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President's Message by Mark Lucas

After being on the MnEBA board a couple different times, I finally made it! President.... I now understand why politicians are willing to subject themselves to unbelievable torment for months on the campaign trail. The title President next to your name makes it all worthwhile! Seriously, I do consider it a privilege to help represent this Association and will do my best to promote the livestock we all love, America's Greatest Animal, ELK.

First of all, I would like to give a word of thanks to a couple MnEBA members who have served our Association and have gone off the board. Our past president, Kaye Zebarth has been on the board and served as President for several terms over the years. Her dedication and enthusiasm for our industry has always

been appreciated. Kaye may be going off the board for now, but I have a feeling she will miss being in the thick of it and be back on a later date.

Also going off the board this year was Pat Prodzinski. Pat has been on the board for many years, many of those years as Secretary/Treasurer. He has helped guide MnEBA through some tough times and was always there for meetings despite having to travel the long distance from Homer. We will miss his words of wit that helped to keep meetings a little on the light side.

Although I was unable to attend the winter conference in early January, it sounds like another great success. On behalf of everyone, thank you Kaye Zebarth, Rita Prodzinski and Brenda Hartkopf for

your hard work in organizing the conference once again. This conference has become an important fundraiser with various fun opportunities to participate. There is a nice summary of the event inside this newsletter. Check it out if you missed out like I did.

Speaking of fundraisers, thanks to all members who bought calendars, sold calendars and sponsored months on this year's gun raffle calendar. This provides much of the revenue necessary to keep our Association viable economically. Also, the exposure our industry receives through the charitable elk hunt we sponsor with part of the raffle proceeds is tremendous. As we attempt to keep the interest level high from year to year, we have added a new incentive for this coming year to better reward those who put the time in knocking on doors to sell the calendars. Stay tuned for details.

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THANK YOU!!!
Kaye Zebarth & Pat Prodzinski
for your years of service on the MnEBA Board!

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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.

2012 MnEBA Annual Conference

Strong market interest continues!

The 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference took place January 7, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center, MN with 59 people in attendance. Optimism for sales of elk products remain strong this year, especially in the meat market. Velvet, hard antler and shooter bull prices are expected to remain strong as well.

There was an excellent line-up of speakers at this year's conference who addressed the most pressing issues of last year, keeping up with the feed bill and dealing with the discovery of CWD in a wild whitetail doe in southeastern MN last January. Dr. Anderson updated attendees on the current numbers of breeders and animals in the state, gave a CWD update which showed no new positives after another round of testing, and also explained renewed efforts to make sure all farmed cervidae fences are 8' tall. Jim Paulson from MN Extension discussed pasture seed varieties and how to get the most out of our pastures (cheapest feed we own) and Jim Salfer also of MN Extension spoke about nutrient feed values and pricing of more locally available feedstuffs. He was joined by Dr. Glen Zebarth, Brian Wagner and Lance Hartkopf in a very informative roundtable discussion. Many thanks to all speakers, your information was timely and informative!

This year's conference featured four vendors including Sunset Jewelry, ADM Alliance Nutrition, MN Farmers Union and Elm Creek Elk Park. Thank you for sharing your products and for your support!

As this is MnEBA's only fundraising day of the year, there were many fundraising activities to take part in. Two card raffles were held for much sought after prizes. Congratulations to Paul Hueg who won a reciprocating saw donated by Minnesota Grown and also to Brian Wagner who won the Redfield spotting scope donated by MnEBA. Thank to you Pat & Rita Prodzinski for overseeing the card raffles!

Many attendees also participated in the gun calendar raffle helping to make that activity a great success! Many thanks to Eileen Byrne for help in manning the calendar table and helping with registration.

The MnEBA awards presentation recognized several individuals for outstanding contributions to the industry. They included appreciation awards presented to Morrie & Daphne Evenson and also to MN Farmers Union. The recipient of the 5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt also attended the evening banquet and talked to attendees about his hunt experience.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored events throughout the day. They included:

- **Morning Break Sponsors:** *Roger & Ao Nietfeld and Morrie & Daphne Evenson*
- **Afternoon Break Sponsors:** *Jim & Eileen Byrne and Paul & Lynn Hueg*
- **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, Rita Prodzinski and Brenda Hartkopf for planning a very successful conference! Thank you to all who attended, made donations to the live and silent auctions, bid on fundraising items and helped in any way. It was all very much appreciated!

Successful Conference Fundraisers!

This year's conference fundraisers were successful in raising nearly \$3,800 for MnEBA! Many thanks to everyone who donated and bid on items (see donors and successful bidders below). There was a nice variety of items with something for everyone! Thank you to Patty VanGundy for assistance in obtaining select items for the live and silent auctions. Many thanks to Doug Peterson, MN Farmers Union President and certified auctioneer, for conducting the live auction. Thank you also to Bruce Miller (MN Farmers Union), Brian Wagner, Mark Luedtke and Paul Hartkopf for their assistance during the live auction.

