

2024 ANNUAL IFAA FALL MEETING

August 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:39 by President Kyle Van Meter at Jay County Bitteridge Archers in Portland, IN

Officers Present:

President – Kyle Van Meter
Vice President Field – Denver Wischmeier
Vice President Hunting – Robert Garfield
Secretary – Jessica Shearier
Treasurer – Ben Rance

NFAA Director – Michael Arison
RIC Officer – Michael Clary

District I – Rusty Culp (Senior)
District II – None
District III -
District IV – Chuck Thorn (Senior)
District V – Kenny Kays (Senior), LaWayne Yoder (Junior)
District VI – None
District VIII – Justin Waldrip (Senior)

Officers Absent:

Assistant Secretary – Open Position
IFAA Pro Rep – Michael Hulburt Jr
District I – Justin Greer (Junior)
District II – None
District III – Randy Davis (Senior), Frank Baker (Junior)
District IV -
District VI – Tom Stricker (Senior), Rick Koertge (Junior)
District VII – Jim Shackelford (Senior)
District VIII – Chris Shearier (Junior)

TOTAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: PRESENT: 12, ABSENT: 8, QUORUM: 12 NEEDED

Secretary Report -Minutes of last meeting: Summary of Spring Meeting minutes given by Jessica.
Approved by all.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Ben Rance went over the balance of accounts

- Checking balance is \$32,246.14. Bale fund has \$10,811.67. Stripe account holding \$500.00
- Motion to accept report by Kenny and seconded by Rusty. All approved.
- Brief discussion about 3D qualifier attendance and money brought in by summer tournaments. Attendance is down this year. 3D Qualifiers had 26, 17, and 22 at each. There is one remaining. Justin has another club that is considering joining to host 3D.

NFAA Director: Michael Arison

- Outdoor sectionals are changing to a 1 day event that will be 28 field and 14 each hunter and animal
- Rocky attending chairman's meeting soon. Rotation of states will be changing
- Justin asked if the modified field round was still a consideration and Michael says that idea never gains any traction.

- What has been feedback on indoor nationals? Not a lot of positive comments regarding location. Michael believes it is a one year deal and will see where it ends up after this one. There are always talks of moving it to Yankton.
- Motion to accept by Rusty and seconded by Justin. All approve
- Final discussion note for upcoming agenda item by Michael: recommends changing outdoor state to a 1 day event that is 14/14/14.

Vice President Hunting: Nothing

President: Kyle mentions the 690 meeting upcoming Wednesday 8/21. He does not think he is in favor of pens, just by the way.

Committees: None

Unfinished business: 3D qualifier stickers

Discussion: Stickers cost us a lot. Clubs must put in a lot of effort to place and maintain stickers.

What are the options:

- Get rid of stickers? We asked at the 1st qualifier how participants felt and they strongly favored keeping stickers.
- Jessica asked about not having qualifiers and just having 1 3d state championship? Kyle says that is possible.
- How long have we been using stickers? No one is completely sure. Michael says we started stickers same time as the trail shoot, which has been 7 years. Justin believes it has been longer than that.
- Chuck's opinion is if you want to shoot spots, shoot field, if you want to shoot 3d, shoot ASA/IBO.
- Denver suggests leaving it up to the clubs' choice if they use stickers or not for each qualifier. Justin says it has to be known ahead of time whether they will use stickers or not. No one wants to show up and be surprised by the format. And need notice of how many stickers to order ahead of time.
- Rusty is concerned about how that affects shooter of the year points if some qualifiers use stickers and others don't.
- Jessica says attendance doesn't indicate people are really gunning for that award.
- Michael Arison mentions the national office considering bringing international round to sectionals.
- Justin said 3d has so many other possibilities to shoot that we should be focusing on our target events.
- Michael said maybe we should just try scrapping the stickers and go with maybe only 1 qualifier to establish peer groups and then just one state event.
- Denver says the 1st 3 qualifiers have netted \$288 to IFAA.
- Justin makes a motion to accept Rusty's idea to leave it up to club's discretion to use dots or not.
- Michael makes a motion to run 1 qualifier in 2025 to set groups and then 1 state tournament, no dots.
- Justin rescinds his motion to accept Rusty's idea. Jessica seconds the motion to rescind. Justin seconds Michael's motion.

