

# Minutes of the 2019 National Field Archery Association Board of Directors Meeting

NFAA Headquarters – Yankton, South Dakota

## General Session – Monday July 29, 2019

**General Assembly Meeting** called to order by President Brian Sheffler at 8:00 AM.

**Invocation:** led by Doug Joyce.

**Pledge of Allegiance,** led by William Hall, Sergeant of Arms.

**Alternate Directors:** Kendall Woody - VA, Tony Harris - WV, Jerry Hoppe - GA, Josh Gerard - LA were seated by a motion from Florida, second by Massachusetts. Passed by a show of hands.

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

Officers present: President Brian Sheffler, Vice President Doug Joyce, Executive Secretary Natalie Vollmer, Executive Director Bruce Cull

Council, seven present: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New England, Northwest, Southern, Southwest. Southeast absent.

Committee Chairmen: NFAA Pro Chairman Chuck Cooley.

NFAA State Directors (or alternate), 36 of 48 present: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV, IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, CT, MA, AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, FL, GA, KY, TN, LA, OK, TX, AZ, CA, HI, NV. States not present: DE, ME, NH, RI, WY, NC, SC, AL, MS, CO, NM, UT.

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

**Rules of Assembly** and Meeting and Parliamentary Protocol handed out to the Directors and Council. Parliamentarian Bruce Cull is present for interpretation.

Fifteen-signature agenda items deadline was 1:30 PM on Monday, July 29.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**2017 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by FL and second by MA to accept the 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed - Minutes are accepted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**President's Report and State of the NFAA:** President Sheffler gave a brief history of how far the NFAA has come. He also explained the role that the Directors have in order to have a successful Board of Directors meeting.

**NFAA Foundation Report:** Bruce Cull also gave an update on the Foundation including a review of the Vegas Shoot, the First Dakota Classic and the capital improvements to the Center and all of its uses. The National Guard continues to have their summer drills at the facility and has erected several new buildings and shelters on our Field ranges.

**Ballot Considerations:** Total Weighted votes = 42; Two-thirds weighted majority = 28; (Pro Items = 29) Two-thirds non-weighted majority = 24; Simple weighted majority = 22; Simple non-weighted majority = 19

**IL-1.** No Action.

**FL-6.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion failed.

**C-5.** Montana moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion failed.

**IL-2.** No Action.

**C-1.** Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Oregon. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 21, Article VII, Section K, paragraph 4

4. The Immediate Past President shall remain an official member of the NFAA Council during the first two years of the term of the President replacing him/her.

**C-4.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Illinois. Motion passed.

Revision, Constitution, page 22, Article IX, Section B, paragraph 2

Add to paragraph 2: The Board of Directors will determine the proper placement of upheld rules interpretations into the Constitution, By-Laws or Policy.

**FL-4.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion failed.

**FL-5.** No Action.

**HQ-2.** Arizona moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion as amended is adopted.

New Item, Constitution, Article XII, Section M

Add: Junior members that have a current membership with, for example, S3DA, NASP, or JOAD may qualify for a 1-year trial membership. The offer is valid for new NFAA junior members only and will be renewed at the regular Junior rate upon expiration.

**HQ-3.** Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Oregon. Motion is adopted.

Revision, Constitution, page 26, Article XIII

BOWHUNTING EDUCATION FUND: A NFAA Bowhunting Education Fund shall be established for development and promotion of hunter information and education programs to combat anti-hunting efforts or for funding of legal counsel in defense of bowhunting rights in the United States.

**LA-1.** Massachusetts moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion is adopted.

New Item, By-Laws, page 27, Section B, paragraph 10.

10. Incomplete – When an archer does not complete required number of ends or targets in a tournament.

**C-2.** Indiana moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 29, Article II, Section A, paragraph 6

Add to paragraph 6: If the arrow wrap, nock, or nock adapter exceed 0.422 inches in diameter and are embedded in the scoring area of the target, the arrow shall NOT be scored and will be reshot.