Item	Donor	Buyer
Elk candle holder	Ray Smothers	Bill Knutson
(2) Atomic Chef spice variety pack	Morrie & Daphne Evenson	Leo Windschitl, Brenda Hartkopf
Ceramic vase	MnEBA	Leo Windschitl
"Bull Elk –Autumn" unframed print	MnEBA	Greg Lubinski
Elk calf statue	MnEBA	Roxy Lubinski
Rock lamp	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Perry Olson
Butterfly necklace	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Roxy Lubinski
(2) Welcome stone	MnEBA	Roxy Lubinski, Ken Arnzen
(3) Elk & stone	MnEBA	Roxy Lubinski, Greg Lubinski Paul Hueg
Elk sweatshirt	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Roxy Lubinski
Onyx plate	MnEBA	Don Kaplan
Electric boot dryer	MnEBA	Perry Olson
Better Chef contact grill	Leo Windschitl	Jim Byrne
Anchor casserole set	Leo Windschitl	Brenda Hartkopf
Elk handbag	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Perry Olson
Silver bracelet	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Perry Olson
2 Lots (10) Bags ADM Alliance Nutrition 18% Complete	Leo Windschitl	Scott Salonek, Glen Zebarth
Watch	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Perry Olson
Crimp sleeves	MnEBA	Jim Byrne
Bath products/chocolate	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Rita Prodzinski
(3) Elk wind spinner	Dennis Engebretson	Gary Smith, Brian Wagner, Paul Hueg
Elk wall clock	Richard & Jon Aase	Deb Zajac
(2) Ham roast	Leo Windschitl	Paul Hueg, Deb Zajac
Elk jigsaw puzzle	Richard & Jon Aase	Perry Olson
Reciprocating saw	Minnesota Grown	Won on card raffle by Paul Hueg
Redfield spotting scope 20x60x60mm	MnEBA	Won on card raffle by Brian Wagner
Elk glider	MnEBA	Klint Wylie
Vacation at Casa Madera condo (6) days	Don & Joyce Kaplan	Perry Olson
Coffee basket with "more than meets the eye"	Glen & Kaye Zebarth	Leo Windschitl
Elk painting on petrified wood by Diane Mesmer	MnEBA	Brian Wagner
Rabbit fur wall hanging basket	MnEBA	Greg Lubinski
Ugly Stick rod & reel combo	MnEBA	Ken Arnzen
Elk painting on rock by Diane Mesmer	Brian Wagner	Greg Lubinski
Decorative arrow holder	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Don Kaplan
Leather wall hanging basket	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Don Kaplan
Bushnel binoculars	MnEBA	Kaye Zebarth
Clay pigeon thrower	MnEBA	Glen Zebarth
George Foreman Healthy Cooking grill	Leo Windschitl	Klint Wylie
Fine Auto All-in-160 Roadside Emergency Kit	Leo Windschitl	Bill Knutson
(1) straw Cadillac	Bill & Karen Knutson	Jon Aase
Halogen spotlight	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Pat Prodzinski
Elk antler fillet knife	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Brian Wagner
(2) one pound award winning jerky	Wade Schimmelpfennig	Leo Windschitl (took both)

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2012 Annual Conference

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their annual membership meeting on January 7, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center, MN. President Kaye Zearth called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the Lake City police officer who died of injuries suffered in the line of duty and whose funeral was to be held that day.

Zearth introduced the Board and also thanked booth vendors as well as all sponsors and donors who took part in the conference.

Zearth asked for additions or corrections to the July 30, 2011 secretary report as presented. Jim Byrne moved to accept the report, Morrie Evenson seconded, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The December 31, 2011 checkbook balance was \$12,298.31. The books showed over a \$3,500 loss for the year. The question was asked about the loss. Hartkopf explained that the guns for the raffle were paid for by the end of the year but that not enough money had come in to pay for them as of yet. Also, lobbyist expenses were higher than usual last year. Glen Zearth moved to accept the treasurer's report, John Johnson seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health: Glen Zearth reported that the Chem Bio TB blood test has been approved for elk and red deer. Now a working group is setting up rules and guidelines for how to incorporate this test into the surveillance program. This will take some time.

On CWD, the most visible change is that USDA drastically cut funding from \$13.9 million in 2011 to \$1.9 million in 2012. This means no money for indemnity, no funding to assist in wildlife surveillance, testing of farmed cervids or for research. Officials do however want to expand research on the rectal biopsy test which still shows the most promise of any live animal test to date. Glen urged producers to continue to test for CWD. Just because federal funding has been cut does not mean the program will go away, states will likely retain all the same requirements as before.

Government Relations: Jim Byrne thanked all the members who took the time to contact their legislators this past year. It was a big help in gaining support for new regulations in light of a CWD positive wild whitetail being found in SE Minnesota. Since no more positives have been found, legislators have backed off. Senator

David Senjem is now the Senate Majority Leader and he has been supportive of the cervid industry in the past.

Fundraising: Kaye Zearth thanked all the sponsors of this year's calendar months and mentioned all the projects associated with the money raised including the charitable elk hunt, scholarship, and portions of expense for the lobbyist and executive secretary. She specifically thanked the people involved in this year's charitable elk hunt including Morrie & Daphne Evenson, Tony Beckel, Lake Superior SCI Chapter, Midwest Outdoors Unlimited and Glen & Kaye Zearth. There was a total of 369 calendars sold as of January 6th. Ken Arnzen and Denny Suelflow won the Early Bird Bonus Drawing of \$500 cash. Attendees indicated they would like to do another gun calendar raffle for 2013.

