

Minutes of the 2015 National Field Archery Association Board of Directors Meeting

NFAA Headquarters – Yankton, South Dakota

General Session – Saturday April 25, 2015

General Assembly Meeting called to order by President Bruce Call at 9:00 AM.

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

Alternate Directors: Kurt Suber – MO, Dana Cyr – ME, Frank Mosser - KY were seated by a motion from NJ, second by MA. Passed by a show of hands.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Officers present: President Bruce Cull, Vice President Brian Sheffler, Executive Secretary Natalie Vollmer Council, seven of eight present: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New England, Southeast, Southern - alternate, Southwest. Not present: Northwest.

Committee Chairmen: NFAA Pro Chairman Randall Wellings.

NFAA State Directors (or alternate), 38 of 48 present: MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV, IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, CT, MA, ME, AK, ID, MT, FL, KY, SC, TN, LA, MS, OK, TX, AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, NV, UT, IL, MI, WI. States not present: NH, RI, VT, OR, WA, WY, GA, NC, AL, OH

State Compliance Affidavit paperwork was received for 48 states and AAE. Two states do not have State Compliance: Delaware and Arkansas.

General Housekeeping and agenda reviewed by President Cull. Introductions were given and all guests were introduced.

Rules of Assembly and Meeting and Parliamentary Protocol highlighted by Parliamentarian Tim Austin.

Fifteen-signature agenda items deadline was Noon on Saturday, April 25.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion made by MA and second by NJ to accept the 2014 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed - Minutes are accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report and State of the NFAA: President Cull gave a presentation on the State of the NFAA. 2014 was the NFAA's best year financially and also in regards to membership. All events have increased in number of participants. Brittany Salonen – NFAA Marketing Manager gave a presentation which recapped the 3-Star Tour numbers and marketing improvements. Rachael Byrd – NEYAC Marketing Manager explained the different programs being held in the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center (NEYAC). She also shared different fundraising opportunities to sustain/operate the NFAA Museum. President Cull also discussed the Compound Academies that the facility has been hosting. The World Archery Youth Championship will be held at NEYAC this June and there was some discussion about the great exposure the NFAA will get from archers around the world.

Ballot Considerations: Total Weighted votes = 46; Two-thirds weighted majority = 31; (Pro Items = 32)
Two-thirds non-weighted majority = 25; Simple weighted majority = 24; Simple non-weighted majority = 19

CA-1. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 32, Article II, Section H, paragraph 15.

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

CA-2. California moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 33, Article II, Section J, paragraph 3

A one, two, or three-piece straight ended bow constructed of wood or laminated wood with non-adjustable limbs. When the bow is braced, the string must not touch the limbs between the notches on the limb.

CO-1. New Jersey moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion as amended is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 59, Article VI, Section G, paragraph 6, Item 6.11

Equipment failures must be recognized by an official and 45 minutes will be allowed for repair. There will be one practice end, at the distance that the equipment failure occurred.

FL-1. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Minnesota. Motion failed.

FL-2. No action.

FL-3. Florida moved to adopt. No action.

FL-4. No action.

FL-5. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion failed.

FL-6. No action.

FL-7. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion failed.

FL-8. No action.

FL-9. No action.

FL-10. No action.

FL-11. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion failed.

IN-1. Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion failed.

IN-2. Indiana moved to adopt. No action.

IN-3. Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws

Combine page 29, Article II, Section A, paragraph 8

Page 33, 34, Article II, Section L

Page 45-46, Article IV, Section H, paragraph 3.

LA-1. Withdrawn

MA-1. New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 53, Article VI, Section C, paragraph 2, Item 2.1

Add the following two sentences at the end of Item 2.1: An arrow shaft need only touch the scoring line to be counted in the next higher value. See Appendix 6 for a picture of an Animal Round target.

MI-1. Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Nevada. Motion failed.

MI-2. Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion failed.

PA-1. Pennsylvania moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion failed.

Pro-1, Pro-2, Pro-3. Massachusetts moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, Item 1.1

Archers who are NFAA members in good standing shall be eligible for NFAA Professional Division membership, however, those archers under 18 shall be required to file written permission from his/her parent or guardian. An NFAA form in triplicate shall be provided for Parent or Guardian signature.

