

# NFAA Annual Meeting February 3, 2014 ✓

## South Point Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

*Report of the Massachusetts Director, Paul E. Lewkowicz*

I attended the above-noted meeting representing the Archers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The following is my report of events.

Bruce Cull, President, made the opening remarks. Forty (40) states were represented at the meeting. States not in attendance were AAE, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, N. Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, and Indiana. (Delaware is still inactive; AAE and Vermont are non-compliant).

President Cull announced the complete renovation of the ranges at Headquarters in Yankton. The National Guard and our volunteers re-graded and re-landscaped the ranges to repair the 2011 flood damage and add berms for uphill and downhill shots. We will be installing shooting platforms, new targets, and planting grasses this spring. The Guard, South Dakota Fish & Game, Easton, and many local sponsors covered for the appx. \$1.25 million project cost.

Also in work (waiting for the thaw) are an outdoor picnic/memorial area, concession/bathroom building, and a new parking lot. The Guard will be back to build the comfort station in May. Our local prison work release crews will doing picnic/memorial area soon also, which will be in place for the mid-July NFAA Museum opening and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Headquarters has now completed its 90m indoor range and received another grant for the next three years of facility projects, including a loading dock, photo/video catwalk for the outdoor target field, and completion of the second target field (installation of grass, irrigation, fencing, etc.). The revamped target fields (the "Olympic" ranges) will be used for new NFAA Target Championships to be held in the fall (see NFAA-2 Action Item below).

Current NFAA Membership (as of end of 2012) is approximately 13,000 archers, making us the largest archery association in the US by wide margin. We had over 1,000 new members join last year across all demographics, a 7% increase.

This report discusses only the significant proposals that were adopted by the full Board. For ease of reference, each proposal listed below begins with the Agenda Item code. For the full text, please see the official Meeting Minutes to be published in the next issue of *Archery* magazine.

**CA-1 Change Longbow rules.** IFAA rules have changed; all agree most modern longbows are longer and do not meet our old limitations. Passes on roll call.

**CA-2 Allows take-down Longbow.** Passes as amended.

**FL-9 Makes Indoor Round the official round for Indoor Championships.** Passes

**NFAA-1 Certified Instructor Program.** Deletes existing Policy but requires vote later on details of new program, currently in development. (Original attachment in AI on proposed new program withdrawn.) Passed.

**NFAA-2 (new AI from Council) National Outdoor Target Championship.** To be held at NFAA HQ with two rounds. Amendment offered to set round as 900 Round on first day and 600 Classic round on the second. Motion Passes as amended.

**NFAA-3 (new AI from Council) Implement Certified Judges Program.** Comments question benefit to the NFAA. FL questions cost of getting judges, given example of 16 locations for Mid-Atlantic Sectionals. Good to have uniform judging standards, but it is silent on paying for all those judges. I noted that the simple solution is to ensure that the local judges that were going to be there before get certified. Brian Scheffler noted that this is needed to instill professionalism and uniform standards to being in place and doing the job. Motion by WA to drop requirement for Certified Judge at State tournament; amendment passes. Further amended to drop requirement for Certified Judge at Sectionals (leaving only Nationals as affected). Amendment passes. Motion as twice amended passes

**NJ-1 p.23 (15 signature AI proposed at meeting) Allow multiple arrows in faces on 3-spot round.** (Does not affect Vegas, because it is governed by WAF rules). Passes.

**FL-10 p.25 (15 sig) Mandate silver bowls for all classes/styles/divisions.** (Seeks to overrule Council decision to limit number of bowls awarded at Nationals to eight.) President Cull explains that financial impact of cutting number of bowls (as proposed by Council) was minor, but credibility damaged by the excessive number of bowls. Comment made that we should not give some people the "Cadillac" award and others a "cheap plaque" and make it impossible for some to ever win a bowl (e.g., Longbow, Traditional) under the Council's "8 Bowl" decision. Also noted is that limiting number of bowls will be seen as solely a money issue, to our detriment. Suggested we eliminate bowls for everyone (for a time), then bring in "8 Bowl" program as a new add-on, but all agree more study is needed to get a final solution. Goes to roll call: Passes; 35-12 against with one abstention. (Note that 2/3 weighted majority – 32 votes – is required as this is a Bylaw change.)

**RIC 2013-3** Frosted, single-pin sight held illegal in BH & BHFSL – upheld.

**RIC 2014-1** Thumb ring held illegal in "fingers" classes – upheld.

**RIC 2014-2** Smokeless Cigarettes held legal as not within our existing prohibition on smoking. Thus, smokeless cigarettes (e-cigarettes, vaping) and will be LEGAL unless prohibited by local law/ordinance. Upheld.

*Financial Report*

A budget for the next fiscal year, October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, was discussed and adopted. This budget projects \$714K of income versus \$700K of expenses for NFAA of US,

Inc. (Note that the revenues and expenses for the WAF are separate.)

All of our National and Sectional tournaments made money in 2013, except for the Outdoor Nationals – which only lost \$3,200. Taken together, our tournaments showed a profit of \$39K on revenue of 314K.

Actuals for the current fiscal year are not available because we are in mid-year. For the last full year (year ending 9/2013), we had a net gain of \$8,567. On a consolidated basis (rolling up NFAA of US, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries — the World Archery Festival and Point & Aim Real Property), our total year-end revenue was \$1.305 million and expenses (including income taxes) were \$1.294 million, for a net gain of \$8,567. Assets and cash flow are strong and positive.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM, Monday Feb. 4.