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Membership Drive Edition

Greetings to all Minnesota producers from MnEBA!

President's Message by Mark Lucas

Good Day All!

What a beauty of a day for late November, sunny and almost 60 degrees. I know what you're thinking; could we be in for another mild winter? While the majority of us would welcome another mild winter, there are those cold lovers that like to ice fish and snowmobile who were greatly bothered by last year's warm winter. They also have a point saying that we could use the moisture that snow brings to replenish the pastures and fields. We will just have to wait and see what Mother Nature has in store for us.

The 2012 MnEBA charitable elk hunt came together very quickly this year, and once again was a great success. It is so rewarding to hear the appreciation from a U.S. military veteran that otherwise may have never had the opportunity to harvest one of these magnificent bulls. It is the MnEBA membership's way of saying thanks to those who put themselves in harm's way to defend our freedoms. A very special thanks to Tony Beckel for once again hosting the hunt for the hunter and Lance and Brenda Hartkopf for their generous donation of the elk bull. Read more about the hunt inside the newsletter.

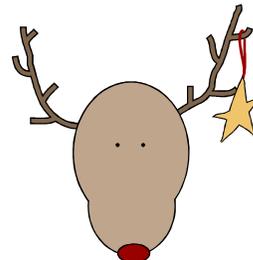
Now that I mentioned the MnEBA Charitable Hunt, I can remind everyone to get out and sell those last few elk calendars. This is our major fundraiser for the year that helps to cover several charitable gestures the association is involved in and we need every member's participation. Everyone may not like to go out and sell, so think outside the box. These make great stocking stuffers for that hard to buy for relative on your Christmas list or farm hand that does the chores when you're on vacation. They also mail well if you are looking for a gift for someone living a distance away. As an added incentive this year, sell 30 calendars and get your MnEBA dues paid for the year!

Our MnEBA Annual Conference is not far off, scheduled for January 11-12th at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN. The annual conference is always a good time to visit with old friends and talk elk. We have a good line up of seminars and speakers to inform and educate on the issues affecting the elk farmer today. I hope to see you all there.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Use extreme caution if you're trying to fit that prize hard antler bull of yours with a red Rudolph nose. I speak from experience on this, and the bull will not see the humor in it. It is not worth the risk just to get that one photo for the family Christmas card. We settled for a photo of the cat with fake antlers that year.

Happy Holidays!

Mark Lucas, President
Minnesota Elk Breeders Association



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Mission Statement

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association represents a unified voice that strengthens the Elk farming industry in Minnesota by creating awareness about Elk production and promotion and consumption of Elk products.

A Look Back at 2012 Markets A Great Year for Most Elk Products

MEAT

2012 saw meat prices stay at the highest point ever seen in the elk industry paying \$3.00-\$4.00/lb hanging weight at the wholesale level. Some of the western U.S. producers report receiving prices at \$4.50/lb hanging weight. Buyers of meat animals are constantly on the lookout for more animals. Direct farm sales are also strong with many producers unable to fill all the meat orders they are receiving.

SHOOTER BULLS

Two of the major buyers in Minnesota report that most of the shooter bulls available were moved out to their hunt locations by the beginning of October. They were having difficulty even finding enough animals to fill just one more load after that time. Reports are that there was a high demand for 350 and under bulls but there just weren't many to be found. With meat prices where they are at, many of the lower scoring animals likely went to slaughter this year.

BREEDING STOCK

It was an interesting year for the breeding stock market as there were three elk sales in Alberta, Canada and one put on by the North American Elk Breeders Association (NAEBA) last August. Semen sales at NAEBA's August convention were strong, averaging \$315 per straw excluding the two Levi straws that went for \$1,000 each!

VELVET

This was one of the more unique years for the velvet market in which pre-season predictions were anywhere from \$30-\$35+/lb and that there were many buyers ready to purchase our antler. In reality, one container did ship out at \$30-\$31.50/lb, which included a significant amount of Minnesota-produced antler. However, the buying season abruptly ended leaving about 22,000 lbs of antler still in the U.S. and 80-90,000 lbs of antler still in Canada. There are several reported rumors on why this happened with the truth probably somewhere in the middle of it all.

While there may be small private sales happening, no large-scale offerings on remaining velvet were to be had until just the past couple weeks. Reports are that there is now interest in the \$20/lb range. If you still have your 2012 velvet, it would be a good time to call your buyer and see what's happening if you haven't heard from them lately.

If history is any indication, we will need to see the majority of 2012 North American velvet move before the 1st of the year to lessen the effect on the 2013 velvet market. We also need to see what happens with velvet in New Zealand. Early predictions are that they are quite optimistic about the coming buying season. Will these predictions prove true? Is their overall production declining as in North America? What will the overall world supply of velvet be in 2013? There are many questions with few answers at this point. As Glen Zearth shared with me the other day, "In any event, it keeps things interesting!"

ZEUS

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Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2012 ~ Phone Conference

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on October 25, 2012. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Richard Zajac and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Wade Schimmelpfennig joined the conference call later in the meeting.

Lucas called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. He asked for additions or corrections to the March 5th board meeting minutes. Byrne moved to accept, Zajac seconded, motion carried. The 2012 financials to date were reviewed. The October 22nd checkbook balance was \$15,159.84. Wagner moved to accept the report as presented, Byrne seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Hartkopf reported that to date, 637 calendars are in the hands of both members and non-members willing to sell them. Stubs and money for 97 calendars have been turned in. Hartkopf to continue to promote free 2013 membership offering when selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money to the MnEBA Office by December 31, 2012.

