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President's Message by Kaye Zebarth

As in the words of Yogi Berra, "it's deja vu all over again". Here I am again writing a President's letter, after a few years off. Thanks to Jim Byrne for his dedicated service to MnEBA and for guiding us successfully through some trying times over the past 8 years. The Association is as strong as ever, thanks to you dedicated members and the strong association Board which has served us well.

It's a snowy, blustery, rather cool day here in West Central MN, and I am definitely looking forward to green grass, new calves, buttons dropping; all the signs of new growth and opportunity in this business. It won't be long before we see some buttons shed and that cycle of velvet growth beginning.

Speaking of looking ahead, there is some positive talk about velvet prices for this upcoming season. Wouldn't that be great news? Let's hope that the

talk is real and that we might see a 100% increase in the price we receive for velvet.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who contributed to the successful fund-raising raffle this year. The calendar generated some revenue as well as awareness of our industry to a large number of "non-members". Plans are underway for the 2011 calendar, and there is information elsewhere in this newsletter letting you all know how to be involved in that project.

Thank you, too, for attending the annual MnEBA conference the first weekend in January in Willmar. It was great to see dedicated elk breeders and get acquainted with new people. If you missed the opportunity to attend, you missed a couple of very informative presentations by experts in soil testing and elk farming. Thank

you to those of you who took time from your busy schedule to attend and support your organization.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see an opportunity to be involved in a membership get-together scheduled for summer. Please think about how you can contribute to a summer meeting.

Again, please join with me in expressing deepest gratitude to Jim Byrne for a job well done as President of MnEBA. He is a capable and dedicated leader. He is far from done with his involvement with the Ass'n as he has agreed to be the MnEBA legislative committee chair. He has a great working relationship with our lobbyist as well as with the MN Board of Animal Health, so we are in good hands with him in that position.

Look at life through the windshield, not the rear-view mirror.



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MnEBA 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.

2010 MnEBA Annual Conference

Excitement Was in the Air!

The 2010 MnEBA Annual Conference took place January 9, 2010. There was an air of excitement as there was much discussion about the positive indicators for the velvet price this year and secondly, to see who's names would be drawn for MnEBA's first ever gun calendar raffle!

Because of grant funding available through Risk Management Agency (RMA), MnEBA was very fortunate to bring in very high quality speakers for this year's event! Ian Thorleifson was the featured speaker educating attendees on the Past, Present and Future of the Velvet Market and also Managing Elk for Improved Antler Production which is the goal of every elk farmer! Del Glanzer and Scott Thaden rounded out the seminar sessions speaking on the Importance of Proper Soil Condition for our fields and pastures. All speakers did a fantastic job and their message was very well received by attendees!

Activity was brisk at the calendar table as members concluded sales in readiness for the gun calendar raffle drawing that evening. Thank you to Eileen Byrne for your help in manning the calendar table and helping with registration.

Thanks to Rita Prodzinski, Kaye Zebarth, and Daphne Evenson for organizing both the silent and live auctions. Thanks also to Patty VanGundy for assistance in obtaining select items for the auction. Brian Wagner did a great job of entertaining the crowd and auctioning off beautiful items donated by participants at the conference. Thank you to Mark Lucas, Bill Knutson and Wade Schimmelpfennig for helping out with the live fundraising auction!

This year's conference featured four vendors including Sunset Jewelry, ADM Alliance Nutrition, Farm Bureau Financial Services and No-Bull Enterprises. Thank you for your support!

The 2009 North Central Antler Competition awards were also given out by North Dakota Elk Growers representative Gerald Lawler and Brian Wagner. Congratulations again to all winners!

The MnEBA awards presentation recognized several individuals for outstanding contributions to the industry. They included the second ever Outstanding Media Award which went to the Rochester Post Bulletin. Charles Francis received a thank you gift and was recognized for serving three years on the MnEBA Board and Mark Hendrickson received the Outstanding Service Award.

There were many people who sponsored events all throughout the day. They included:

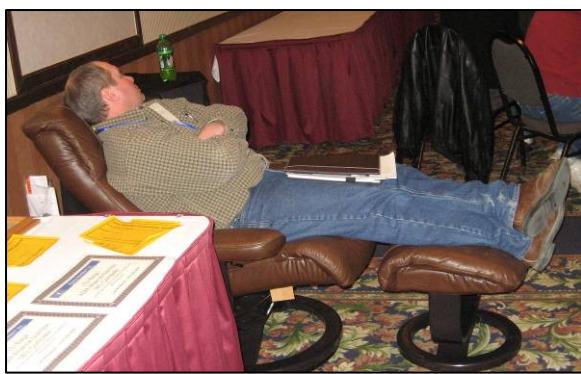
- **Speakers:** *Risk Management Agency*
- **Morning Break Sponsors:** *Paul & Lynn Hueg, Rick & Marlys Wollschlager and Morrie & Daphne Evenson*
- **Afternoon Break Sponsors:** *Roger Nietfeld and Jim & Eileen Byrne*
- **Table Decorations/Door Prizes:** *Paul & Lynn Hueg*
- **Elk Meat for Evening Banquet:** *Lance & Brenda Hartkopf*

A final thank you to the committee of Kaye Zebarth and Brenda Hartkopf for planning a very successful conference! Thank you to all who attended, made donations, bid on fundraising items and helped in any way. It was all very much appreciated!