Promotions: Brenda Hartkopf reported on several promotions activities since the Summer Meeting. Minnesota elk had more of a presence than ever before at the Minnesota State Fair with participation in the MN Cooks Competition and also Farmers Feed Us Campaign. There was also a MnEBA booth at the NAEBA Convention. Since Raise the Legend Books are running low, she asked the membership if they would like to see an updated version be created. Mark Luedtke suggested there also be an online version. Finally, the MN Deer Classic will be held on March 9-11 and help is still needed to man the booth.

State Fair: Daphne Evenson thanked everyone who helped work the MnEBA booth at the 2011 MN State Fair. The booth netted \$4,000 in sales for MnEBA with the sale of meat and dog chews. She also thanked Paul & Lynn Hueg for their help in set-up and take-down. A sign-up sheet was available for 2012.

NAEBA: Brian Wagner encouraged everyone to attend the March Mingle which takes place on March 31st in Kansas. This year's summer convention and International antler competition will be held at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN on August 2-4, 2012. Brian encouraged all to attend since it will be so close for everyone.

Brian also reported that the Purity test is up and running at a lab in South Dakota. The downside is that it is quite expensive, but the cost per test does go down if there more tests to run. It was suggested that the address and contact number for the lab be published.

Brian recognized the 2011 International Antler Competition winners from MnEBA in each class. These breeders included Bill & Karen Knutson, Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Scott & Connie Salonek, Brian Wagner and Jay Pronschinske.

OLD BUSINESS

Zebarth reported the 5th Annual Charitable Elk Hunt was a success and that the veteran who took part in the hunt would be attending the evening banquet later that night. A press release regarding the hunt has been distributed.

Zebarth reported that the Minnesota Farmed Cervid Economic Impact Study was in the final stages of completion but not yet finalized.

Hartkopf reported that progress has been made on registering the MN Elk trademark. Intent to use the "mark" was published on October 25th. Thirty days were given from that date to file a complaint against it. None were filed to MnEBA's knowledge. After the thirty days are over, a Certificate of Registration will be issued within 12 weeks. It is expected that MnEBA will be receiving this certificate in a matter of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Miller of Minnesota Farmers Union addressed the group and said that MN Cooks Calendars were available to all attendees. He talked about elk being one of the

featured meats at the recent MN Cooks contest and said that the elk segment from the contest may be featured on TBS in the near future.

Board elections were held, facilitated by Brian Wagner. Kaye Zebarth and Pat Prodzinski were the two board members whose terms expired after many years of dedicated service. Two members had already agreed to run for the board, Richard Zajac and Jim Byrne. Wagner opened up the floor for additional nominations. After none were brought forth, Morrie Evenson moved to close nominations and accept Zajac and Byrne by unanimous ballot. Lance Hartkopf seconded, motion carried.

It was suggested that MnEBA consider having elk antler headbands at the 2012 Minnesota State Fair. Scott Salonek said he would look into providing them. There was concern that giving away headbands could take time and attention away from people waiting to buy other products from the booth and that we may be too short-staffed to handle it.

It was also suggested that MnEBA try to do more to promote elk meat and velvet products.

Jim Byrne moved to adjourn, Glen Zebarth seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

Past President's Message

Greetings,

I have just a few more words to send your way, as I finish my three-year term on the MnEBA Board of Directors: **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

THANK YOU for attending the annual meeting at the Crowne Plaza earlier this month. It was very much appreciated that you took time from your busy schedule to attend the meeting.

THANK YOU for your continued support of the programs of the Association, especially helping raise the needed funds in order for MnEBA to continue to be a strong voice for the industry.

THANK YOU for selling the raffle calendars, for purchasing calendars, for sponsoring a month in the calendar, for donating and purchasing items at the fundraiser.

THANK YOU to the anonymous sponsor of the \$500 incentive for calendar support and sales.

THANK YOU, Jim and Richard, for agreeing to serve on the MnEBA Board of Directors.

THANK YOU, Pat Prodzinski, for your dedicated service on the MnEBA Board of Directors.

THANK YOU, members, who volunteer to represent MnEBA at various trade shows, including the MN Deer Classic and the MN State Fair. Thank you, too, to the members who volunteer to chair these events.

THANK YOU, members, for supporting and following the rules and regulations of the MN Board of Animal Health. They are an invaluable ally.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to our Executive Secretary, for her boundless energy and dedication to the growth and well-being of our Association. She is underpaid, but, I hope, not underappreciated. THANK YOU, Brenda.

THANK YOU, in advance, for all your help and support in the coming year. I have truly enjoyed the terms I have served on the Board, and look forward to helping this Association grow in whatever way I am called upon.