**SW-1.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion is adopted.

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

7. No archer shall draw a bow in any manner that if accidentally released could fly beyond a safety zone or a safety arrangement over shoot area, backstop, etc.

**CA-3.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 30, Article II, Section B, paragraph 9

9. No device of any kind, not including the arrow rest, arrow plate or plunger button, that can be used for sighting will be used or attached to the archer's equipment.

**CA-4.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 30, Article II, Section B, paragraph 11

11. No part of the arrow rest may extend more than ¼ inch above the arrow in the sight window.

**CA-5.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 31, Article II, Section F, paragraph 4

4. No part of the arrow rest may extend more than ¼ inch above the arrow in the sight window.

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

**CA-2.** California moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Indiana. Motion as amended is adopted.

New Item, Article II, page 33, Section I

I. Barebow Recurve

1. This style of shooting is for those who wish to compete with the Recurve or Longbow.

2. Archers shooting Barebow Recurve style will use bow, arrows, strings, and accessories free from any sights, marks or blemishes that may be used as a sighting aid. No laminations, marks or blemishes on the face of the bow or in the sight window will be legal. Multi-colored bow risers, and trademarks located on the inside of the upper and lower limb or on the riser are permitted.

3. An arrow rest and cushion plunger are permitted. There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest, arrow plate or plunger button.

4. No clickers, draw checks or levels will be allowed.

5. Weight(s) may be added to the lower part of the riser. All weights, regardless of shape, shall mount directly to the riser without rods, extensions, angular mounting connection or shock-absorbing devices.

6. The unstrung bow complete with permitted accessories shall be capable of passing through a hole or ring with a 12.2 cm inside diameter +/- 0.5 mm.

7. The string may be any color but must have a single color center serving. Brush buttons and string silencers, properly placed, may be used.

8. One consistent nocking point only is permitted and may be held by one or two nock locators.

9. Face walking and string walking are allowed.

10. Gloves, tabs or fingers shall be the only legal releases. Marks or lines may be added directly to the tab and shall be uniform in size, shape and color. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.

11. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, fletching, and nocks, without regard to color, with allowance for wear and tear.

12. No part of the arrow rest, cushion plunger or arrow plate may extend more than ¼ inch above the arrow in the sight window.

13. Adult and Senior only.

**AZ-2.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section C

Senior: A Senior Division for archers ages 50-59, a Silver Senior Division for archers ages 60-69, 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 age 50 to 59 may compete as either an Adult or Senior, those age 60 to 69 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.

**Pro-3.** Idaho moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.1

1.1 Archers wishing to join the Professional Division must submit validated proof of minimum score proficiency as shot at an official NFAA Event requiring NFAA Membership. The MQS shall be one of any of the following events: For indoor scores the allowed faces shall be the Blue Face 300 round, or Vegas style face NFAA 450 or 600 round. For outdoor scores, archers may use any one score from the following: 28 target Field or 28 target Hunter, or the NFAA 900 round, or NFAA Classic 600 round or the National Marked Yardage 3D. Only State, Sectional or National events will be considered for an approved qualification score. Validated proof shall be an NFAA stamped score card or verified and publicly posted, official event results. The archer must submit a score that may not be less than 96.5% of the winning score in the respective similar non-professional division they wish to join as averaged over the last 6 National events for that division.

**Pro-4.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by New York. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.2

1.2 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 a written permission from his/her parent or guardian. Professional archers under 18 are required to hold an adult membership.

**Pro-5.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.3

1.3 Archers from any other archery organization who wish to compete in the NFAA Professional Division must pay NFAA membership, plus Pro dues and compete in a NFAA Professional or Championship Division, at all NFAA State, Sectional and National tournaments, and any NFAA or NFAAF sanctioned tournaments.

**Pro-6.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.4

Add to item 1.4: Archers that compete in a Professional Division or Professional Class in any other archery organization and have earned in excess of \$300 within the past 12 months must become a member of and compete in the NFAA Professional Division or Championship Division at any NFAA or NFAAF Sanctioned event at State, Sectional or National level.