Successful Conference Fundraiser!

Many thanks to all donors, bidders and buyers for helping to raise over \$3,400 in this year's conference fundraiser! Items were sold by silent auction, card raffle, and a live fun auction. Thank you to Pat & Rita Prodzinski, Daphne Evenson, Kaye Zebarth, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Bill Knutson and Mark Lucas who helped put it all together. A good time was had by all!

Item	Donor	Buyer
Barbeque Set	Leo Windschitl	Bill Knutson
Elk Embroidered Towel Set	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Bill Knutson
Pamper Yourself Treasure Chest Basket	Mark & Sue Hendrickson	Rita Prodzinski
Jams/Jellies/Honey Basket	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Kaye Zebarth
Jams/Jellies/Honey Basket	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Paul Hueg
Wolf Mini Key Holder	MnEBA	Martin Zacharias
Snowstorm Beer & Decorated Mugs	Morrie & Daphne Evenson	Paul Hueg
"The Pumpkin Patch" 1999-2000 Pheasants Forever Print of the Year	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Del Glanzer
XXL Elk Shirt	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Ian Thorleifson
Metal Art Elk Silhouette	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Paul Hueg
Southwestern Style Beige Vase	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Diane Strodtman
Southwestern Style Bear Vase	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Diane Strodtman
Elk Cards, Christmas Stocking & T-Shirt	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Ian Thorleifson
"Elk Ate My Homework" T-Shirt	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Brian Wagner
Leather Chair with Embroidered Elk Design and Ottoman	MnEBA	Jim Byrne
(10) Straws Smokin' Ash	VanderWeyst Family and Glen & Kaye Zebarth	Pat Prodzinski
2 Lots (10) Bags ADM Alliance Nutrition 18% Complete	Leo Windschitl	Wade Schimmelpfennig Morrie Evenson
Elk Bow Hanger	MnEBA	Bill Bauer
14" Metal Art Elk Circle	MnEBA	Jim Kotschevar
14" Metal Art Wolf Circle	MnEBA	Leo Windschitl
Winding River Elk 3D Metal Art	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Won by Denny Sueflow in the Card Raffle
Jewelry & Pamper Yourself Basket	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Leo Windschitl
2 Lots Ham Roast	Leo Windschitl	Bill Knutson Glen Zebarth
2 Lots Meat Assortment	Gerald Olson	Leo Windschitl Lance Hartkopf
1998-1999 IA Ducks Unlimited Duck Print	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Leo Windschitl
1997-1998 IA Ducks Unlimited Goose Print	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Leo Windschitl
2 Lots Salt Lamp	MnEBA	Leo Windschitl
Pair of Salt Lamps	MnEBA	Mark Luedtke



LEFT: The combination of being the NAEBA President, MnEBA board member, selling 86 raffle calendars, and preparing for his debut as auctioneer for the MnEBA fundraiser must have been too much for Brian Wagner as he takes a much needed nap during the MnEBA Conference.

RIGHT: Brian's rested and ready to go!



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their annual membership meeting on January 9, 2010 at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, MN. Jim Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Jim asked for additions or corrections to the July 25, 2009 secretary report as presented. Glen Zebarth moved to accept the report, Daphne Evenson seconded, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The December 31, 2009 checkbook balance was \$22,129.81. Rita Prodzinski moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kaye Zebarth seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health: Glen Zebarth reported that Brucellosis is still a problem in free ranging cervids in Yellowstone. Wolves in the area are killing many calves and post-rut bulls.

Tuberculosis is continuing to show up in cattle and some cervid herds around the U.S. There was one wild deer which tested positive for TB in northern MN this past year, but no new farms. Chem Bio has approval for a TB blood test for cattle and elk, but not whitetail. Cost is \$20 per test. The success rate for this blood test is a little better than the skin test. The USDA is out of money to buy out infected TB herds and is looking at conducting more test-out programs. They are also considering regional status instead of state status to more accurately depict where an endemic zone should be located.

CWD was funded in the 2010 federal ag budget in the amount of \$16 million dollars. Half of this amount will go to wildlife agencies. Amendments to the National Rule are still expected to be released for comment soon, however, they may be controversial for the farmed cervid industry. There is also a movement by some state vets to not have any federal rule. However, if that were to be the case, there would no longer be indemnity money allocated for CWD infected herds. These issues will continue to be monitored.

Government Relations: Jim Byrne reported that at this time, there appears to be no

activity pertaining to farmed cervidae in the 2010 legislative session. Will continue to monitor movement of the CWD National Rule and will forward comments when comment period opens up. Jim encouraged all members to stay in touch with their local senator and representatives and to let them know what a good job the MN Board of Animal Health is doing. Jim reported that MnEBA wrote an appreciation letter to the MN Board of Animal Health thanking them for their professional, diligent work on the recent CWD issue in Olmsted county.