Board discussed possible seminar topics and speakers for the upcoming annual meeting. Conference committee to follow up. Discussed 20th anniversary ideas to make the conference extra special. Hartkopf was directed to check into the cost of commissioning special anniversary mugs. Discussed fundraising ideas. Byrne moved to allow a \$500 budget for fundraising purchases. Wagner seconded, motion carried. Award recipients were discussed. Board to forward additional nominations if so desired.

Board reviewed State Fair financials. Sales were down more than 50%. Hartkopf to check with MN State Fair officials to see if they would consider moving MnEBA back to our previous location.

Board reviewed 2014 Annual Conference bids from St. Cloud and Rochester. Hartkopf to secure bids from additional locations before a final decision is to be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Byrne gave a report on the recent Board of Animal Health (BAH) hearing pertaining to comments on the newly rewritten BAH rules. The comment period is now over and the judge will be making a final ruling by November 14th.

Byrne also reported that the BAH is concerned about possible funding cuts as the state legislature will be making their new budgets. If BAH funding is cut, they may no longer pay for farmed cervid CWD testing fees. Byrne is working with MnEBA's lobbyist Tony Kwilas to see what can be done about retaining funding for BAH and CWD testing fees.

Hartkopf reported that there are several resolutions dealing with the CWD Federal Rule and Program Standards which are being discussed at the USAHA meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina this week. Glen Zearth, Eric Mohlman and Charly Seale are representing NAEBA. Hartkopf to update board on results.

Hartkopf gave an update on the slaughter efforts to depopulate the North Oaks red deer herd who found one case of CWD in their herd

this past May. The farm will send their animals to slaughter in groups until the entire herd is gone. So far, no additional positives have been found.

The topic of farm escapes was brought up and that if the escaped animal is later found dead or is dispatched, that the DNR takes the sample. Wagner expressed dissatisfaction with the DNR taking the sample and would like to see the BAH take and test the sample. It was decided to bring this topic up at the next Cervidae Advisory meeting.

Board discussed the legislative proposal submitted by the MN Zoo which would exempt the MN Zoo from the farmed cervidae statutes when bringing in cervids from the wild for their exhibits. As the proposal stands now, the MN Zoo would also have to obtain an entry permit from both the BAH and DNR to allow such movement. Once in captivity, the animal would no longer be considered wild and would fall under BAH rules. This would apply only to the MN Zoo. Byrne reported that the BAH, DNR, MN Deer Hunters Association and MN Deer Breeders Association have no real objections to the proposal. No one on the conference call had any objections.

Hartkopf reported that the 2012 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt took place on October 14, 2012 at Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch in Baudette. The recipient, David Valtinson, was a Vietnam veteran from Grand Rapids. There were a total of 5 applicants. Ron Welle from Midwest Outdoors Unlimited accompanied David on the hunt. The bull was donated by Lance & Brenda Hartkopf and funds to cover the cost of meat processing, travel, food, lodging and mounting of the head are being donated by the Lake Superior SCI chapter. Hartkopf is working on a press release of the event.

Hartkopf reported that the MN Deer Classic event has been moved to the National Sports Center in Blaine. The dates are relatively the same on March 8-10, 2013. MnEBA has been signed up for a non-profit organization booth.

Hartkopf reported that Glen Zearth has requested MnEBA gather as many elk velvet antler validity studies as possible to show the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) that velvet antler has true medicinal qualities. AVMA is once again questioning whether or not elk producers should be allowed to harvest velvet. If they can be convinced elk velvet has medical value, they will be less likely to enact any changes to current recommendations.

Wagner discussed MnEBA contributing to the national farmed cervid Public Relations campaign. He reported that they are in the first stage of the project which is to create a video and web site. The question was brought up of how they will get people to go to the web site and who will see the video. It was suggested that Charly Seale be invited to the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference to discuss the campaign. Board agreed to consider budgeting promotional campaign dollars in next year's budget.

Byrne moved to adjourn, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

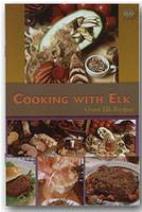
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You can order online and pay by credit card or print off an order form and mail it to the MnEBA office along with a personal check. Contact info@mneba.org or call the MnEBA office at (320) 543-2686 with further questions.

MEAT PROMOTIONS

Elk Meat Poster 11" x 17" laminated poster in full color featuring elk burger and steak. Can personalize free of charge, no minimum order. \$5/each.



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Table Tents feature a juicy elk burger, a MUST HAVE for restaurants selling elk burgers. Sold in packs of 20 for \$5.

VELVET PROMOTIONS



Velvet Antler for People Brochures is an updated, general velvet antler brochure. \$12.50/pack of 50 (*pictured*)

Velvet Antler for Pet Brochures is a first of its kind general info brochure about velvet antler & pets. \$12.50/pack of 50

Velvet Antler Brochures is a general velvet antler brochure produced by NAEBA. \$.30 each

GENERAL INFORMATION



Elk Info Brochure with general elk health and market info. FREE to MnEBA members up to 100 copies. \$.50 each to non-members. (*pictured*)

Raise the Legend Book, a general info booklet specifically created for the new breeder or those contemplating raising elk. Up to five copies FREE to MnEBA members!

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Elk Rug (Small) \$27.50 each

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Grand Rapids Vietnam Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

NEWS RELEASE: Monday November 14, 2012

Contact: Brenda Hartkopf, Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, 320-543-2686

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), November 14, 2012 – David Valtinson, a disabled Vietnam veteran from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, recently experienced the hunt he's always dreamed about as the recipient of the 6th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. The hunt took place on October 13-14, 2012 and was coordinated by MnEBA and generously sponsored by Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Lake Superior Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI), Midwest Outdoors Unlimited, Little Crow Marine and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm.