THANK YOU

Kaye



Past President, Kaye Zebarth

Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2011 Phone Conference

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on December 19, 2011. Kaye Zebarth, Mark Lucas, Wade Schimmelpennig, Pat Prodzinski and Brenda Hartkopf were present to begin the call. Brian Wagner joined the meeting at a later time. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft of The Economic Impact of Cervid Farming in Minnesota as well as annual conference details.

Zebarth called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Board reviewed the draft economic impact study and made several suggested edits. Also made the decision to hire a graphics artist to make the report flow better to be more readable. Hartkopf to contact the MN Deer Breeders to see if these suggestions will be acceptable. Goal is to have the final report ready for the MnEBA Annual Conference on January 7th.

Hartkopf reported that 253 stubs and money have been returned to date for the 2012 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar drawing. This is well ahead of last year, but the total number of calendars in use is still about the same as in years past. There will be 17 names going into the special \$500 bonus drawing. The 12 farms who sponsored calendar months will also have their names go into the drawing. Decision was made to draw for the \$500 cash bonus during the morning membership meeting when the raffle committee gives their report. Hartkopf to send out a raffle reminder before Christmas.

Discussed the upcoming annual conference. Hartkopf reported the Awards committee has ordered plaques for this year's recipients. Details on fundraising were discussed. Hartkopf reported that there will be two people from Minnesota Extension on hand to discuss Minnesota pasture management and also lower cost feed options. The recipient of this year's MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt will also be in attendance for the evening banquet.

Hartkopf reported that Fred Neubert will be unable to solicit board nominations for the Nomination Committee as he will be out of town most of December. The terms for Zebarth and Prodzinski are both up for re-election and both have made the decision not to run again. Board came up with a list of names and will call to see if they would be interested in serving.

Hartkopf to check to see how the room reservations are coming in and report back to the Board.

Lucas moved to adjourn, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

January 14, 2012 Board Meeting

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a board meeting on January 14, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center, MN. Mark Lucas, Pat Prodzinski, Wade Schimmelpennig, Brian Wagner, Jim Byrne, Richard Zajac and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Kaye Zebarth was unable to attend.

Lucas called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. He asked for additions or corrections to the October 17th phone conference minutes. Prodzinski moved to accept, Schimmelpennig seconded, motion carried. He then asked for additions or corrections to the December 19th phone conference minutes. Wagner moved to accept, Prodzinski seconded, motion carried. The 2011 financials were reviewed. The December 31st checkbook balance was \$12,298.31. Prodzinski moved to accept as presented, Wagner seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed final numbers from the 2011 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle. 680 calendars went into circulation with stubs and money turned in for 534 calendars. This was up 29 calendars from last year. Almost all unused calendars have been returned. Discussed ideas for improving sales next year. Lucas will work on creating a short video presentation from footage of the 2011 Charitable Elk Hunt (pending permission from MidWest Outdoors Unlimited) to make available for members to showcase to individuals or civic groups what funds from this project are used for. Wagner moved to offer a free membership (up to \$125 value) to anyone who sells and returns stubs and money for 30 or more calendars by December 31st. Schimmelpennig seconded, motion carried. It was decided there would be no \$500 cash incentive offered this year.

Hartkopf discussed final numbers for the 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference. She reported 59 attendees compared to 73 last year and 55 the year before. Board recommended trying to advertise the event in more farm-related publications. Was suggested to ask the Board of Animal Health to assist in mailing the annual Membership Drive mailing which includes the newsletter and annual conference information. Hartkopf was asked to make up a map showing the locations of where this year's attendees traveled from to consider along with the bids for next year's conference.

Hartkopf reported that the 5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt was very successful. Tony Beckel has agreed to offer his facility and guide services for 2012. Talked about moving up the time table to have the MnEBA Gun Raffle calendars ready for events such as the Lake Superior SCI convention as they have been major sponsors of this event. However, it is too late to get that done for this year.

Reviewed a draft copy of the Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Economic Impact Study as submitted by the graphic artist. Identified areas needing improvement. Hartkopf to follow up with the MN Deer Breeders and study coordinator. Hartkopf to post the study on the Member's Only section of the MnEBA web site when finalized.

Lucas brought up the suggestion to consider selling spices marketed for elk meat out of the MnEBA State Fair booth. Hartkopf was directed to research possibilities and report back.

Pat Prodzinski was recognized and thanked for his years of service on the MnEBA board.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers was held. Schimmelpfennig nominated Mark Lucas for President, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Wagner nominated Jim Byrne for Vice President, Lucas seconded, motion carried. Byrne nominated Wagner for Secretary/Treasurer, Schimmelpfennig seconded, motion carried.

Byrne discussed concerns with the current Board of Animal Health (BAH) Draft Rules which they are operating under in dealing with the CWD issue in southeastern Minnesota. Concerns include:

1. Revisit if an area should be considered endemic if only one wild positive is found. Testing of over 3,000 animals in SE Minnesota has yet to find another positive. In New York, only one positive was ever found and eventually the area was taken out of quarantine. In Wisconsin, they require 2 positives to be found before an area is declared endemic.
2. What would the timeline be for lifting the quarantine on producers if no other positives are found?
3. Fencing – BAH approves an alternative double fencing method, but DNR does not, therefore it's not acceptable. Why is BAH allowing DNR to dictate what an acceptable double fence should be? Also, why is BAH now becoming increasingly strict on fencing heights and potentially issuing fines, even to farms with no prior fencing or escape issues?