Fundraising: Kaye reported an estimate of 500 calendars sold so far for the 2009 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle. Profit looks to be about \$2,000 better than other raffles MnEBA has conducted. She also reported that if someone doesn't want the gun they won, they can use the gun's value to upgrade to a different gun or for other store items such as apparel, fishing equipment, ammunition, etc. Feedback from the membership was positive.

Promotions: Brenda Hartkopf reported that MnEBA has been invited to two new shows and will have a booth at each. They include the upcoming Strategic Animal Ag Conference in Willmar on January 14th and the Lake Superior SCI Chapter Convention in Hinckley on April 9-10. MnEBA will be looking for booth workers for the upcoming Deer Classic on March 12-14. She also reported that now is the time to fill out the registration form to be in the MN Grown Directory. MnEBA has received a \$5,500 Risk Management Agency grant through a MN Grown group application. These funds will be used for the 2010 Annual Conference and also expenses associated with the MnEBA Newsletter.

In the next few weeks, MnEBA will be working on a mailing with the MN Board of Animal Health to encourage elk producers in Minnesota to be members of MnEBA. All producers will receive this mailing, even if they are already members.

State Fair: Daphne Evenson reported that the sign-up sheet was available to work the MnEBA booth for the 2010 Minnesota State Fair. The committee is working on alleviating the problem of running out of meat products

during the fair. She also asked for help in setting up the booth before the fair and would like to train someone new to take this over. Paul and Lynn Hueg have taken down the booth the past few years which has been a tremendous help.

NAEBA: Brian Wagner reported that there have been many changes for NAEBA over the past year but that things are now running very smoothly with Eric & Kim Mohlman taking over the office duties this past Fall. Brian reported that the next convention will take place on August 5-7 at Harrah's in Council Bluffs, Iowa. NAEBA is also holding the February Fling in conjunction with the Wisconsin Commercial Deer and Elk Farmers Association Conference the weekend of February 12-13 with a NAEBA semen auction on Friday evening. Brian thanked Glen Zebarth for representing NAEBA at the USAHA meeting in San Diego, California this past October. Finally, Brian reported that all regional antler competitions have been dropped and that NAEBA will just host one competition during the NAEBA Convention. Antler entry fees will be reduced to encourage more antler entries into the competition. Pricing has not been finalized.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed holding future charitable elk hunts and if MnEBA should purchase a bull if a donated bull is not available. The suggestion was made to use proceeds from raffle calendar funds to purchase a bull if needed. It was also suggested to incorporate pictures from past charitable hunts into the 2011 calendar. Also discussed the possibility of forming a MnEBA Elk Foundation to create a

tax-deductible means of making donations to MnEBA.

Byrne reported that the MN Elk Branding Logo registration process is continuing to move forward. Registration forms for MnEBA members to use the MN Elk Branding Logo on their elk products were made available. Up to 1,000 MN Elk Logo stickers per year will be made available to any MnEBA member who is registered to use the logo. An electronic version of the logo is available as well as additional stickers for purchase if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed ideas for a MnEBA summer event now that regional antler competitions are no longer required. A picnic was suggested.

Board elections were held. Brian Wagner nominated Mark Lucas. Brian Wagner then nominated Wade Schimmelpfennig. Morrie Evenson moved to close nominations. Kaye Zebarth amended the motion to add and accept by unanimous ballot. Daphne Evenson seconded, motion carried.

Kaye Zebarth spoke about the illness former board member Charles Francis is battling and placed a get-well card at the registration table for attendees to sign.

Brian Wagner publically thanked Jim Byrne for his many years of service on the board and for seven years of service as President.

Morrie Evenson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

2010 MnEBA Summer Picnic LOOKING FOR A HOST!

Looking for host for the 2010 MnEBA Summer Picnic.
Tentative date: Saturday, August 21st

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

Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2009 Phone Conference

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a board meeting via phone conference on December 14, 2009. Jim Byrne, Mark Hendrickson, Pat Prodzinski, Brian Wagner, Kaye Zebarth and Brenda Hartkopf were present.

Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and followed the agenda previously sent out.

Discussed how to draw and announce names for the Gun Calendar Raffle. Decision was made to announce the winning ticket number but not the name of the person on the ticket except for the January winners in which both the ticket number and name would be announced. Winners to be drawn in order of the months of the calendar from January to December. Hartkopf to pursue renting a raffle drum from which to draw names.

Decision was made to send a letter of thanks to the SCI Lake Superior Chapter for their role in sponsoring lodging, travel and other expenses for the recent MnEBA Elk Charity Hunt. An invitation to attend the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference will be extended to the sponsor of the bull.

Discussed nominations. Board will contact members to ask if they would be willing to run for the board. Two positions will open up in January.

Hartkopf updated board on the progress of calendar sales to date.