David Valtinson served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967-1968 as an infantryman and later with the 196th Aviation based in Chu Lai. He was awarded a Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received during a rocket attack on his firebase and was discharged. In April of 1970, David returned to his hometown of Grand Rapids, MN, left Grand Rapids in 1971 and went to Salt Lake City, Utah where he worked as an ironworker. It was in Utah that the fascination of hunting a majestic elk bull took hold. "I could buy a license to hunt elk while I was in Utah, but never got the chance to go," said David. "It's always been on my list of things to do."

David moved back to the Grand Rapids area in 1986 and went to work for the United States Post Office as a rural mail carrier until retiring in October 2010. He is a past State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota. David is a disabled veteran with diabetes and other issues as a result of Agent Orange. He uses a cane most of the time because of neuropathy in his feet and legs.

But health issues did not stop David from undertaking a successful elk hunt! David's guide, Tony Beckel, spotted the bull first when he noticed the rub marks on neighboring trees. "That was sort of how we found him, he was down here scraping a bit. We didn't have much to see, just some horns sticking up out of the brush." David and his group had to do a little maneuvering to get downwind and a little closer after first spotting the bull, and once that was accomplished, David wasted little time in taking the bull down. "That was sweet, that was sweet," exclaimed David. "I really appreciate it." As the group gathered around the elk to inspect the kill, David's excitement was evident. "It was exciting, it was great. It was something, the adrenaline was really pumping there for a couple minutes. I'm just thankful for the opportunity."

David was very appreciative and offered his sincere thanks to the following individuals and organizations, "I want to say a few thank you's to Brenda and Lance Hartkopf, the donors of the elk, Tony Beckel for guiding me on the hunt, SCI from Superior Wisconsin for the mounting and processing, Bob Christianson of Little Crow Marine in Spicer, he donated the accommodations for us, and Midwest Outdoors Unlimited with Ron Welle who selected and organized the hunt along with Leroy Wiener who took the video. I thank all of them, you made my dream come true, thank you."

Ron Welle of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the 2012 MnEBA hunt. "Thank you elk breeders for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this hunt for disabled veterans once again." And to David, he said, "I appreciate what you guys did for our country 1,000% percent."

This is the fourth year the SCI Lake Superior Chapter has taken an active role in the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt project. They continue to offer a number of terminal youth hunts on a yearly basis and are working to expand their projects to this country's war veterans. President Dale Bruder explains, "Veterans so richly deserve anything we can do for them. We are working to do more projects with veterans."

Tony Beckel of Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch has offered his beautiful 900 acre facility and guided the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunts for all six years they have been held. Tony thanked David for his services and as David expressed his gratitude to Tony for the experience, Tony said, "It's just something I like to do."



Vietnam veteran David Valtinson pictured with guide Tony Beckel.

MnEBA offers our heartfelt thanks, support and gratitude to David and to all United States military men and women for their service to our country.

MnEBA Officer Blog by Jim Byrne, MnEBA Vice President

Since the new Federal CWD Rules and Regulations were posted back in June, I have heard nothing but gripes and complaints concerning the program. Some of the things under contention need revision and I support the efforts of those working on changes. However, the one aspect of the program that I haven't heard talked about is how we now can use this program to bring the Koreans to the table to lift the ban on velvet and velvet products from North America.

I was there when the Trade Bureau Representative (TBR) Dr. Bursleson told the industry that the Koreans insisted on a Federal CWD Program before they would even consider placing the discussion of the velvet ban on the agenda for talks. We now have that program, for better or worse, and we now need to work on getting the TBR to push for removal of the ban and reopen velvet trade with Korea. I feel we need to direct our energies on using the Federal Program to our advantage.

2013 MnEBA Summer Picnic LOOKING FOR A HOST!

Looking for a host for the 2013 MnEBA Summer Picnic.

Date yet to be determined.

MnEBA will help plan the program and assist with details as needed. Please contact the MnEBA Office by April 1st if interested!

Minnesota Farm Bureau

- Supports farmed cervidae being regulated by the Board of Animal Health, not the DNR.
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2012 USAHA Conference Report by Eric Mohlman, Executive Director, NAEBA

The 2012 United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) conference was held October 18-24, 2012 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Sheraton Hotel. Glen Zebarth, DVM has represented NAEBA for many years and has been an invaluable asset with his wealth of knowledge and considerable experience in the cervid industry. Dr. Zebarth had expressed his desire to step back from full time representation at USAHA and wished to have a new representative attend in conjunction with him this year so he could facilitate a smooth transition. NAEBA owes Dr. Zebarth a huge debt of gratitude for his service at USAHA and the many ways he has assisted the elk industry throughout the years. The NAEBA Board of Directors appointed Executive Director, Eric Mohlman as NAEBA's USAHA representative during their August conference call to take Dr. Zebarth's spot on the USAHA Board of Directors.



Front row: Laurie Seale, Skip West, Eric Mohlman, Kyle Wilson, Dick Winters, Rhonda Brakke, Teresa Landt

Back row: Glen Zebarth, Charly Seale, Warren Bluntzer, Shawn Schafer, Todd Landt

Missing: Brad and Deb Thurston

The USAHA conference is broken up into many committee meetings covering specific species or diseases. Scientific research findings are also released during committee meetings. The focus of all these meetings is to ensure

proper regulatory oversight of not only animals but human health issues as well. This year the cervid industry had issues at several committees including; Committee on Wildlife Diseases, Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock, Committee on Blue Tongue and Related Orbiviruses and the Committee on Tuberculosis.