Would like to compare what quarantine steps were enacted and when and how the "circle" was designated with the TB situation in northwestern Minnesota a few years ago.

Hartkopf distributed a copy of the current version of the Raise the Legend book and asked the Board to report back at the next meeting what they would like to see in a new version, or if they would like to see something else entirely. It was suggested that an online version be available as soon as the project was completed with physical copies made later when the old copies run out.

Discussed the 2012 MnEBA Scholarship. Byrne moved to amend the current rules referencing the field of study the applicant is pursuing to read "ag-related field of study preferred but not limited to" and that the scholarship be awarded one time only per applicant. Schimmelpfennig seconded, motion carried.

Discussed possible locations and dates for the 2012 MnEBA Summer Picnic. The tentative date was set for July 21st. Will continue to pursue possible locations.

Hartkopf distributed the current draft of Goals & Objectives which was partially completed in 2011. Board was asked to review the document and be ready to continue work on it for the next meeting.

It was suggested MnEBA contact the South Dakota Elk Breeders Association and for a small fee, offer to share the MnEBA Newsletter with their members as MnEBA does with the North Dakota Elk Growers.

Board set numbers for the 2012 MnEBA budget. Hartkopf to put the numbers together on a spreadsheet and forward to Board for their review. Final budget to be ratified at the next board meeting.

Wagner moved to adjourn, Byrne seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf

2012 MnEBA Summer Picnic LOOKING FOR A HOST!

Tentative Date ~ Saturday, July 21st

MnEBA will assist with details as needed. A small amount of monetary compensation is available. Please contact the MnEBA Office by April 1st if interested!

NEWS RELEASE: Thursday, December 29, 2011

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

Hennepin County U.S. Army Veteran Experiences Elk Hunt

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), December 29, 2011 – Mike McElhiney, a wounded 21-year veteran of the United States Army, recently undertook a hunt most people only dream of as the recipient of the 5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. The hunt took place on December 2-4, 2011 and was coordinated by MnEBA. It was sponsored through the generosity of Prairie Hills Elk, Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Lake Superior Chapter Safari Club International (SCI), Midwest Outdoors Unlimited and Oak Point Elk Farm.

Mike McElhiney is a retired Master Sergeant who began his military career in the Army Infantry just after graduating from high school in 1989. He rapidly rose in military ranks and eventually became the Battalion Assistant Operations Sergeant and Senior Weapons Sergeant for Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 574. Mike's ODA made history after the attacks on 9-11 as the first team to infiltrate southern Afghanistan, bringing with them the current president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, at the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). On the morning of December 5, 2001, Mike and all of his team members were either killed in action or nearly fatally wounded in a battle north of Kandahar. Mike ultimately lost his right arm as a result of this attack.

Mike now resides in Independence, Minnesota and has a wife and two children. Even though he is retired from active duty, he still continues to actively support veterans through the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs where he serves as Legislative Director. Mike loves to hunt and fish and has been hunting since he could "keep up". Mike says, "I remember my first hunt with my dad. It was small game –rabbits, squirrels and quail. As I recall, I was able to carry my BB gun along. I hunt whatever I have time to hunt now, as well as what I can afford."

The elk hunt awarded to Mike was something he never thought he'd have the chance to do. "I appreciate it. It's the trophy of a lifetime, there's no doubt about it." Tony Beckel of Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch as well as Ron Welle and cameraman LeRoy Weiner of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited accompanied Mike on his hunt. Mike's adrenalin was pumping all day long when at about 4pm, they stumbled upon the elk lying in the woods. "I've shot guns a long time, but the first time you encounter one of these things it's a whole different story," Mike said. He went on to say, "I got a shot into him, he stood up; it was kind of a high shot. He gave us the perfect broadside view and I got a good kill into him." Mike's guide, Tony Beckel added, "The elk didn't go even 10 yards after he was shot".

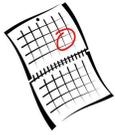
Mike is thankful to everyone who had a part in granting him the "hunt of a lifetime". Ron Welle expressed appreciation to Mike for his service to our country with these words, "This is just a little bit of us, we call, giving back to our veterans for what they have given us. I can't thank you [Mike] enough." Mike expressed his appreciation of all military personnel who have ever served. "These are the reasons we do it, freedoms we cherish, the reason we go overseas. We're out here living the dream...just being out here having fun, driving around seeing the scenery, cooking over the campfire, that's what it's all about. We're in no rush, no hurry, and under no threats so I love it."

MnEBA was pleased to coordinate this hunt for Mike. We offer heartfelt gratitude to Mike and to all United States military men and women for their sacrifice and service to our country which allows us the immeasurable freedoms we all enjoy.