Discussed when to have the budget meeting. Decision was tabled at this time and will be discussed again at the annual conference. Board to check their calendars for open meeting days towards the end of January and let Hartkopf know what works for them. Decision was made to have both the current and new board take part in setting the budget with the new board taking over at the end of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf

January 17, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a board meeting on January 17, 2010 at the home of Lance & Brenda Hartkopf. Jim Byrne, Pat Prodzinski, Brian Wagner, Kaye Zebarth, Wade Schimmelpfennig and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Mark Hendrickson and Mark Lucas were unable to attend.

Byrne called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He asked for additions or corrections to the October 31st board meeting minutes. Prodzinski moved to accept, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Minutes from the December 14th phone conference were reviewed. Zebarth moved to accept, Prodzinski seconded, motion carried. The 2009 financials were reviewed. Wagner moved to accept as presented, Zebarth seconded, motion carried. The December 31, 2009 checkbook balance was \$22,129.81.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed final numbers for the 2009 Gun Calendar Raffle. Reviewed a draft copy of the winner's certificate. Board made two edits and approved edited version.

Certificate to include one signature from an authorized MnEBA representative which would include any board member. Final payment was approved. Hartkopf to ask for final receipt from the gun dealer listing prize list and pricing, serial numbers, and a written statement that guns are paid in full and that the guns are the property of MnEBA and are being stored at The General Store.

Discussed recent Annual Conference and reviewed financials associated with the event. There were 55 people in attendance.

Hartkopf reported seven members have signed up to use the MN Elk Branding Logo to date. Hartkopf to include the application form in the next newsletter mailing. Will seek pictures and labels showing the logo in use as needed for the registration application.

Board discussed the 2010 MnEBA summer event. It was decided to make it a one day event with a tentative date set for August 21st. Attendees will be encouraged to bring

antler for display which would have been recently judged at the NAEBA International Competition and Convention. Hartkopf to post announcement looking for volunteers to host the 2010 MnEBA summer event in the next newsletter. Deadline to volunteer to host the event will be April 1st. MnEBA to set up the program and assist with other plans as needed.

Board set the MnEBA budget for 2010. Other discussion items during the budget process included the Board approving the purchase of a case of Elk Farming Handbooks from NAEBA. Also discussed looking into the purchase of new set of dried velvet antlers for the MnEBA booth.

Hartkopf and Wagner to follow up. Prodzinski will look into possibility of obtaining a portable air conditioner for the MnEBA trailer to use during the State Fair to keep stored meat products at recommended temperatures.

Discussed organizing a charitable elk hunt for 2010. Hartkopf to follow up with Tony Beckel to see if he would be willing to work with MnEBA on this project. Would prefer to award the hunt to a disabled veteran once again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers was held. Wagner nominated Prodzinski for President, Prodzinski did not accept the nomination. Prodzinski nominated Zebarth for President, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Schimmelpfennig offered to be Vice President and Prodzinski offered to be Secretary/Treasurer. All in agreement. Zebarth then conducted the rest of the meeting.

Reviewed the MnEBA membership drive letter which is to go out to all Minnesota elk producers through a MN Board of Animal Health mailing. One edit was made and letter was approved as edited. Hartkopf to follow up.

All were in agreement to conduct a 2010 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle. After much discussion, it was decided to offer up to the entire membership the opportunity to sponsor a calendar month in the 2011 calendar in the February 1 newsletter. Sponsorships will be accepted when

payment is made on a first come, first serve basis. There must be an elk in the picture submitted with the sponsorship. Picture quality must be excellent. MnEBA reserves the right to not accept any picture or sponsorship where a quality picture cannot be provided or when the picture does not meet the standards which have been set forth for the calendar. The front cover will be used for MnEBA. The back cover will be devoted to the charitable elk hunts which have been conducted these past three years. It was suggested to auction off the front and back cover at the MnEBA Annual Conference if another calendar is created in 2011.

Discussed extending the raffle tab so the full back page could be utilized. Hartkopf to follow up. All agreed to keep the total number of calendars printed at 750 and the price at \$40 each.

Discussed elk producers who are not current members manning the MnEBA booth. Will try to avoid allowing non-members to work the booth except in the case of family members or friends who do not own elk but are there to help out.

Hartkopf reported that MnEBA has been invited to set up an exhibit booth at the NADeFA Conference on March 18-20, 2010 in Toledo, Ohio. The offer was very much appreciated but decision was made to pass for this year.

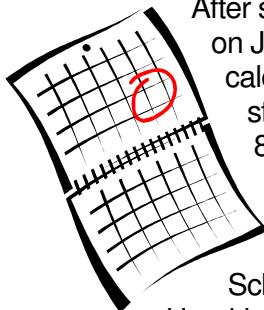
In other new business, Jim Byrne was appointed as chair of the Government Relations committee. Byrne also offered to be the MnEBA spokesperson if needed.

Wagner moved to adjourn, Prodzinski seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf



2009 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle Members Make it a Great Success!