With the CWD rule a looming reality there was a very real sense of urgency at several of the committee meetings. The first committee the cervid industry was able to express their displeasure especially with the CWD Standards document came during the Wildlife Diseases committee meeting. Dr. Patrice Klein, CWD Program manager and sole author of the CWD Program Standards gave her state of the program message, which she gave in a condensed version due to the magnitude of questions and comments she knew was coming. The majority of questions and comments were in regards to the Standards document that had been released in July without any input from the cervid industry or any state agencies. Several state vet's expressed their displeasure with the protocol followed to create the Standards. Cervid industry representatives also spoke about our opposition to the Standards. The Cervid Industry representatives jointly proposed four resolutions of which only one made it out of the Wildlife Diseases committee. The resolution passed was: "Funding for Indemnity of Chronic Wasting Disease Positive or Exposed Animals". The resolution read: "The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services to provide funding for a federal program to pay indemnity for animals euthanized because of infection or exposure to Chronic Wasting Disease." This resolution also passed the Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock Committee.

The committee meeting the cervid industry reps felt their best chance to be well received in was Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock. Dr. Patrice Klein gave her same presentation from the day before in the Wildlife Diseases meeting. This time when it came to questions and comments she had backup in the form of all the big guns from USDA/APHIS including Dr. Clifford and Dr. T.J. Myers as well as several other highly placed officials. To say the discussion was lively would be a gross understatement. Once again the various State Vet reps expressed their wish that the Standards document be scrapped completely due the questions pertaining to its creation as well as whether it was in fact enforceable. Cervid industry reps joined in unison with the State Vets asking to have the Standards pulled. The USDA/APHIS officials made it very apparent through their firm stance that removal of the Standards document wasn't on the table as an option for change. USDA/APHIS offered to make revisions to the Standards with input from all invested parties. Cervid industry reps expressed their skepticism that revisions could be done in a timely fashion due to the ten plus years it has taken to get to this point in the rule making process. Industry reps asked if revisions could be made in a set time frame and 90 days was agreed upon as an agreeable length of time. The Standards resolution was amended to show this 90 day period for a working group to revise the Standards. Eric Mohlman was later named as the representative for NAEBA, Charly Seale for Exotic Wildlife Association and Shawn Schafer for NADeFA.

Five resolutions were presented and passed out the Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock committee, they were as follows.

Resolution #20

“Chronic Wasting Disease Control”

“The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services and state animal health regulatory officials to develop protocols for the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) control program that mitigate the risk of the spread of CWD and allow producers with CWD infected or exposed herds to continue operations under quarantine and which allow (1) addition of cervidae from CWD certified herds, (2) participation in herd plans such as test and removal, and (3) movement of velvet antler and live animals to slaughter or other approved terminal facilities.”

Resolution #21

“Funding for Chronic Wasting Disease Testing”

“The United States Animal Health Association urges Congress to appropriate federal funding to pay the laboratory costs of testing farmed and wild cervidae for Chronic Wasting Disease.”

Resolution #24

“Chronic Wasting Disease Program Standards”

“The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to revise the document entitled, "Chronic Wasting Disease Program Standards", and establish a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program Standards Committee to review and rewrite the document within 90 days so that it more appropriately reflects the needs of producers and regulatory officials charged with implementation of a program to control, not eradicate, CWD in the United States. The United States Animal Health Association suggests that the CWD Program Standards Committee should be made up of representatives from and appointed by each of the following organizations: (1) the Exotic Wildlife Association, (2) the North American Elk Breeders Association, (3) the North American Deer Farmers Association, (4) the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, (5) the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials, and (6) the USDA-APHIS-VS.”

Resolution #15 and #22 combined

Passed in this committee and Committee on Bluetongue and Related Orbiviruses

“Vaccine for the Various Strains of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in Cervids”

“The United States Animal Health Association requests the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service allocate resources to support Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) research at the Arthropod-Borne, Animal Diseases Research Laboratory, focusing on understanding the pathogenesis of the disease to facilitate the development of a vaccine to adequately protect the farmed cervid population from all strains of EHD.”

These resolutions were then presented to the general membership and passed as shown above.

USDA announced the confirmatory (secondary) TB Blood Test called the Dual Path Platform (DPP) was officially licensed on October 12th. The current regulations will only allow the SCT and CCT skin test so USDA is doing an interim rule to change the language to "accept all official tests", so when new tests come on line, we don't always have to wait on a rule change. USDA has already sent out a bulletin to their regional offices, so they can start training the accredited veterinarians on sample collection and submission.

I have to say I found the USAHA conference very informative and look forward to next year's event. I would like to thank the other cervid industry representatives in attendance which included: Skip West, Oklahoma, Brad and Deb Thurston, Indiana, Charly and Laurie Seale, Texas/Wisconsin, Todd and Teresa Landt and Rhonda Brakke, Iowa, Warren Bluntzer and Dick Winters, Texas, Glen Zebarth, Minnesota and Kyle Wilson, Tennessee. Anyone can join USAHA and attend the conference, once there you can sign up to be a committee member with voting rights at the following years meeting. I would encourage anyone that wants to get involved to contact the NAEBA office and we will get you in contact with USAHA for more information.

