

# Minutes of the 2017 National Field Archery Association Board of Directors Meeting

NFAA Headquarters – Yankton, South Dakota

## General Session – Monday July 31, 2017

**General Assembly Meeting** called to order by President Bruce Call at 8:00 AM.

**Invocation:** led by Paul Lewkowicz

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

**Alternate Directors:** Kendall Woody - VA, Ross Bretsch - IA, John Doub – KS, Sandy McCain - CA were seated by a motion from Florida, second by Massachusetts. Passed by a show of hands.

### **Roll Call/Introductions:**

Officers present: President Bruce Cull, Vice President Brian Sheffler, Executive Secretary Natalie Vollmer Council, all eight present: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New England, Northwest, Southeast, Southern, Southwest - alternate.

Committee Chairmen: NFAA Pro Chairman Chuck Cooley.

NFAA State Directors (or alternate), 34 of 49 present: MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, SD, CT, MA, ME, AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, FL, KY, TN, LA, OK, TX, AZ, CA, HI, UT, IL, IN, MI, WI. States not present: DE, ND, NH, RI, VT, WY, GA, NC, SC, AL, MS, CO, NM, NV, OH

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 Monday, July 31.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**2015 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by NJ and second by UT to accept the 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed - Minutes are accepted.

**Vice-President Election:** Sealed ballots were opened and recorded. Candidates were Ray Jones and Doug Joyce. The new NFAA Vice-President is Doug Joyce.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**President's Report and State of the NFAA:** President Cull gave a presentation on the State of the NFAA. Yankton Mayor Jake Hoffner addressed the Board of Directors and welcomed them to Yankton. Brittany Salonen – NFAA Marketing Director gave a presentation which explained NFAA's partnership with ATA to help facilitate the growth of the grassroots archery programs and growing membership at the state/local levels. The hope is to expand bowhunting connections and to establish more clubs, and to make club information available to members and potential members. The new NFAA membership platform – Sport80, was also explained. Jennifer Mazur and Emily Beach from ATA also attended the Board of Directors Meeting.

**NFAA Foundation Report:** President Cull also gave an update on the Foundation including the Expansion of the Center and all of its uses. The World Indoor will be held here in February 2018.

**Ballot Considerations:** Total Weighted votes = 41; Two-thirds weighted majority = 27; (Pro Items = 28)  
Two-thirds non-weighted majority = 23; Simple weighted majority = 28; Simple non-weighted majority = 21

**HQ-02.** Florida moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Kentucky. Motion as amended is adopted.  
New Item, Constitution, page 10, Article III, Section A, paragraph 2

2.1 NFAA Life Membership shall entitle an individual to all services provided by NFAA except tournament competition privileges and any other services that must be supplied by or through the resident state association as defined in paragraph 3 of this section.

2.2 Combined Life Membership shall entitle an individual to all services provided by NFAA. Each state will provide a state rate for regular and senior life memberships.

2.2-2.5 to be re-numbered to 2.3-2.6

Revision, Constitution, page 25, Article XII

Add: Each state will provide a state rate for regular and senior life memberships.

Eliminate: Children under 18 - life membership section.

**HQ-03.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Minnesota. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 12, Article III, Section B, paragraph 2.1

Have a Constitution and By-Laws consistent with NFAA rules, regulations, procedures, and policies, approved by the NFAA Council; and must file a digital, searchable document with the NFAA office, which may be reviewed by the NFAA Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

**HQ-04.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 12, Article III, Section A, paragraph 13 – Eliminate

Revision, By-Laws, page 32, Article II, Section K, paragraphs 1-3 – Eliminate

Eliminate NASP membership and NASP Division.

**HQ-05.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by Minnesota. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 19, Article VII, Section H, paragraph 4

Change to read: “Ratify the hiring of any or all new office personnel required by headquarters.”