After several months of selling MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars, the drawing was held on January 9th at the conclusion of the MnEBA Annual Conference. A total of 525 calendars were sold making the raffle a great success! Many MnEBA members stepped up to sell calendars but it was Brian Wagner who sold an astounding 86 calendars, thereby earning him a free 2010 membership for selling the most calendars. Many other members sold 15 or more including Glen & Kaye Zebarth, Pat & Rita Prodzinski, Dan & Deb Parsons, Morrie & Daphne Evenson, Jay Pronschinske, Ken & Pat Arnzen, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Rick & Marlys Wollschlager, Rick & Deb Zajac, Mark & Sue Hendrickson, Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Don & Joyce Kaplan, and Paul & Sue Kautzman.

No matter how many calendars were sold by any one individual or couple, every sale was important and the group effort was tremendous! THANK YOU to all!!!

The first two calendar drawings for January 6th and January 20th were announced the same night they were drawn. Amazingly, MnEBA member Jim Kotschevar was the lucky winner of both drawings, first with ticket number 0295 then with ticket number 0434. Monthly winners will be posted at the end of each month on the MnEBA web site at www.mneba.org. Check back frequently to see who the new winners are!

Now Accepting Sponsorships for the 2010 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle HURRY ~ SPACE IS LIMITED!

Enclosed you will find a sponsorship application to sponsor a month in the 2010 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle. Sales will be conducted in 2010 with the drawing being held at the January 2011 MnEBA Annual Conference. The calendar will feature the months of January-December, 2011.

There have already been several people who have verbally committed to sponsoring a calendar month. However, sponsorships are not final until payment is made. So if you're wanting a calendar month, be sure to forward payment as soon as possible to secure your spot!

This calendar will be much like the first calendar with minor modifications made. Picture quality is of utmost importance. Electronic pictures work the best, higher pixels are better. Hard copy photos do not enlarge well, but a high quality full size 8½ "x11" hard copy photo will work just fine.

Please forward any questions or comments to the MnEBA Office at 320-543-2686 or info@mneba.org.



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2008 Raffle Winner Enjoys a Vacation in the Bahamas

Written by Daphne Evenson



A year ago, January 2009, the Minnesota Elk Breeders Assn. held a raffle drawing. Jim & Eileen Byrne won one of the prizes, a week in the Bahamas. That night they invited Pat & Rita Prodzinski and Morrie & Daphne Evenson to go with them. Thanks to the prize donated by Mark & Sue Hendrickson, the exact week to go was flexible. It was decided to go the week of Thanksgiving, 2009.

Monday: We all arrived at different times, but each had to check out the beach first thing--2½ miles of beautiful white sand all to ourselves. (It is the "off-season." Yes!!)

Tuesday: Lots of beach time. Can one pick up too many shells? We don't think so.

Wednesday: We rented a boat, driver and scuba instructor and spent the day out on the ocean. Tanique was a great instructor and interesting to visit with and learn about her country, the Bahamas. Lunch at Nipper's on Guana Cay and a short shopping stop at another island, Man-of-War, completed the day. That night was pizza night at the outdoor part of Spinnaker's Restaurant near our villa.

Thursday: Thanksgiving was observed on the beach and in the pool. Morrie cooked stir fry for dinner, complete with cranberries to remind us it really was Thanksgiving.

Friday: Lots of beach time. Can one pick up too many shells? We don't think so.

Saturday: We took a ferry to Green Turtle Cay, where we docked at New Plymouth village. They are known for their extensive year round Christmas decorations. We were there during daylight hours, so we didn't get the full effect. This colonial village had interesting shops, family run restaurants, and yes another beach with different shells. Can one pick up too many shells? We don't think so.

Sunday: Lincoln Jones was hired as a fishing guide for the day. The Byrnes and Prodzinskis spent the day fishing, eating fish at a campfire on the beach, and fishing some more. Pat drove the boat when Lincoln went down diving for the lobster. Eileen caught the biggest and prettiest fish--a parrot fish--that was caught and released. The grouper and lobster were excellent meals.

Monday: Our bags are packed, we're ready to go, the taxi's coming soon, we've got to go, but one last thing to do. Can one pick up too many shells? Well, maybe we did. We decided to return the ones we couldn't pack back to the beach for the next beach bums to discover.



Pictured Front: Eileen Byrne and Pat Prodzinski
Back: Jim Byrne, Rita Prodzinski, Daphne & Morrie Evenson



Can you guess what Rita and Eileen may be doing?

Velvet Watch

By Scott Salonek

This is a forecast of the velvet market for the 2010 season, with reasons why, but by no means a guarantee of the projected price range, for this year. First, a bit of history over the last few years.

2007 \$30.00 velvet price

Velvet prices hit surprising \$30 US money. Reason for this one, Chinese buyer reaches to fill his order. This coming off a previous price of \$13.00.

2008 \$7.00 velvet price

The total North American cut for 2008 was 280,000 pounds, with 60-80 thousand pounds of carry-over from 2007, included in this total. This carry-over antler sets the starting point for the new antler crop of 2008. Also playing a large part of the fall in velvet prices was the US dollar relating to foreign currency. I also believe the spike to \$30 the year before had a reason for the fall. Total 2008 crop was between 200,000 and 220,000 pounds with around 40,000 plus coming from the US and the balance from Canada.