Status Updates

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fall Hunt CWD Update

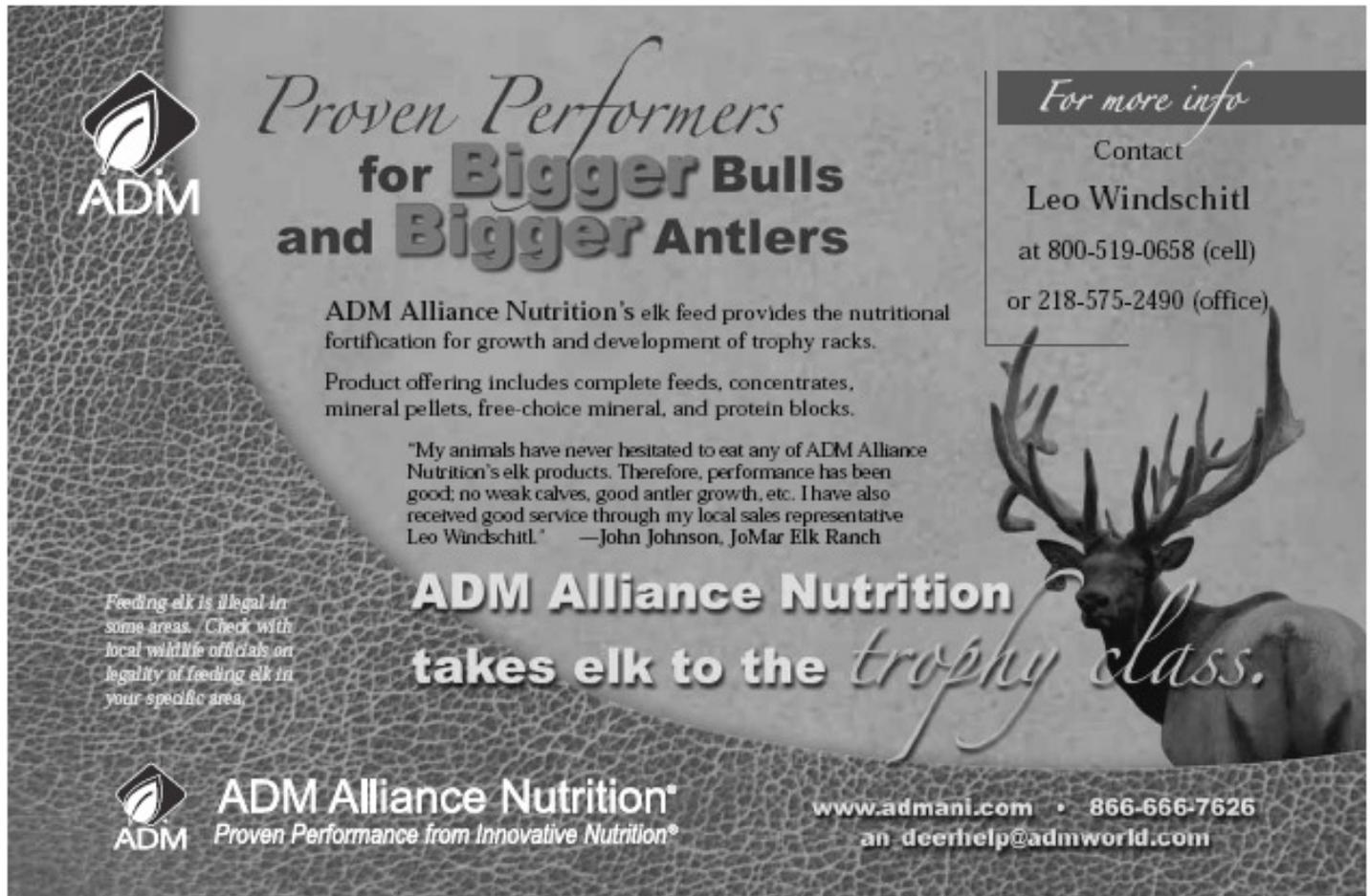
Information provided by Michelle Carstenson, Wildlife Health Program Supervisor, MN DNR

November 27, 2012 – We have some results back from the East-central CWD surveillance zone (in response to the Shell Lake, WI positive); we collected 1,001 samples in permit areas 225, 159 and 183 over opening weekend and all of those are CWD negative. I am still waiting for results for an additional 91 samples collected from deer harvested at St. Croix State Park; these should be back by the end of this week.

For the CWD Management Zone in Pine Island (Zone 602), we have collected a total of 1,148 samples since the beginning of archery season through the end of the regular firearm season and we have 1,030 test-negative results of those samples to date. The remaining test results on those samples should be completed by mid-week. We will continue to collect samples in 602 through the end of December (includes the remainder of archery season and the muzzleloader hunt).

Minnesota Board of Animal Health Updated Rulebook

November 27, 2012 – The Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) has been awaiting the judge's final ruling on their revised and updated rulebook as applies to all Minnesota farmed species. A hearing took place on September 20th to allow anyone having concerns to voice their opinions to a judge who would then make a final determination on any part(s) of the 84-page rulebook. The date for the judge's final ruling was set for November 14th. However, the judge requested an extension until December 3rd. For more information on the updated BAH rulebook, go to www.bah.state.mn.us.



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MnEBA Kitchen

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| 1 lb. ground elk | 1 cup water |
| 1 small onion, diced | 1 Tbsp. dried Italian seasoning |
| 8 oz. sliced fresh mushrooms | ½ tsp. salt |
| 1 Tbsp. olive oil | ¼ tsp. pepper |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | 1 (20 oz.) package refrigerated four-cheese ravioli |
| 1 (26 oz.) jar tomato-basil pasta sauce | 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese |



Cook ground elk in a large skillet until no longer pink. Saute onion and mushrooms in hot oil over medium-high heat 8 minutes or until tender. Add garlic and saute 1 minute. Stir in ground elk, pasta sauce, 1 cup water and seasonings. Bring sauce to boil; add ravioli.

Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, 8-10 minutes or until pasta is done. Stir in cheese. Serve immediately.

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Return Stubs and Money by December 31st to Qualify for a FREE 2013 MnEBA Membership!

If you're able to sell 30 or more gun raffle calendars, make sure to return stubs and money to the MnEBA Office by December 31st to receive your free 2013 MnEBA membership, up to a \$125 value!!!

Selling Points

There are 26 guns worth over \$15,000 on the 2013 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar PLUS four bonus cash prizes of \$100 each! With a limit of 750 calendars available, odds of winning are 1 in 25 if completely sold out. Winning tickets go back into the drawing to be eligible to be drawn again. TWO times in the past three years, someone has won twice with the same ticket! As always, the winner can choose to take the gun offered or trade in the value for a different gun or other store merchandise of which there is a great selection of hunting/camping/fishing gear available.

