX, Items 6.b & 7.b, tables beginning in lines 961 & 981
 - a. **Second** by Denver.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.

8. **Revision:** By-laws Article IX, Item 8
 - a. **Second** by Frank.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
9. **Revision:** By-laws Article VII.3 Article XI, Article XIII
 - a. **Second** by Rusty.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.
10. **Revision:** By-laws Article VIII.4.
 - a. **Second** by Michael Clary.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.

RIC, Michael Clary –

1. **New Item:** By-laws Article VI, add item 6.
 - a. **Second** by Michael Arison.
 - b. **Passed** unanimously.

Ben – None

Discussions:

Denver – Concerned about what will change if we do state on Feb 15. Should know by fall meeting what nationals date is so we can make appropriate changes at fall meeting.

Rick – Can we use venmo/zelle to send payments to IFAA directly instead of mailing checks? Ben – Some banks don't allow those transactions so we will have to look into it. The form needs updated – target fee isn't accurate. Need to let Kyle know if you want to supply your own targets, so we don't have to pay the shops for their targets. Please let Kyle know before the fall meeting if you need him to bring you targets. Rusty wants to know where to get score cards. Justin prints his own at work.

Motion to Adjourn 1:57 pm by Kyle.

Second by Michael Arison.