2009 \$14.00 velvet price

The total North American cut was around 180,000 ponds with 30,000 coming from the US and the balance from Canada.

2010 forecast

I expect with the total velvet supply in both New Zealand and North America over the last few years dropping, that we should see prices in the \$20 -\$30 price range. Things that will affect this are:

1. US dollar in relation to foreign currency.
2. If we in the US drop our velvet production lower than 30,000 pounds, it makes it very difficult to get buyer interest. A buyer in Canada can and will buy the entire US cut from 2009 in one day, on one farm, with very little expense, versus coming to the US and spending 3-5 days to buy.

The US producer needs to manage herds in a way to capitalize the maximum amount of revenue off the farm as possible. Bulls that are two, three, and four years old, as long as they have potential should be velveted. I say this for two reasons both bringing more revenue to the farm:

1. Nearly all two and three year olds have not been given time to reach a score better than 355 -370 score, and if they have the potential to reach 400 plus @ 4-5, velvet will double the income of leaving them hard and bring you better money as a 400 plus shooter. A 15 pound two/three year old @ \$20 velvet brings \$300. Based on \$5.00 hard antler, it takes 60 pounds to get the same money, I do not think we have a 60 pound hard antler 2-3 year old alive today or yesterday.
2. Second reason for this is velveting bulls that will not make the shooting market relieves the surplus hard antler bulls and gets the total velvet cut in the US up to make it more attractive for a buyer to spend a few days here. Believe me when I say a buyer would rather buy 50-60 thousand pounds as opposed to 10-20 thousand pounds. It takes 20,000 pounds to fill a shipping container and the freight to ship this container costs just as much to ship half full as full.

We have more bulls in the US than Canada but yet we cut far less velvet than Canada, thus restricting the interest in US velvet. By not cutting bulls, we flood the shooting market thus saturating the number of bulls that can be used for the hunt farms. Over-supply results in less revenue.

The other interesting thing for the US producer would be to work together to support the markets in the industry, stay informed on what those markets are and not worry so much about the Jones's and how to get ahead of them. Just do your thing, but help each other and work together.

Editor's Note: Forecasted pricing of \$20-\$30 per pound for premium 2010 antler has been the consistent number floating around these past few months. Ian Thorleifson reported forecasted numbers of \$25-\$30 at the MnEBA Annual Conference. Prices have stayed steady to slightly lifting in New Zealand all season. Stay tuned for updated info as the velvet season gets closer!



NORTH AMERICAN ELK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION'S FEBRUARY FLING

February 12th, 2010

Marshfield, Wisconsin

Holiday Inn Convention Center

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MnEBA Kitchen

This recipe was served during the MnEBA Annual Conference evening banquet at the Willmar Conference Center. It received rave reviews and the recipe was requested by several attendees.

Poor Man's Ground Elk Wellington

1½ lbs. ground elk	1 tsp. parsley
1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms	2 cups Beef broth
1 cup diced onion	¼ cup butter
3 Tbsp. butter	¼ cup flour
½ tsp. thyme	¼ cup Cabernet Sauvignon
½ tsp. salt	4 puff pastry sheets 6"x6", thawed
½ tsp. black pepper	4 slices Swiss cheese (optional)
½ tsp. onion powder	1 egg
2 garlic cloves, minced	



Place butter in heavy bottom skillet on medium heat, add onions, mushrooms, and garlic. Sauté until onions are semi translucent, add ground elk. Brown meat until no pink left, add Cabernet, let cook for about 2 minutes. Add thyme, black pepper, onion powder, salt, and parsley, mix in well. Add Beef broth, let cook for approx 3 minutes. In separate small pan melt ¼ cup butter. When melted, add 1/4 cup flour, cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes stirring constantly. Add flour mixture to Elk mixture. Add until broth is consistency of gravy thickness desired. Place in cooler until mixture is pliable.

Place puff pastry on floured surface, roll to 1/16 inch thickness and 6" by 6" width. Optional: place one slice Swiss cheese in center of pastry. Place 1 to 1¼ cup Elk mixture in middle on puff pastry. Pull one by one the four corners of pastry to top of mixture. Pressing all ends together, pull all open spots of pastry to top of mixture, being careful not to tear pastry, but to make sure all holes are closed.

Take Puff Pastry placing folded side down onto greased baking pan. Beat egg, brush pastry. Place in preheated 350° degrees oven. Bake approx 30 minutes until pastry is golden brown. May have to bake longer if mixture is frozen, or if preped ahead and are cooking a frozen entrée.

Welcome New Members

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Committee Postcards

It's time for some fresh, new ideas! Enclosed you will find a self-addressed, stamped postcard listing MnEBA committees. Many of these committees have only a chairperson and no committee members!

You are being asked to consider helping on any one or more of these committees. Many committees are seasonal and duties can usually be accomplished over the phone or by email.

This committee list encompasses many different aspects of the elk industry. Please take a moment and consider helping in the area(s) you have an interest in and return the enclosed postcard by **March 15th**. If you're not sure but would like more information, please contact the MnEBA Office.