**HQ-07.** New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 24, Article XII, Section B & C

B. One-Time Dues: For promotional purposes, the NFAA reserves the right to adjust dues for first time members that join directly through the NFAA. Individual dues for first time members shall be \$65.00 (\$25 to be forwarded to the member’s State Association). A family unit is defined as a head of household, spouse and dependents less than 18 years of age. Junior membership dues, as a primary member, shall be \$35.00 (\$20 to be forwarded to the member’s State Association). After the first year of membership, all dues shall revert to the standard billing system used by each State Association. Should a new member join the NFAA directly through their respective State Association, the State Association fees used through the billing system shall apply.

C. Individual dues for the National Field Archery Association shall be \$40.00 per year per person and shall include the National Field Archery Association’s official publication. Each member or head of household may at his/her option, elect for \$1 to be designated for the Bowhunter Defense fund. Dues for one additional family membership shall be \$10.00 per year. Additional family members shall be \$5.00 per year per person. A family is defined as head of the household, spouse, and all dependents less than 18 years of age. A Youth family is defined as 2 or more youth members less than 18 years of age. Youth family members must be siblings.

Dues billing shall be handled by NFAA for states. NFAA shall return state dues monthly.

Revision, By-Laws, page 80, Article XVIII, Section A, paragraphs 3-4

Increase Charter fees to \$30.00 for Clubs and Shops.

**HQ-08.** New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 25, Article XII, Section N

The annual NFAA dues for all categories of membership shall be decided by a 2/3 vote of the Council based on the financial needs of the organization, to be ratified by the Board.

**Pro-1.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion passed.

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

1.6 Archers wishing to join the Professional Division must submit validated proof of minimum score proficiency as shot at an NFAA Indoor Blue Face or Outdoor Field event; State, Sectional or National levels will be the only considerations for an approved qualification score. Validated proof shall be an NFAA stamped scorecard or verified, posted, and official event results. The archer must submit a score that may not be less than 96.5% of the winning score in the respective division they wish to join as averaged over the last 6 National events for that Division.

All current Professionals would not need to qualify unless their membership lapses for more than 60 days unless medically excused (injury, illness, military deployment, etc.) A returning Pro may use past champion's provisional (Member of US National team, NFAA National event winner) to avoid the qualification score if they lapsed. Provisional claim cannot be more than 5 years past.

Example Indoor: The best would be 360. (300 w/60x's) Needed would be 347.4.

Example Outdoor: 560 is a perfect score. Needed would be 540.4.

**Pro-2.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Virginia. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 25, Article XII, Section L

Annual fees for the Professional Division shall be \$125.00.

Revision, By-Laws, page 43, Article III, Section D, paragraph 15

The NFAA Professional fees being \$125.00 per member for the calendar year. The following guidelines will be used in disbursing membership dues:

National Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$25.00
National Field Championship Prize Fund	\$27.50
Sectional Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Sectional Field Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Pro Point Prize Fund	\$20.00
Tournament Guarantee Fund	\$2.50
NFAA Administration Cost	\$5.00
General Expense Fund	\$20.00
Professional Scholarship Fund	\$5.00

**Pro-3.** No Action

**Pro-5.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1.4

Archers must provide an application listing a member of the Professional division in good standing as a mentor for Professional membership. Their first year of membership will be a probationary period pending fulfillment of membership requirements.

**HQ-01.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 41, Article III, Section D, paragraph 12

Remove paragraph 12 and renumber remaining paragraphs.

**HQ-06.** Minnesota moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 37, Article III, Section D, paragraph 3.2

Jeans or Denim of any color are not allowed during any competition. Professional archers shall wear slacks, shorts, or skirts. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than the archer's fingertips when rested at their side. 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.

**AZ-1.** No Action.

**AZ-2.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 44, Article IV, Section A, paragraph 9.2

For tournaments without a timer, a competitor who is not present at their assigned target before their group has scored all the arrows of that target will take a no score for that target. Exceptions will be for equipment failure experienced during practice that is reported to and approved by the tournament chairman, or circumstances caused by tournament officials. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they are at their assigned target on time or to seek the assistance of the tournament director to help them arrive at their target on time.

**HQ-09.** New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Utah. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 50, Article V, Section D, paragraphs 1, 5

1. Handicap cards will be made available online by NFAA upon receipt of dues from member. The card shall have provisions to indicate NFAA State and Club Membership, all styles of shooting, and shall provide space for recording scores for all recognized styles of shooting.