2012 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar a Success!

This is the first year that to date, no one has chosen the cash option, all winners have gone to the store to redeem their gun or other store merchandise. The 2012 calendar was also the most successful in overall sales. It looks like 2013 sales could be significantly better than 2012!

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20th Anniversary MnEBA Annual Conference

There were 26 inaugural members of MnEBA in 1993, 12 of which are still members! They include: Jerry & Linda Campbell, Lance & Brenda Hartkopf, Don & Joyce Kaplan, Cheryl Kruckeberg, Greg Lubinski, Ray & Jean Matejcek, Cliff & Helena Mulder, Fred & Eleanor Neubert, Roger Nietfeld, Jerry, Diane & Dick Strodtman, Dennis & Karleen Wernsing, and Glen & Kaye Zearth. Current MnEBA members Dennis & Jackie Engebretson and Mike & Judy Fernholz show up on the membership list shortly thereafter!

It would be great if all inaugural members could be at the 20th Anniversary Conference! Make plans to attend!!!

MnEBA's first organizational meeting took place at the Whitney Senior Citizens Center in St. Cloud, MN on December 5, 1992. MnEBA was incorporated in January of 1993.

The first MnEBA Board included:

President – Cliff Mulder
Vice President – Lorin Heins
Secretary/Treasurer – Cheryl Kruckeberg
Director – Glen Zearth
Director – Don Kaplan

The Minnesota organized **velvet pool** in 1993 included over 2,500 lbs. of velvet!

MnEBA Annual Conference ~ January 11-12, 2013 Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

MnEBA is looking to not only celebrate, but also hold on to the traditions of the great conventions we've had over the past 20 years!

- ✓ Great seminars and speakers to help you manage your farm more effectively!
- ✓ The opportunity to network with buyers of meat, velvet and shooter bulls. You might even find someone looking for breeding stock!
- ✓ The chance to visit with other elk producers and find out how they are dealing with the high feed prices. Someone might have an idea or a lead to help cut costs!
- ✓ Annual meeting where you can get more involved and discuss what issues are important to you and your business so that MnEBA can better serve its members!
- ✓ See if you or someone you sold a calendar to win a gun in the MnEBA Gun Raffle drawing!
- ✓ Fundraising games to win great prizes!
- ✓ Great food and hospitality!
- ✓ You don't have to be a current member to attend. All are welcome!

Your fundraising items are needed!
 Please consider bringing an item or two for the Silent or Live Auction. Any and all items are needed!
 Theme baskets are also encouraged!

See insert to this mailing for more information on the schedule and speakers.

Guest Room Reservations: Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN, (320) 763-6577. Mention the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association room block to receive the discounted rate of \$99.95 per night. Release date is Dec. 21st!

North American Elk Breeders Association (NAEBA) Update

I appreciate everyone's passion regarding the battles this industry is facing. There is no doubt this industry is discriminated against with the regulations and double standards we are faced with. The CWD rule and standards are designed to prohibit commerce and put us out of business. They are unacceptable!

It sounds like many of you feel the same and are looking for an answer. We have reached the breaking point and depending on how this last segment of action from USAHA concludes, we are assessing our options and alternatives.

Currently leaders of over two dozen elk and deer breeder associations have met to discuss our options moving forward. As a result from the USAHA Conference, a USDA/cervid industry/state agency working group was formed with its goal to allow the cervid industry along with state ag and fish & game agency officials the opportunity to have input into the CWD Program Standards. A representative from the North American Elk Breeders Association, North American Deer Farmers Association, and Exotic Wildlife Association will each have representatives on this working group. We will know the result of that working group at the conclusion of the USDA's 90 day period to alter the program standards, which ends January 25, 2013. If there is no change, the writing is on the wall for our industry and change will have to be affected through other avenues.

The Cervid Leaders Working Group is comprised of the leadership of 20 state and national cervid associations. In this group, every state and national leader comes to the table with an EQUAL voice and able to assert their respective membership's position. It is essential we stand united as one large group. Having said that it is just as important this group is TRANSPARENT so everyone is aware of progress and not being placated after they submit donations to this cause.

Our meeting on November 8th laid the groundwork and got all participants up to speed on the events taking place around the country on several fronts. There was very good discussion and everyone involved was unanimously in favor of taking the next step to begin the process of organizing a proper framework to fundraise and work through. No one is talking about creating a new association or anything like that just set up a vehicle so that all interested parties and associations can come together to speak with one voice. Once again just so everyone is clear the impetus for starting this Cervid Leaders working group was to give ALL associations and their membership an equal voice in the process. I think everyone that was on the call will agree we are trying to give any and all the platform to affect change moving forward.

We encourage everyone that raises deer or elk to join their local, state and national associations so that their voice can be heard. There is a lot at stake for this industry

and we love our animals too much to lose our ability to stay in business.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at the below contact information. I was the moderator on the conference call and have been facilitating the flow of information to the group.

The following associations were represented on the first conference call. If you know of another association or group that wasn't represented be sure and let me know and I will get them included for the next conference call in a couple weeks.

Cervid Livestock Foundation
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 Iowa Elk Breeders Association
 Iowa Whitetail Deer Breeders Association
 Kansas Cervid Breeders Association
 Minnesota Deer Breeders Association
 Minnesota Elk Breeders Association
 Missouri Elk Farmers Association
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North American Elk Breeders Association is excited to announce the 6th Annual March Mingle at the Plaza Hotel & Suites in Wausau, Wisconsin on March 22, 2013. This event will precede the Wisconsin Commercial Deer & Elk Farmers Association Annual Conference which will take place the following day on March 23, 2013.

Both events will feature a full day of seminars and/or round table discussions, great networking opportunities, evening banquets and fundraising activities.