Revision, By-Laws page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 2, Item 1.2

Archers from other archery organizations who wish to compete in the NFAA Professional Division must pay NFAA membership, plus Pro dues and compete in a NFAA Professional Division, at all NFAA Sectional, National and NFAA sanctioned tournaments.

New Item, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, Item 1.5

Upon payment of Pro dues, the NFAA Professional archer accepts that he/she must abide by the Code of Ethics and the Dress Code.

Pro-4. Wisconsin moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 5, Item 2.5

NFAA Pro Executive Committee will consider the disciplinary action taken for a violation of The Code of Ethics by another Professional organization.

Pro-5. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion passed as amended twice.

Revision, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 2, Item 3.2

Jeans or denim of any color will not be allowed during any competition. Professional archers shall wear slacks, shorts or skirts. Shorts and skirts can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. The waist of the attire must not fall below the waistline. Shirts/tops shall be of a collared design. Archers may also wear uniforms provided by sponsors. Shirts must have a standard collar, Henley collar or mock collar. T-Shirts, swimming suits, cut-offs and obscene or vulgar slogans or pictures on clothing are prohibited. No camouflage clothing allowed.

Pro-6. Wisconsin moved to adopt. Seconded by Pro Chairman. Motion failed.

Pro-7. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

Pro-8. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion failed.

Pro-9. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

Pro-10. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 38, Article III, Section D, paragraph 8, Item 8.4.1

To chair and conduct a Pro Division meeting at the Indoor and Outdoor National Tournaments.

Pro-11. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

Pro-12. No Action.

Pro-13. No Action.

Pro-14. No Action.

Pro-15. No Action.

Pro-16. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 39, Article III, Section D, paragraph 9, Item 9.1.5

The Sectional Professional Representative will act as a liaison between the Pro Chairman and the State Professional Representatives and individual Professional Division members.

Pro-17. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Virginia. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 39, Article III, Section D, paragraph 9, Item 9.2.7

Should a problem arise, the Sectional Pro Representative will contact the Sectional Councilman and the Pro Chairperson who in turn will contact the NFAA Director of the State involved in order to resolve the problem.

Pro-18. Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion failed.

Pro-19. Kentucky moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by South Carolina. Motion failed.

Pro-20. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Montana. Motion failed.

Pro-21. No Action.

AL-1. Montana moved to adopt. Seconded by Minnesota. Motion failed.

MW-1. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion failed.

MW-2. No Action.

SD-1. Arizona moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 29, Article II, Section A, paragraph 7

Add: A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require the removal of the archer from the event.

MI-3. Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 28, Article I, Section F.

The use of personal stereo or radio equipment for music or self-coaching is not permitted while on the shooting line in competition (or official practice).

MI-4. Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 48, Article IV, Section J, paragraph 15.

Occurrence of equipment repair or replacement may not happen more than once in any tournament day.

NJ-1. New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion failed.

FL-12. (Agenda item re-numbered – page 51) Florida moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Virginia. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 55, Article VI, Section E, paragraph 1

Add: Half way through the scoring portion of the Indoor Round, archers shooting bottom targets will move their target face to the top, and archers shooting top targets will move their target face to the bottom.

FL-13. (Agenda item re-numbered – page 52) New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Motion failed.

CI-1. New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion passed.
The Certified Instructor Program will be added to the NFAA Policy section.

Council-1. Massachusetts moved to table the agenda item. Seconded by Florida. Agenda Item tabled.

RIC 2014-3. Motion by New Jersey to uphold. Seconded by New Mexico. Motion passed. RIC Upheld.
The New Mexico Director was asked to make a ruling if it was legal for a competitor with the physical disability of not being able to use his draw arm to pull the bow back, is allowed to use a “shooting vest” with a release aid attached in the Freestyle division of competition. The New Mexico Director ruled that the shooting vest would be LEGAL for use only in a shooting style that allows for the use of a release aid. The RIC Committee agrees with the New Mexico Director that the use of a “shooting vest” with a release aid attached by a competitor with a physical disability was LEGAL in the two NFAA styles that allow the use of release aids – Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle.