Thank you for your consideration. Any assistance you could provide would be very much appreciated by all!

Opportunity to Promote Your “Local” Elk Products

“Buying Local” remains a very hot consumer trend for many reasons. *Minnesota Grown* is synonymous with *local* in the minds of many Minnesotans.

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Minnesota Elk Breeders Association members can join Minnesota Grown for only \$20 annually. Growers who also sell direct to the consumer may list their products in the Minnesota Grown Directory for an additional \$40.

Members may order free price cards, posters and stickers that feature the Minnesota Grown logo, distinguishing their products from others that may have been trucked-in from a distant port. Those free merchandising materials may be shared with retailers. Growers may register and pay online at www.minnesotagrown.com, or call 651-201-6469 and leave a message with a complete mailing address to receive an application in the mail. Producers wishing to be listed in the 2010 Minnesota Grown Directory must apply no later than March 1, 2010.

Minnesota Grown membership has more than doubled in the past decade. Unique web visitors to www.minnesotagrown.com now exceed 150,000 annually. More than 1.3 million stickers, posters, and other merchandise with the logo and 190,000 Directories were printed and distributed to consumers statewide in 2009, thanks to the support of Directory sponsors such as the MN Elk Breeders Association.



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Norman County Veterans Service Office
By John Rosenberger

Local Veteran Selected For Elk Hunt

A disabled veteran from Norman County was chosen to participate in an elk hunt sponsored by the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA). Sergeant First Class (retired) Tim Merkens was selected as the recipient of this years annual charitable elk hunt at Lake of the Woods. The hunt, coordinated by MnEBA through the generosity of the Lake Superior Chapter of Safari Club International, Access Point Technologies, Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch and Sportsman's Lodge, took place November 28 & 29 near Baudette, MN. This is the second year in a row the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt was awarded to a veteran with Minnesota ties.

Tim Merkens is a member of the Ada VFW, the Disabled American Veterans of Crookston, and the Twin Valley American Legion. Tim served four years in the U.S. Navy and 16 years in the U.S. Army before being forced to retire due to medical disabilities. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Tim to hunt a bull elk and has become a most memorable experience as well.

Tony Beckel, of Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch provided the guide services, outfitting, and the 1,200 acres of wooded land for the hunt. It was certainly not a walk in the park, and while enduring the cold temperatures and northern winds; Tim was able to enjoy seeing an abundance of white tail deer and a herd of bison who also shared this woodland with the elk. The evasive elk only showed himself one brief time during the first day, pushing the hunt into another day of cold exposure. But then, after only two hours into the second day, the bull elk emerged from the woods at about 100-125 yards from where Tim was posted and Tim employed the old Army cliché: One shot, one kill. The bull elk dropped to the ground without taking another step. Tim said, "This brings back memories of deer hunting with my dad 30 years ago."

The bull was a 13 point atypical elk and weight was estimated at 800 pounds. Tony Beckel dressed the elk and transported it to a local meat locker for processing.

During the hunt, Tim stayed at a lake cabin donated by Sportsman's Lodge, providing comfortable accommodations and a peaceful environment. Travel and meal expenses were donated by the Lake Superior Chapter of SCI and Access Point Technologies, they also provided support for processing the elk including cutting and wrapping of the meat. Access Point Technologies produces cardiology and radiology devices. Mark Hendrickson provided transportation of the two bull elk from southeastern Minnesota to the ranch near Baudette a week before the hunt so they could become familiar with the surroundings. Another elk hunt took place during the same weekend.

Everyone involved with this project just want veterans such as Sergeant Merkens to know that they are deeply respected and appreciated. The Lake Superior Chapter of SCI is very active in offering 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 (SCI) are working to do more projects with veterans." Steve Berhow of Access Point Technologies (APT) in Rogers, MN echoes these same thoughts.

"Personally, I have been involved in hunting since I was a kid. I know it is a great experience for anyone who can be involved in hunting. I am thankful to get involved with the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association in helping a veteran get an opportunity to hunt for a Bull Elk in Minnesota," he says. "We live in a country where none of us should forget the sacrifices that veterans have made for us and our country. So to help one veteran get a chance to hunt an elk in Minnesota is a pleasure and an honor."

For any veteran related questions, please contact your county veterans service officer at (218) 784-5494.



Sergeant Tim Merkens

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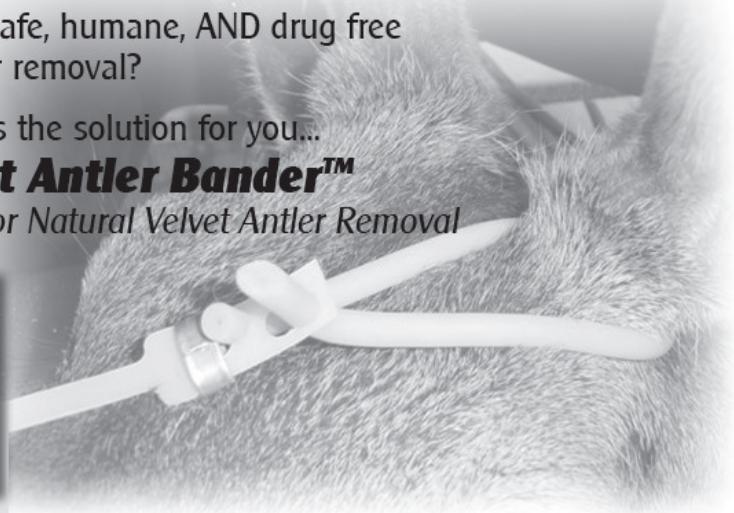