5. The handicap and membership card shall carry the NFAA ID number, full name, expiration date, and affiliated state of the archer.

**CA-PA-WA-CO-1.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

**SE-2.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut.

Roll Call Vote to Adopt Failed with 14 yes, 20 no.

Voting Yes: NY, MA, ME, AK, ID, OR, FL, KY, TN, CA, IN, MI,

Voting No: MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV, IA, MN, MO, NE, SD, CT, LA, OK, TX, AZ, HI, UT, IL, WI

Abstain: WA

**SE-6.** No Action.

**CO-1.** No Action.

**LA-1.** No Action.

**NE-1.** No Action.

**NE-2.** No Action.

**Council-1.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 46, Article IV, Section H, paragraph 2

PRO, PRO SENIOR

ADULT, SENIOR, SILVER SENIOR, MASTER SENIOR

Freestyle

Freestyle

Freestyle Limited

YOUNG ADULT, YOUTH, CUB

Barebow

Freestyle

Bowhunter Freestyle

Bowhunter Freestyle

Traditional

Barebow

Freestyle Limited Recurve

Freestyle Limited Recurve

Crossbow (Adult Only)

Edit/Delete corresponding shooting styles in Article II – NFAA Shooting Styles & Equipment Rules.

**FL-6.** No Action.

**FL-7.** No Action.

**FL-8.** No Action.

**FL-9.** No Action.

**CA-1.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Oregon. Motion failed.

**Pro-4.** Pro Chair moved to adopt. Seconded by Utah. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1.6

Revision, By-Laws, page 46, Article IV, Section H, paragraph 2

The Professional Division shall have the following designation for Senior Professional levels: A Senior Division for archers ages 50 and older, a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older, and a Master Senior Division for archers age 70 and older shall be provided at National and Sectional (Indoor and Outdoor) tournaments. Any archer may compete in only one Division; however, those 50 and older may compete as either an Adult or Senior, those age 60 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior, or Silver Senior, and those age 70 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, or Master Senior. Silver Senior and Master Senior Divisions shall not seek contingency support, shall not seek guaranteed prize funds (only shoot for entry fees), nor shall they seek awards more than Medals (Silver and Master Pro divisions are exempt from Silver Bowls). The only recognized Divisions shall be Freestyle Men and Freestyle Women for Silver Senior and Master Senior.

**AZ-4.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion failed.

**PA-1.** No Action.

**SE-3.** No Action.

**IN-1.** Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Kansas. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 34, Article II, Section L, paragraph 19

Maximum diameter of arrow/bolt shaft is 27/64 (2712).

**IN-2.** Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 33, Article II, Section L, paragraph 10.5

Remove paragraph 10.5

**MT-1.** Montana moved to adopt. Seconded by Utah. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 28, Article I, Section E

1. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substance (drugs) may be carried or consumed on any range or practice area during shooting hours at any NFAA sanctioned or owned tournament. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified and not allowed to complete the tournament.

2. Littering the grounds of any tournament will not be permitted. Host will provide trash receptacles. Please keep our ranges clean.

3. Un-sportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated.

4. A competitor not following the established tournament rules, improper conduct, or creating a safety hazard, may be disqualified immediately. Disciplinary actions from warning to disqualifications are at the Tournament Chairman's discretion.

5. Verbal abuse or slander directed toward a Tournament Official while conducting their duties will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament.

6. Any disqualifications of a competitor should be documented in a written report that is signed by the Tournament Chairman, following the completion of the day's events. The report will be available for review by the Tournament Committee.

Delete Article VI, Section G, paragraph 8.3, page 60

Delete Article IV, Section I, paragraph 10, page 47

Delete Article VI, Section K, paragraph 3.1, page 61

Delete Article VI, Section K, paragraph 3.2, page 61

**NY-1.** Massachusetts moved to adopt as amended twice. Seconded by Utah. Motion failed.

**FL-3.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Kentucky. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 27, Article I, Section B, paragraph 9

Age – An archer's age will be determined by their actual birth date and their physical age as of the first day of their competition in any tournament.