***Master Sergeant (retired) Mike McElhiney
with his beautiful trophy elk!***

2012 MnEBA Gun Calendar Record Setting Sales!



The long awaited 2012 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle drawing took place the evening of January 7th at the MnEBA Annual Conference. But first things first, the winner of the \$500 cash incentive drawing was drawn earlier in the day during the MnEBA annual meeting. Ken Arnzen and Denny Suelflow, who had shared a sponsorship month in the calendar, were the lucky winners.

All in all, 680 calendars went into circulation with 534 of them turned in for payment compared to just 505 the year before. This was the highest number of calendars ever sold by the Association, even though there are a total of 750 printed. 25 members actively sold calendars with 34 members purchasing calendars. Brian Wagner sold the most calendars with 53 followed by Ken Arnzen at 35, Paul Kautzman at 33, Rick Wollschlager and Richard & Deb Zajac at 31 and Morrie & Daphne Evenson at 30. Other members selling more than 15 calendars included Mark Lucas, Pat Prodzinski, Mark Luedtke, Darrell Turek, Glen & Kaye Zebarth, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Paul Hartkopf, Roxy Markee-Lubinski and Martin Zacharias. 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!!! Thank you also to Glen Zebarth for arranging for a raffle barrel to draw the winning names from.

Monthly winners will be posted every other Wednesday on the MnEBA web site at www.mneba.org. Check back frequently to see who the new winners are!

Preview for the 2013 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar...

Annual conference attendees enthusiastically agreed to hold another similar gun raffle calendar fundraiser for 2013. New this year, there will be a big incentive to sell more calendars which would allow the opportunity for more members to benefit. Any member selling 30 or more calendars and turning in those stubs and money by December 31st will receive a free 2013 membership (up to a \$125 value)!

Sponsorship applications for the 2013 gun raffle calendar will be mailed out with the April 1 newsletter. Also, if you would be willing to help on the committee, please contact the MnEBA Office. It would be great to have new ideas and more input!



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60 Minutes - Charly Seale Interview

On the January 29th "60 Minutes" show, Exotic Wildlife Association President and NAEBA Director/Treasurer Charly Seale, gave an interview on the segment called "Hunting Animals to Save Them" by Lara Logan.

The interview centered around the three "endangered" species (scimitar-horned oryx, addax, and dama gazelle) which were recently targeted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Charly gave an excellent interview stating the facts of how hunting an animal such as the scimitar-horned oryx can actually place a value on the animal, therefore saving it from extinction.

It was a very well done piece of journalism and would be worth watching. It can be watched at the following link: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7396832n&tag=contentBody;storyMediaBox>.



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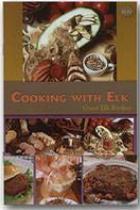
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MnEBA Officer Blog by Jim Byrne, MnEBA Vice President

Let's start out with the obvious; it's wintertime in Minnesota. Things have settled down and now we watch and wait. While we still have plenty of equipment to repair and to maintain for the upcoming spring, there are a few things that we could do to help out the industry.

First on the list is to make contact with your neighbors and get acquainted all over again. If you are like me, the rest of the year is so filled with "Stuff" that I don't have time for what's going on in the community and with those close by. Take time to talk with the neighbors, have coffee with them or even dinner. Not only do you need to know them but also they need to know you and your operation to understand what you do and why you do it. Also the more friends you have, the better the quality of your life.

Second, see if you have anyone near you, or that your friends know, that raise elk or deer and who is not in the Association. If you can find these people and talk with them about our Association, maybe we can get them to join in our efforts to unify the industry and focus on their needs as producers. Making a new friend is a side benefit also to the effort.

Lastly, the Minnesota Legislature has begun their 2012 session. They don't have a pressing budget to deal with this session, so it should be a relatively quiet period for them. They should have time to meet with their constituents. You need to let them know you are a part of the reason they are in office and what you want them to work on as a legislative body. Tell them what you like and don't like. Call them, email them or meet in person but whatever you do, communicate that you want them to work for you, not against you and your industry.



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MnEBA Kitchen

Here are a couple of great crock pot recipes to warm everyone up during the remaining months of winter!

Easy Elk Stew

2 lbs. Elk, roast or steak, chunked	1 Tbsp. salt
1 cup celery, chunked	2 Tbsp. sugar
4 whole carrots, chunked	3 Tbsp. Minute Tapioca
3 medium potatoes, chunked	3 splashes Worcestershire sauce
1 onion, sliced	1 tsp. garlic powder
½ cup fresh bread crumbs	½ tsp. oregano and/or other preferred seasonings
1-20oz can diced tomatoes, can used seasoned	



Do not pre-cook meat. Mix all ingredients together in crock pot. Cook on Low for 8-10 hours. Do not hurry stew or stir while cooking. Slow cooking is the key to it's success. Yield: Approximately 6 servings.

Bean Hot Dish

½ lb. bacon	½ cup ketchup
1 lb. elk burger	1 tsp. salt
1 can butter beans (drained)	2 tsp. mustard
1 can kidney beans (drained)	2 tsp. vinegar
16 oz. can of brown beans	¾ cup brown sugar

Fry bacon and cook the elk burger. Mix all ingredients together in crock pot and cook on Low for 6-7 hours.



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Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

Test Could Help Diagnose Mad Cow Disease

LONDON, January 14 (UPI) -- British scientists are developing a test that will identify the human form of mad cow disease.