RIC 2014-4. Motion by Massachusetts to uphold. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed. RIC Upheld.
The California Director was asked if it was legal in the Longbow style of shooting for a competitor to use a “stick on” arrow rest or a cushion plunger. The California Director ruled that it is ILLEGAL to have anything in the sight window. The “stick on” arrow rest would be illegal. The cushion plunger would not only be in the sight window but it’s also mechanical, therefore illegal. The RIC Committee agrees with the California Director that the use of a “stick on” arrow rest and/or a cushion plunger in the Longbow style of competitive shooting is ILLEGAL.

RIC 2014-5. Motion by Massachusetts to uphold. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed. RIC Upheld.
A “Manufacturer’s Request” from SURE-LOC regarding the legality of their 5-Pin “Lethal Weapon” (with Retina Loc) or the 5-Pin “IQ Micro Bowsight” (with Retina Lock Technology) in the Bowhunter Freestyle/Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. The RIC Committee unanimously agrees that the “bump” that houses the “Retina Loc”, located at 12 o’clock above the highest sight pin, has the potential of being used as a reference/aiming point. Therefore, the RIC Committee agrees that the SURE-LOC “Lethal Weapon” (with Retinal Loc) Bowsight or the “IQ Micro Bowsight” (with Retina Lock Technology) would be LEGAL in the Bowhunter Freestyle/Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition as long as the sight has four (4) pins or less.

RIC 2014-6. Motion by Massachusetts to uphold. Seconded by California. Motion passed. RIC Upheld.
The California Director was asked if it was legal, in the Longbow style of competition, to put an “aluminum sleeve” on a wooden arrow to accommodate nocks for NFAA tournaments. The California Director ruled that since the “aluminum sleeve” is not part of the nock or part of the wooden arrow, the use of the “aluminum sleeve” would be ILLEGAL. The RIC Committee agrees with the California Director tha the use of an “aluminum sleeve” on a wooden arrow in the Longbow style of competition shooting is ILLEGAL.

RIC 2015-1. Motion by Connecticut to uphold. Seconded by New Mexico. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The Mid-Atlantic Councilman received a request asking if the use of a “Double Sight” system, that includes a sight (“Square Up”) manufactured by “Connecticut Archery”, was legal in the Bowhunter Freestyle/Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. The Mid-Atlantic Councilman ruled that the use of the “Square Up” sight in the Bowhunter Freestyle/Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition is ILLEGAL. The RIC Committee unanimously rules that the use of the “Square Up” sight in the Bowhunter Freestyle/Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition is ILLEGAL.

NFAA/USA Archery Merger Committee Update

Connecticut Director Jim Lamoin and Massachusetts Director Paul Lewkowicz gave a brief report on the progress of the Merger Committee. The last meeting was held in January 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The two entities mapped out how they could be transitioned together.

Tournaments:

2015 National Outdoor – Mechanicsburg, PA	July 22-26, 2015
2015 National Outdoor Target – Yankton, SD	September 26-27, 2015
2015 NAFAC – Homestead, FL	December 11-13, 2015
2016 Vegas Shoot – Las Vegas, NV	January 29-31, 2016
2016 National Indoor – Louisville, KY	March 19-20, 2016
2016 First Dakota Classic – Yankton, SD	June 3-5, 2016
2016 National Outdoor – Darrington, WA	July 25-29, 2016
2016 National Outdoor Target – Yankton, SD	September 24-25, 2016

President asked for anything for the good of the NFAA.

A motion was made by Mississippi Director to Suspend Robert’s Rules of Order. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed by Majority and the Rules were Suspended. There was an open discussion in regards to when, where and how often the Board of Directors should meet. Mississippi moved to hold the NFAA Board of Directors Meeting every other year – during odd numbered years. Seconded by Florida. Motion passed. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be in 2017. The date and location will be determined by the Council.

Financial Reports were reviewed by the Directors.

Proposed 2016 NFAA Budget was reviewed. California moved to adopt proposed budget. Seconded by New Jersey. Budget was approved.

Massachusetts motioned to Adjourn the 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Iowa. Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Vollmer
NFAA Executive Secretary