Wausau is located in the middle of north central Wisconsin. The area is surrounded by woods, lakes and hills. The Wausau area enjoys the fortunate combination of big-city amenities with the look and feel of the great Northwoods and small-town hospitality. Four seasons of outdoor recreation, a thriving arts community, entertaining festivals and events, diverse shopping and dining are just some of the many things to discover in the Wausau area. See www.visitwausau.com for more information.

For more information about these events, contact:

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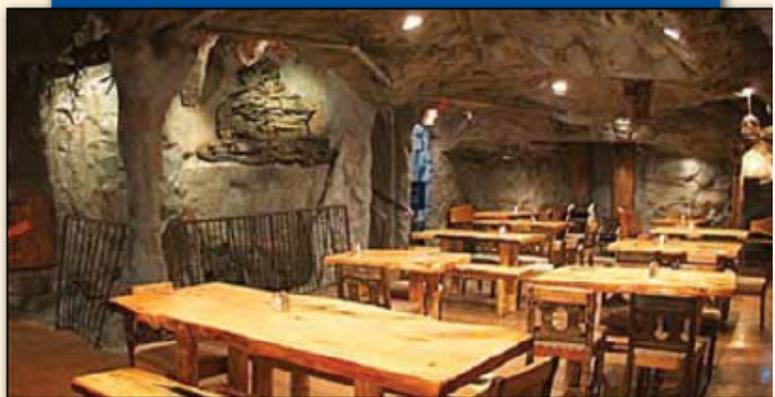
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USAHA News Alert Summaries

“Pink 23” Shot Half a Mile From Deer Farm Where She Escaped [PA]

The Patriot-News by Monica Van Dovenek
November 27, 2012

A doe that escaped from a quarantined Adams County deer farm in October was shot and killed by a hunter on Monday and is now being tested for Chronic Wasting Disease, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The deer, known as “Pink 23” because of its pink farm tag, was shot and killed Monday morning at the Carl Rockey farm on New Chester Road, New Oxford by Mrs. Rockey, according to Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Samantha Krepps.

The doe had escaped as officials removed the herd for testing from a farm a half mile away on New Chester Road. Both farms have been quarantined since October when the first case of the disease was discovered in Pennsylvania.

A second deer known as “Purple 4,” which escaped from a farm in Huntington County, has not been found. “The department has been working to prevent further spread of the disease,” said Agriculture Secretary George Greig. “The capture and testing of this escaped deer will allow the department to close this chapter of the investigation.”

State veterinarians identified the doe by its pink farm tag. Testing for Chronic Wasting Disease will be done at the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Laboratory in Harrisburg and will take up to two weeks.

Full text: www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/11/pink_23_shot_half_a_mile_from.html

Lafayette College Professor Studying Cause of Mad Cow, Alzheimer’s

The Express-Times by Zach Lindsey
October 21, 2012

Researchers at Lafayette College are working to determine the reasons protein folds incorrectly in human and other mammalian cells, a situation that causes degenerative neurological ailments such as mad cow and Creutzfeldt-Jakob.

Lafayette chemistry professor Justin Hines recently received a grant from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement that will allow him and a small group of students to study protein misfolding in yeast. It could go a long way to determine the root cause of diseases such as mad cow in bovines, Creutzfeldt-Jakob in humans and chronic wasting disease in deer. Chronic wasting disease was discovered in Pennsylvania last week.

“We’re involved in helping determine the ‘why’ because there are proteins that are responsible for preventing misfolding,” Hines said. Sometimes, though, those proteins, referred to as “chaperone proteins,” fail at the task.

Protein molecules in cells contain information about genetic makeup. They begin in seemingly random shapes, and then, once they receive information, they form into a more well-defined shape. This happens billions of times in the human body.

Certain diseases, however, can cause the process to happen incorrectly and the protein may fold wrong. While Hines and his students are studying yeast, one of the fundamental aspects of misfolding in yeast – the creation of prions – is similar in mammals.

Prions are proteins that are transmissible between subjects and contain errors. It’s the way diseases such as mad cow and chronic wasting spread. Prions also may be responsible for Alzheimer’s disease.

“How do (chaperone proteins) interact with these prions? That’s what my lab is focused on studying,” Hines said.

Full text:

www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/index.ssf/2012/10/lafayette_college_professor_st.html

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Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM

There were a couple notable things from the USAHA meeting this past October. On the federal CWD program, the final rule has passed and is in effect. At issue is the Program Standards. A working group has been formed to address industry concerns. They have until January 27th to come up with a recommendation to USDA.

On TB, the CervidTB Stat-Pak® (Stat-Pak) blood test is gradually in the works of being implemented. The delay has been on what to do with reactors of the test. The final decision was to do a supplemental test on any sample that was reactive.

I'm also forwarding on a couple of interesting studies which were distributed at the USAHA meeting.

Intranasal Dust Inoculation of Chronic Wasting Disease in White Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

Tracy Nichols^{2,1}, Terry Spraker^{1,3}, Tom Gidlewski², Tara Camenish-Ruby², Mark Zabel¹, Aru Balachandran⁴, Glenn Telling⁴, Brady Michel³, Kurt VerCauteren²

¹College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO; ²Wildlife Services, USDA, Fort Collins, CO; ³Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO; ⁴Ottawa Laboratory, Fallowfield, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Narrative: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a persistent problem in both wild and captive North American cervid populations. This disease continues to spread and cases are found in new areas each year. Indirect transmission can occur via the environment and is thought to occur by the oral and/or intranasal route. Oral transmission has been experimentally demonstrated and although intranasal transmission has been postulated, it has not been tested in a natural host. Prions have been shown to strongly adsorb to clay particles and upon oral inoculation the prion/clay combination exhibits increased infectivity in rodent models. Deer and elk undoubtedly inhale dust while foraging and while performing rut behaviors. We therefore hypothesized that dust particles may be a viable mode of intranasal CWD exposure. To test this hypothesis, CWD-positive brain homogenate was mixed with montmorillonite clay, dried, re-powdered and intranasally inoculated into white tailed deer once a week, for 6 weeks. Deer were euthanized at 95, 105, 120 and 175 days post final inoculation and tissues were examined for CWD by immunohistochemistry. Our results demonstrate that CWD can be efficiently intranasally transmitted utilizing montmorillonite dust particles as a carrier and that the intranasal route is a viable route of exposure.