Until now, the only way to confirm a diagnosis of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a human variation of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, was through tonsil biopsies or taking brain samples after the patient has died, The Daily Telegraph reported. "In principle, [the new blood test] may allow us to find how many people in the population are infected so we can target risk management strategies and ensure the safety of our blood supply," said Professor John Collinge, who is leading the Medical Research Council team developing the blood test. "It could also enable us to make an earlier diagnosis and as treatments become available, it is going to be desparately important to get to patients early before there is extensive damage to the brain."

Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease was first detected in 1995. The illness was traced to consumption of beef products containing contaminated meat, The Daily Telegraph reported.

The disease causes the brain to become riddled with holes, leading to mental problems, loss of body function, and eventually death. There is no cure.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Zebarth reports that USDA is looking into this study. It appears to be in the beginning trail stage and that it is now about 70% sensitive.)

Severe Hoof Deformities in Free-Ranging Elk in Western Washington State

Sushan Han^{1,2}, Kristin Mansfield³

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Narrative: Free-ranging Roosevelt elk (*Cervus elaphus roosevelti*) and Roosevelt-Rocky Mountain (*Cervus elaphus nelsoni*) hybrid elk in South Western Washington State were recently reported with severely overgrown and deformed claws. Reports of elk with deformed hooves have occurred sporadically for over a decade, but the number and distribution of these reports increased significantly in 2008. In the spring of 2009 we determined the geographical distribution of affected herds of elk, characterized by hoof lesions, and examined possible etiologies of claw deformities, with the goal of establishing a baseline of health within a defined study area. Herds were visually evaluated, and landowners and hunters were surveyed to estimate the prevalence and distribution of affected elk within 10 counties and 11 game management units in the Cowlitz River Basin, and approximately 55% of all herds in the study area had 30 to 90% of individuals affected by deformities of one or more claws, with marked variation in severity. Affected animals represented all age and sex classes. Eight elk with abnormal or normal hooves representing three herds were collected.

Results of laboratory tests were unremarkable indicating no primary underlying disease condition(s). Grossly deformed claws varied from intact, but abnormally long and curved, to sloughed or broken, with common severe sole abscesses. Histology of affected and normal claws indentified acute and chronic laminitis in most cases, with negative culture of hooves for common hoof rot pathogens. Hepatic selenium and copper levels in all elk were severely deficient. Chronic laminitis likely has an important role in the pathogenesis of lameness and aberrant growth of hooves, and may be indicative of a nutritional etiology. Additionally, marked copper deficiency may affect hoof keratin integrity predisposing elk to sole abscesses and hoof deformities.

In the News

CWD found in two free-ranging deer from Macon County

Two positive results for Chronic Wasting Disease are the first for free-ranging deer in Missouri.

By Bob Simmons

January 24, 2012 – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) received two positive test results for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) from 1,077 tissue samples taken from free ranging deer harvested by hunters in north-central Missouri during the 2011 fall firearms deer season. Both positive test results were from adult bucks harvested by Missouri hunters in Macon County, and are the first CWD-positive results for free-ranging deer in Missouri.

MDC plans to obtain more tissue samples for CWD testing by harvesting additional deer in the immediate area where the two infected deer were harvested.

“Teamwork among landowners, hunters and MDC staff allowed us to detect this infection early,” said MDC Deer Biologist Jason Summers. “We will be working with local landowners to harvest additional deer for tissue sampling. This is a first step and one of our best hopes for containing, and perhaps even eliminating, what we believe to be a recent localized event.”

The Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) says there is no evidence from existing research that CWD can spread to domestic livestock, such as sheep or cattle. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) says there is no scientific evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans through contact with or the consumption of deer meat.

MDC conducted its tissue-sampling effort during the fall firearms season in November in response to two cases of CWD found in captive white-tailed deer at two private, captive-hunting preserves in Linn and Macon counties. A third captive deer at one of the preserves tested positive for CWD in December. The two earlier cases of CWD found at the private hunting preserves were detected in February 2010 and October 2011. The two free-ranging bucks that tested positive were harvested within two miles of the Macon County preserve.

While CWD is new to free-ranging deer in Missouri, MDC has been testing for it for years. With the help of hunters, MDC has tested more than 34,000 free-ranging deer for CWD from all parts of the state since 2002.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Zebarth strongly encourages everyone to continue testing for CWD even though USDA has dropped their financial support for testing and indemnity. A lot of Minnesota producers sell shooter bulls to Missouri and with the finding of CWD in the wild there, it is unlikely that requirements for import will be relaxed!)



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No additional CWD positive deer detected in southeastern Minnesota

(Released January 10, 2012)

Good news. That's what the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has received following the testing of more than 2,300 deer this fall and winter for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

CWD was discovered last fall in a hunter-harvested white-tailed deer near Pine Island. Since then the DNR has instituted several hunting regulation changes including mandatory submission of samples for disease testing of deer taken in the CWD zone.