- Can be eligible for state without qualifier. 40 targets each.
- Vote to approve: LaWayne and Kenny against. All others approve so the motion carries. Outdoor 3D for 2025 will consist of 1 qualifier and 1 state event. Times and dates to be discussed in upcoming agenda item.

Business not affecting constitution

D1 – Rusty: none.

D2 – Kyle: none.

D3 – Ben: none.

D4 – Chuck: hiccup with setting dates, Deer Track complained because their date had been set last year but had to change due to calendar changes.

D5 – Kenny: can a shop host the indoor state championship shoot? Someone told him that would be against the rules. Would the shop have to close? What is the reasoning that we will not host an indoor state at a shop? Clary says, “the state has always been at a neutral site.” Years ago, a club was the sponsor who would supply the people, bales, but a neutral site. If you have one club who wants to host, then other clubs are going to be mad that they aren’t hosting it. Justin says if it keeps costs down for shooters, that would be good. Arison says if we are having the shop at straight shooter and we are supplying the target butts, we shouldn’t have to rent the venue from them. The extra foot traffic should be enough for them. Justin says it’s not one shop’s fault that another shop has the space and that there’s no guarantee attendees will spend money while there. Arison says Kenny can take back the info that we are probably willing to rent the space for a lower amount than we are usually willing to pay. 2026 first year they may be available.

D6 – none.

D7 – none.

D8 – none.

Selection of sites and dates for tournaments:

Note: Let’s not worry about avoiding Nationals in the future. Not many from here will go to those so if those weekends are the best for us locally, that’s when we should have events.

- 3D Qualifier – August to be after ASA/IBO and close to state.
 - 16th and 17th
 - Could try 2 locations for qualifiers and 1 central for stat
 - Justin makes a motion to host North & South qualifiers on the same weekend. Denver seconds the motion. All approved.

- Will table discussion on hosts until spring meeting so directors can confer with clubs.
With the format change (no stickers) clubs may be more or less willing to host.
- 3D state – September 7. Kyle makes the motion which Justin seconds. All approve. Location to be voted on at spring meeting.
- 3D Cost - Keep it the same? Raise it?
 - Suggestion: Qualifier fee: \$35; State: \$50; non-qual fee for state: \$25. But then people will skip qualifiers to save money.
 - Kyle suggests: \$30 qualifiers, \$50 state, \$25 fee to shoot state if you didn't attend a qualifier.

\$15/\$25/\$10 non qual kids.

Do away with family discounts.

- Indiana Classic. Flip/flop them back. Koteewi for Indiana Classic on June 8; move to Iroquois if another event conflicts. 9 am EST registration opens.

- American Round – Iroquois; July 20 9am EST registration opens.

- Outdoor State
 - Decide on 1 or 2 days. We could run it both days but give people the option.
 - If we do 14/14 and don't have to reset targets it would be really easy for clubs
 - Only problem is workers being there twice.
 - Justin makes a motion for the tournament to be 14 field/14 hunter, Jessica 2nds.
 - Michael motions 14/14/14. He thinks we should keep the animals because sectionals/nationals will still have animals.
 - Justin asks if anyone local cares if they shoot the animals. They aren't doing this to prepare for sectionals because those are already over.
 - 14/14 is the decision. Let's try this year giving the option of attending Saturday or Sunday
 - August 23&24. 9 am EST registration opens with shooting to start at 10 am
 - Denver moves to give back to PH. Michael Arison thinks it should rotate between the two clubs that are currently able to host (Pine Hill and Jay County)
 - Kyle in favor of moving meeting to Sunday instead of Saturday
 - All in favor. (Need to propose constitution change to rotate at spring meeting.)

- What are the dates for indoor districts? Have your last district by Jan 12. Get 4 in. Chuck says this is not what we decided. Must follow bylaws to schedule districts and have the second district in December, not November. Jessica and Justin were very sure the decision was made at one of the meetings that we should have flexibility with the clubs/shop's availability.

Denver moves to adjourn fall meeting. Justin 2nd. Adjourned 4:54pm.