Evaluation of Serodiagnostic Assays for *Mycobacterium bovis* in Elk, White-tailed Deer and Reindeer in the United States ◇

Jeffrey T. Nelson¹, Kathleen Orloski², Audra Lloyd¹, Mark Camacho³, Mark Schoenbaum², Suelee Robbe-Austerman¹, Bruce V. Thomsen¹, S. Mark Hall¹

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Narrative: In 2011, the United States Department of Agriculture conducted a project in which elk (*Cervus elaphus* spp.), white-tailed deer (WTD) (*Odocoileus virginianus*), and reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*) were evaluated by the single cervical tuberculin test (SCT), comparative cervical tuberculin test (CCT) and serologic tests. The rapid antibody detection tests evaluated were the CervidTB Stat-Pak® (Stat-Pak) and the Dual Path Platform® VetTB (DPP). Blood was collected from presumably uninfected animals prior to tuberculin injection for the SCT. A total of 1,783 animals were enrolled in the project. Of these, 1,752 (98.3%) were classified as presumably uninfected, based on originating from a captive cervid herd with no history of exposure to TB. Stat-Pak specificity estimates were 92.4% in reindeer, 96.7% in WTD and 98.3% in elk and were not significantly different from SCT specificity estimates. Using the DPP in series on Stat-Pak antibody positive samples improved specificity in the three species. Thirty-one animals were classified as confirmed infected, based on necropsy and laboratory results and 27/31 were antibody positive on Stat-Pak for an estimated sensitivity of 87.1%. The study findings indicate that rapid serologic tests used in series are comparable to the SCT and CCT, and may have a greater ability to detect TB infected cervids.

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Committee Reports

2013 MnEBA Board Elections

Two director positions will be expiring this year, Mark Lucas and Wade Schimmelpfennig. Both Mark and Wade have served MnEBA well! Please take a moment when you see them and/or all board members to thank them for the time and dedication they have provided to MnEBA.

Board Terms

Mark Lucas, <i>President</i>	Term ends 2013
Jim Byrne, <i>Vice President</i>	Term ends 2015
Brian Wagner, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Term ends 2014
Wade Schimmelpfennig, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2013
Richard Zajac, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2015

Nominations for these open positions are now being accepted. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, or you as a member are willing to run, please contact Fred Neubert at (320) 352-6733 or indianhillselk@mainstreetcom.com. Elections will be held during the upcoming Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, MN on January 12, 2013.

Minnesota Election Report by Tony Kwilas, MnEBA Lobbyist

The results of the 2012 election will bring many new faces to the Minnesota Capitol for the next 2 years. For the first time since 1990, the Democratic-Farmer Labor party (DFL) will control all 3 legislative bodies (Governor, House and Senate). In 2011-12, the Republicans had controlled both the House and Senate. There will be 23 new Senate members and 42 new House members. The House will have 73 DFL members and 61 Republican members. The split in the Senate will be 39 DFL members and 28 Republican members.

With this change in control, the legislative leaders and committee chairs will also change. Senator Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook) will be the Senate Majority Leader and Senator David Hann (R-Eden Prairie) will be the Minority Leader. The new Speaker of the House will be Paul Thissen (DFL-Minneapolis) and the Majority Leader will be Erin Murphy (DFL-St. Paul) and the Minority Leader will be Rep. Kurt Daudt (R-Crown).

The committee chairs that will have important oversight in regards to the elk industry have also been appointed. Full committee memberships are expected to be announced before the end of the year. The Senate Environment and Energy Policy committee will be led by John Marty (DFL-St Paul). The Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Committee will be chaired by Dan Sparks (DFL-Austin). The Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Finance Division will be chaired by David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm).

In the House, the Environment and Natural Resource Policy Committee will be led by David Dill (DFL-Crane Lake) and the Agriculture Committee will be chaired by Jeanne Poppe (DFL-Austin). The House Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance Committee will be chaired by Jean Wagenius (DFL-Minneapolis).

It is important that you call and congratulate your new Senator and Representative on their election and invite them for a tour of your facility and make them aware of the issues that are important to your industry. The 2013 session will focus primarily on budget issues. One of those issues that we will be monitoring closely will be CWD funding for the Board of Animal Health.

It is important that you call and congratulate your new Senator and Representative on their election and invite them for a tour of your facility and make them aware of the issues that are important to your industry. The 2013 session will focus primarily on budget issues. One of those issues that we will be monitoring closely will be CWD funding for the Board of Animal Health.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 612-581-9253.



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Calendar of Events

January 11 - 12, 2013 – MnEBA 20th Anniversary Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

March 8 – 10, 2013 – Minnesota Deer Classic, National Sports Center, Blaine, MN (Change in location from past years!)

March 22, 2013 – NAEBA March Mingle, Plaza Hotel & Suites, Wausau, WI

March 23, 2013 – WCDEFA Annual Conference, Plaza Hotel & Suites, Wausau, WI

August 1 – 3, 2013 – NAEBA Annual Convention & International Antler Competition, Best Western Plus Ramkota, Sioux Falls, SD

August 22 – September 2, 2013 – MN State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

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