**IA-1.** Iowa moved to adopt. Seconded by Nebraska. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.3

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**HQ-4.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Motion failed.

**AZ-1.** Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by Nevada. Motion is adopted.

Revision, By-Laws, page 35-36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.7

1.7 The Professional Division shall have the following designation for Senior Professional levels. A Senior Division for archers ages 50-59, a Silver Senior Division for archers ages 60-69, 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 age 50 to 59 may compete as either an Adult or Senior, those age 60 to 69 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.

**NJ-1.** New Jersey moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana. Motion is adopted.  
Revision, By-Laws, page 35-36, Article III, Section D, paragraph 1, item 1.7  
Add to 1.7: All Professional Divisions (Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, Master Senior) shall be recognized and Professional Division Champions at all NFAA Indoor and Outdoor National Tournaments shall be awarded Silver Bowls. The Professional Silver Senior and Master Senior Divisions shall not be prevented from seeking and receiving contingency support or guaranteed prize funds.

**Pro-1.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion failed.

**Pro-7.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion is adopted.  
Revision, By-Laws, page 38, Article III, Section D, paragraph 7, item 7.1.2  
7.1.2 The NFAA Pro Division recognizes only the Freestyle style of shooting.

**Pro-8.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Virginia. Motion is adopted.  
New Item, By-Laws, page 38, Article III, Section D, paragraph 7, item 7.1.3  
7.1.3 An NFAA Professional member shall compete in a Professional or Championship division at any NFAA sanctioned or NFAAF, State, Sectional, or National event.

**Pro-9.** Pro Chairman moved to adopt. Seconded by Missouri. Motion is adopted.  
Revision, By-Laws, page 38, Article III, Section D, paragraph 8, item 8.4.6  
8.4.6 Assign a five person Pro Executive committee. The Committee will consist of five appointed members from the Professional Division and the Pro Chairman. They shall be one Pro Male, one Pro Female, one Pro Senior, one Pro Silver Senior, and one Pro Master Senior. The Pro Chairman will be a non-voting member of the committee, but will appoint the other members.

**FL-3.** No Action.

**C-3.** Massachusetts moved to adopt. Seconded by Michigan. Motion is adopted.  
New Item, By-Laws, page 43, Article IV, Section B, paragraph 10  
Insert and re-number  
3. All Sectional tournaments shall be hosted by a current NFAA chartered Club or Shop. A Club or Shop can host a maximum of one (1) sectional location for each event.  
4. State Associations are not eligible to host a NFAA sectional event or location.  
5. All Sectional tournaments shall be hosted on a current NFAA inspected range.

**IN-1.** Indiana moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion failed.

**LA-2.** Connecticut moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

**C-7.** Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion failed.

**C-6.** Minnesota moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Motion failed.

**HQ-1.** Montana moved to adopt. Seconded by Missouri. Motion failed.

**CA-1.** California moved to adopt. Seconded by Indiana.  
Roll Call Vote to adopt passed with 24 yes, 16 no  
Voting Yes: IL, IN, MI, WI, NJ, NY, PA, KS, CT, MA, ID, MT, OR, WA, GA, KY, AZ, CA, HI, NV  
Voting No: OH, MD, IA, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, AK, FL, TN, LA, OK, TX  
Abstain: VA, WV  
Revision, Policy, page 87, 2013: Selection of World Team

1. The President will appoint an individual to select and manage NFAA archers attending IFAA World Championships. Team members will be chosen from the champions of the previous calendar year NFAA Outdoor Field Tournament, with the exception of Bowhunter Freestyle Limited, Bowhunter, and Longbow. These three styles can qualify at the previous calendar year North American Field Archery Championships (NAFAC). If these styles are not qualified at NAFAC, then past NFAA Champions will be selected.