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Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

Early Spring Health Management Tips

Scours: If you've had calf scour problems in the past, now is a good time to be thinking about how to handle this problem for the coming calf crop. Work with your veterinarian to set up a plan to avoid the problem. A typical plan may include:

1. If possible, have cows calve in a clean, new pasture
2. Keep calving cow groups to 15 or less
3. Every 10 days, move cows which have not yet calved to a new pasture. Do not move cows which have already calved.
4. If you have identified a specific pathogen, consider treating for that organism. However, the above mentioned ideas can be very successful without needing to use medications.

If feed quality has been poor for your animals this winter, consider giving animals an injection of Vitamins A, D, & E or increase those vitamin amounts in the feed. A good time to begin doing this would be sometime in April.

If animals are being handled in the spring, consider giving the cows a booster of 8-way clostridium. If you've had difficulties with Leptosporosis or dairy people in your area are vaccinating for it, you may also want to vaccinate for this as well. Weight loss or in some cases, mortality caused by Leptosporosis is most prominent in 2-6 month old weanling calves.

Worms: Now is also a good time to check fecal samples. Producers shouldn't need to worm in the Spring if animals were cleaned up good in the Fall, but it is a good idea to check now so "clean" animals are being turned out on "clean" pastures.

Pasture Quality: Many pastures in Minnesota have taken a beating from severe drought and cold over the past few years. It might be a good idea to evaluate how to improve your pasture quality through new plantings and/or aeration of your soils.

There were two very good speakers at the conference who could help producers find solutions to improving pasture quality. Del Glanzer of Glanzer's Crop Consulting is a good resource. Del is based out of Alexandria and can be reached at (320) 762-2049.

Scott Thaden of Anez Consulting Inc. provided information on two government programs which may aid financially in improving and developing new pastures. The first program is the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). It pays producers for the conservation practices they are already doing, as well as paying for further conservation enhancements that they intend to do over the course of the 5 year contract. A second program is The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This is an older program that assists producers in implementing new conservation practices. Intensive grazing is one component, but there are many other areas available. Scott is based out of Willmar can be reached at (320) 235-1970.

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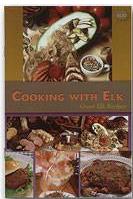
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Committee Reports

Promotions

MnEBA has been invited to two new events, one of which took place a few days after the conference. The MN Department of Agriculture Strategic Ag Conference was held in Willmar on January 14 -15. The second event is the Lake Superior SCI Chapter Conference which will be held at Grand Casino in Hinckley on April 9-10.

MnEBA also has a booth at the upcoming Deer Classic on March 12-14th at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. Please contact Perry Olson at (507) 220-4515 or perryo@taylorelk.com if you can help.

Membership Drive

All elk producers in Minnesota will be receiving a mailing in the very near future from MnEBA. This is a new effort in trying to reach producers who may or may not know about what MnEBA has to offer every Minnesota elk producer. If someone you know raises elk and is not a member, please encourage them to join MnEBA or at the very least, forward their contact info to the MnEBA Office so an information packet can be sent their way.

2010 MnEBA Summer Picnic

After discussion at the Annual Conference and subsequent board meeting, it's been decided to hold a MnEBA Summer Picnic somewhere in Minnesota; where, depends upon where there's an interest in hosting?

Tentative plans are to have the MnEBA Summer Picnic on Saturday August 21st, a couple weeks after the NAEBA Convention. Attendees would be encouraged to bring antlers which have been recently judged for display.

Anyone willing to host the 2010 MnEBA Summer Picnic is encouraged to contact the MnEBA Office by April 1st. MnEBA will help plan the program and offer assistance in planning the event as needed.

MnEBA has held many summer picnics in the past. It's always good to put a farm with a name and a good learning experience to see how other producers operate their farms. Please consider hosting this fun event!

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In Memory

Karl Hoehne - Karl F. Hoehne of Pine Island passed away on January 19, 2010 from complications arising from heart surgery. Karl was born on February 28, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Donna; two children, Jessica Hoehne of Pine Island and Adam (Keysha) of Oronoco; his brother, John (Pat) Hoehne; and grandchildren, Ely and Lisa. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

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February 13, 2010 – WCDEFA Annual Convention, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Marshfield, WI

March 12 – 14, 2010 – Minnesota Deer Classic, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

April 9 – 10, 2010 – SCI Lake Superior Chapter 12th Annual Hunter's Banquet, Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN

August 5 – 7, 2010 – NAEBA's 20th Annual Convention and International Antler Competition, Harrah's, Council Bluffs, Iowa

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