**NY-2.** New York moved to adopt. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion failed.

**AZ-3.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion failed.

**SE-1.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Iowa. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 49, Article IV, Section K, paragraph 5

At Sectional and National Outdoor Tournaments, "X" count may be kept and used to break ties.

**SE-5.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 49, Article IV, Section K, paragraph 4

Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> in Championship Flights at any National Tournament will be broken by a shoot off. All other ties will receive duplicate awards. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the professional division will be broken by a shoot off.

**MN-1.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by Missouri. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 55, Article II, Section E, paragraph 2.4

Add: A time limit of 2 minutes per end will be used.

**MN-2.** Minnesota moved to adopt. Seconded by Utah. Motion failed.

**HQ-10.** Utah moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 56-57, Article VI, Section E, paragraphs 5.8, 5.11.1

5.8 If an archer shoots more than the prescribed number of arrows in an end, the excess arrow or arrows of higher value will not be scored. A penalty of one scoring ring (1 point and 1X if applicable) will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed number of arrows.

5.11.1 An archer may shoot the 3-spot target in any order, and shoot as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires, not to exceed the prescribed number or arrows per end.

**FL-1.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 59, Article VI, Section G, paragraph 2.4

2.4 When all the archers shooting at a target mat so desire; the full target face will be used so that all archers may score arrows that fall outside the 6 ring.

**FL-5.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Kentucky. Motion passed

Revision, By-Laws, page 60, Article VI, Section J, paragraph 1

The NFAA Archery Classic 92 cm Target Face shall be used. At the discretion of tournament management, the center version of the Face may be used utilizing only the 6 through 10 rings. Archers who want to shoot the full 92 cm Target Face must state their desire during registration and will be accommodated by moving them to a target butt with a full face.

**FL-2.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion passed.

New Item, By-Laws, page 59, Article VI, Section G, paragraph 5.3

When two shooting line groups are used, archers will alternate first up to shoot on the target. An AB, BA system will be used alternating end by end so that each archer will have an equal time shooting at a target without arrows in it.

**FL-2.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Kentucky. Motion failed.

**SE-4.** Florida moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion failed.

**HQ-11.** Massachusetts moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed.

Revision, By-Laws, page 80, Article XVIII, Section A, paragraph 2

A club/shop charter may be granted by the NFAA only after prior approval of the state association and NFAA Director. No club/shop, meeting NFAA minimum requirements, shall be denied membership to the NFAA unless special circumstances occur. A petition to denied membership must be filed by the state and approved by the Council.

**RIC 2016-1.** Motion by New Jersey to uphold. Seconded by Utah. Motion passed. RIC Upheld.

The California Director was asked if it was legal for competitors in the "Freestyle" style of competition, or any other Style of competition, to carry two bows and two sets of arrows and shoot one bow at shorter distances and one bow at longer distances. The California Director ruled that this was LEGAL in the Freestyle style of competition. The RIC Committee agrees with the decision of the California Director as there is nothing written in the NFAA Constitution & By-Laws to prohibit a competitor from carrying two bows and two sets of arrows and shoot one bow at shorter distances and one bow at longer distances. However, competitors in Barebow, Competitive Bowhunter, Bowhunter Freestyle, Bowhunter Freestyle Limited, Traditional and Longbow are advised that the NFAA Equipment Rules in these six styles require that "All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching, with allowance for wear and tear". In addition, competitors in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles are restricted to using a sight with a maximum of 5 fixed reference points. The RIC Committee rules that it would be ILLEGAL for a competitor in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited to use two bows, each bow containing a sight with five reference points, during a round as the competitor would then have ten fixed reference points. In conclusion, of the nine

recognized styles of competition (FS, FSL, FSLR, BB, BH, BHFS, BHFSL, TRAD, LB) only three (Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Freestyle Limited Recurve) do not have an arrow restriction or a sight restriction.