**FL-2.** No Action.

**FL-7.** Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Tennessee. Motion failed.

**CA-6.** Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Motion is adopted.

New Item, By-Laws, page 33, Article II, paragraph I

I. Longbow

1. A one or two piece straight ended bow constructed of wood or laminated wood with nonadjustable limbs. When the bow is braced, the string must not touch the limbs between the notches on the limb. The belly and the back of the bow may have carbon or fiberglass on them.
2. The belly of the bow must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids.
3. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. No mechanical or elevated rests may be used.
4. Only one nocking point is allowed on the string which may be marked by one or two nocking point locators.
5. The archer shall touch the arrow when nocked and drawing the arrow with the index finger against the nock. In case of physical disability of arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
6. One anchor point only is permitted.
7. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowance for wear and tear.
8. No written memorandum will be allowed. Bow slings are permissible.
9. Participation in this style may shoot any type of arrow.
10. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, longbow archers may shoot at Youth stakes distances at the discretion of each state or club.
11. Adult Male and Adult Female only.

**MA-1.** Massachusetts moved to adopt. Seconded by New Jersey. Motion is adopted.

Revision, Constitution, page 10, Article III, Section A, paragraph 8

Replace all references to National Archery Association (NAA) with USA Archery in paragraphs 8.1 – 8.5.

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

**MI-3.** Massachusetts moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Michigan. Motion failed.

**MD-1.** No Action.

**IL-3.** Connecticut moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Florida. Motion is adopted as amended.

New Item, By-Laws, page 29, Article II, Section A, paragraph 11.

11. No arrow twirling or handling of arrows in an unsafe way. Every attempt should be made by the archer to keep arrow pointed toward the ground or target at all times. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of archer from the event.

**C-8.** Minnesota moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Michigan. Motion is adopted.

No changes or additions to the By-Laws.

The motion was to use the proposed format as a Trial for all 2020 Outdoor Field Sectionals.

The following changes are proposed.

	Field	Hunter	Animal	Cub	Field Target	Hunter Target	Animal Target	Youth Field	Youth Hunter
1	35 ft	11	20-10	35 ft	20 cm	20 cm	4		
2	15	15	20-10	15	35 cm	35 cm	4		
3	20	19	20-10	20	35 cm	35 cm	4		
4	25	23	35-25	25	35 cm	35 cm	3		
5	30	28	35-25	30	35 cm	35 cm	3		
6	35	32	35-25	15	50 cm	35 cm	3		
7	40	40	45-35	18	50 cm	50 cm	2		
8	45	36	45-35	20	50 cm	50 cm	2		
9	50	48	45-35	20	50 cm	50 cm	2		
10	55	53	60-50	20	65 cm	50 cm	1	40	41
11	60	58	60-50	25	65 cm	65 cm	1	45	45
12	65	64	60-50	30	65 cm	65 cm	1	50	50

- 3 arrows shot at each distance.
- Arrows may be shot at any target face on the butt.
- Archers will shoot 12 targets shooting first and 12 targets shooting second.
- Cubs shoot at their own stake other than on the Hunter & Animal Round – they either shoot their own stake or the Hunter-Animal Stake – which ever is the least distance.

#### **Tournaments:**

2020 Vegas Shoot – Las Vegas, NV	February 7-9, 2020
2020 National Indoor – Louisville, KY	March 20-22, 2020
2020 First Dakota Classic – Yankton, SD	April 17-19, 2020
2020 National Marked 3D – Redding, CA	May 1-3, 2020
2020 National Outdoor – Darrington, WA	July 24-26, 2020
2020 NAFAC – Everglades, FL	December 12-13, 2020

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

Michigan Director reminded the Directors to consider attending the 2019 NAFAC tournament, which was held August 23-25, 2019 at the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club.

**Financial Reports were reviewed by the Directors. Proposed 2020 NFAA Budget was reviewed.** Iowa moved to adopt proposed budget. Seconded by Massachusetts. Budget was approved.

Iowa motioned to adjourn the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Montana. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Natalie Vollmer  
 NFAA Executive Secretary