**RIC 2016-2.** Motion by Michigan to uphold. Seconded by Nebraska. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The Texas Director was asked if the “Doinker Archery A-Bar Field Stabilizer” was legal in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. The Texas Director rules that the “Doinker Archery A-Bar Field Stabilizer” was ILLEGAL as the NFAA Equipment Rules for these two styles mandate a “Straight Stabilizer”. The RIC Committee agrees with the Texas Director that the “Doinker Archery A-Bar Field Stabilizer” is ILLEGAL in the Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. Additionally, the RIC Committee rules that the “Doinker Archery A-Bar Field Stabilizer” is also ILLEGAL in the Bowhunter and Traditional styles of competition.

**RIC 2016-3.** Motion by Indiana to uphold. Seconded by West Virginia. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The NFAA Vice-President was asked to review the legality of a sight containing a Pin, a Circular ring and a Partial scope housing, in the Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. The NFAA Vice-President rules that the sight in question was LEGAL in the Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition as the sight complies with the following NFAA Equipment Rules: The sight pin, consisting of a housing with a hole through it, contains a fixed reference point within the hole. The round or oval housing around the points of reference would not be considered a cope as no liens is used. No additional pin guard is used. The RIC Committee agrees with the decision of the NFAA Vice-President that the sight in question is LEGAL in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition.

**RIC 2017-1.** Motion by Michigan to uphold. Seconded by South Dakota. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The NFAA Director from Texas was questioned regarding the legality of using “Fur or Feather Tracers” on an arrow in NFAA competition. The Texas Director ruled that the use of “Fur or Feather Tracers” is ILLEGAL as the tracers enhance the target to gain a sighting or aiming advantage. The RIC Committee disagrees with the decision of the Texas Director and rules that “Fur or Feather Tracers” are LEGAL in all styles of NFAA competition.

**RIC 2017-2.** Motion by Utah to uphold. Seconded by Louisiana. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The NFAA Director from Wisconsin was asked if the “Axcel Accu View” sight, with a “Cross Hair Insert” and “Fiber Optic Pin”, was legal in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition. The Wisconsin Director ruled that the sight in question was LEGAL as, “there is not a lens in the aperture and the sight has a pin in the aperture”. The RIC Committee disagrees with the decision of the Wisconsin Director and rules that the “Axcel Accu View” sight, with a “Cross Hair Insert” and “Fiber Optic Pin” is ILLEGAL in Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited styles of competition.

**RIC 2017-3.** Motion by Massachusetts to uphold. Seconded by Michigan. Motion passed. RIC Upheld. The NFAA Director from Rhode Island was questioned regarding the legality of the recent decision by the Rhode Island Field Archery Association’s (RIFAA) Board of Representatives requiring competitors to attend at least three of the 2016/2017 RIFAA weekly indoor tournaments to be eligible for awards at the RIFAA NFAA State Indoor Championship tournament. The NFAA Director from Rhode Island ruled that the RIFAA Board of Representatives decision to require a three shoot minimum award eligibility requirement was within the Rhode Island Board of Representatives authority and is valid. The RIC Committee was unable to find any language in the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws that would prohibit NFAA Affiliated States from adding additional requirements for NFAA State Championship Tournaments. The RIC Committee agrees with the NFAA Director from Rhode Island.



**Tournaments:**

2017 National Outdoor Target, Yankton, SD	September 16-17, 2018
2017 NAFAC – Homestead, FL	December 8-10, 2017
2018 Vegas Shoot – Las Vegas, NV	February 9-11, 2018
2018 National Indoor – Cincinnati, OH	March 10-11, 2018
2018 National Outdoor – Mechanicsburg, PA	July 25-29, 2018

**President asked for anything for the good of the NFAA.**

Several Directors brought up ideas on changing the Outdoor Rounds and Format. Several other topics were discussed. Surveys will be conducted to obtain feedback and information moving forward.

**Financial Reports were reviewed by the Directors.**

**Proposed 2017/2018 NFAA Budget was reviewed.** New Jersey moved to adopt proposed budget. Seconded by Massachusetts. Budget was approved.

West Virginia motioned to adjourn the 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Wisconsin. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Natalie Vollmer  
NFAA Executive Secretary