"The 2011 deer hunting season is over and extensive sampling in southeastern Minnesota did not detect a single case of CWD," said Lou Cornicelli, DNR wildlife research manager. Cornicelli said test results lend confidence "that we caught the disease on the front end of the infection." Since the discovery of CWD in a wild white-tailed deer in fall 2010, DNR has sampled 1,850 adult deer without finding another positive.

Cornicelli said 1,125 adult deer were tested in CWD zone (deer permit area 602) during the hunting season and an additional 1,265 samples were obtained from deer areas surrounding the CWD zone.

Cornicelli said there are no plans to conduct winter sharpshooting. However, hunter-harvested surveillance will be conducted again during the 2012 deer season. While the evidence suggests there is not a widespread CWD infection, surveillance in future years is needed to make that final determination. Also, a deer feeding ban remains in effect in Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha counties for the foreseeable future.

"Overall, hunter cooperation and public support has been tremendous," said Cornicelli. "While there are always challenges when you conduct this type of surveillance effort, it really couldn't have been successful without the cooperation of hunters, taxidermists, landowners, and the businesses that allowed us to operate check stations."

Cornicelli also thanked the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association for their support in the surveillance effort and for donating a muzzleloader as a raffle prize as an incentive for hunters to provide a CWD sample.

See maps of the surveillance area and where samples were taken on DNR CWD page at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/deer/cwd/index.html>.



A Note of Thanks

A note to the members of the Minnesota Elk Breeders,

Thank You!! for honoring us at our recent annual conference. We have been fortunate to be able to do what we see needs to be done. We are grateful for all the members who work to keep our organization strong and a leader in our country.

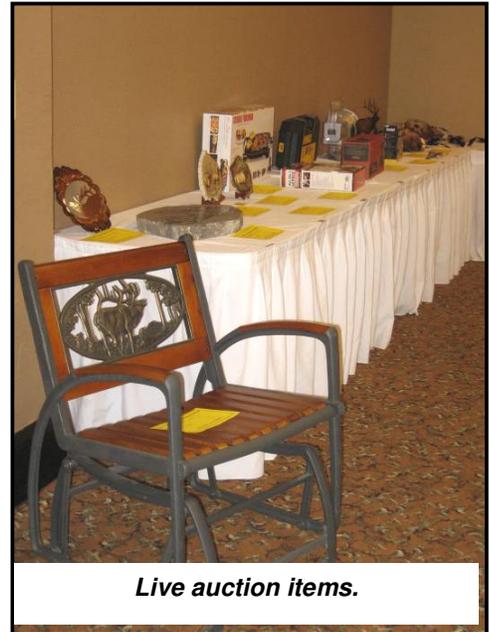
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(Pictured, along with President Kaye Zebarth as they received their Appreciation Award.)

Pictures from the 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference!



Lynn Hueg in her Sunset Designs booth.



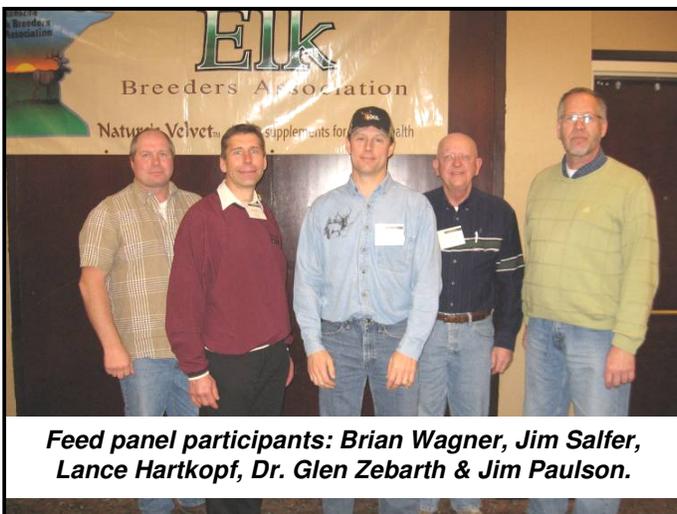
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President's Message continued...

One of the goals the board has recently discussed is to increase membership in the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association. We all know of someone who raises elk that is not a member. With the New Year upon us, now is a great time to drop a hint about them becoming a member. I truly believe that membership pays for itself through the knowledge, experiences and cost saving ideas shared among members who always seem willing to "talk elk." Keep in mind that the association also stays on top of developments at the state capital, ensuring we continue to have the right to raise Americas Greatest Animal, ELK.

To end on a high note, recently on the TV program "60 Minutes", there was a very good segment titled "Hunting Animals to Save Them." I know not many members have a harvest ranch, but this segment gives a fair look at both sides of the preserve issue in Texas. I thought Charly Seale, NAEBA Director and Executive Director of the Exotic Wildlife Association did a nice job of representing the ranchers viewpoint. As an elk lover, you owe it to yourself to see the clip. After watching, my first thought was I have to send this link to my state representatives. It does a better job of explaining why we do what we do than anything I could never assemble on my own. If you find the "60 Minutes" clip does a reasonable job of depicting your reasons for raising elk, pass the link around to others, <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7396832n&tag=contentBody;storyMediaBox>. Positive press is a great way to spread the message about our way of life.

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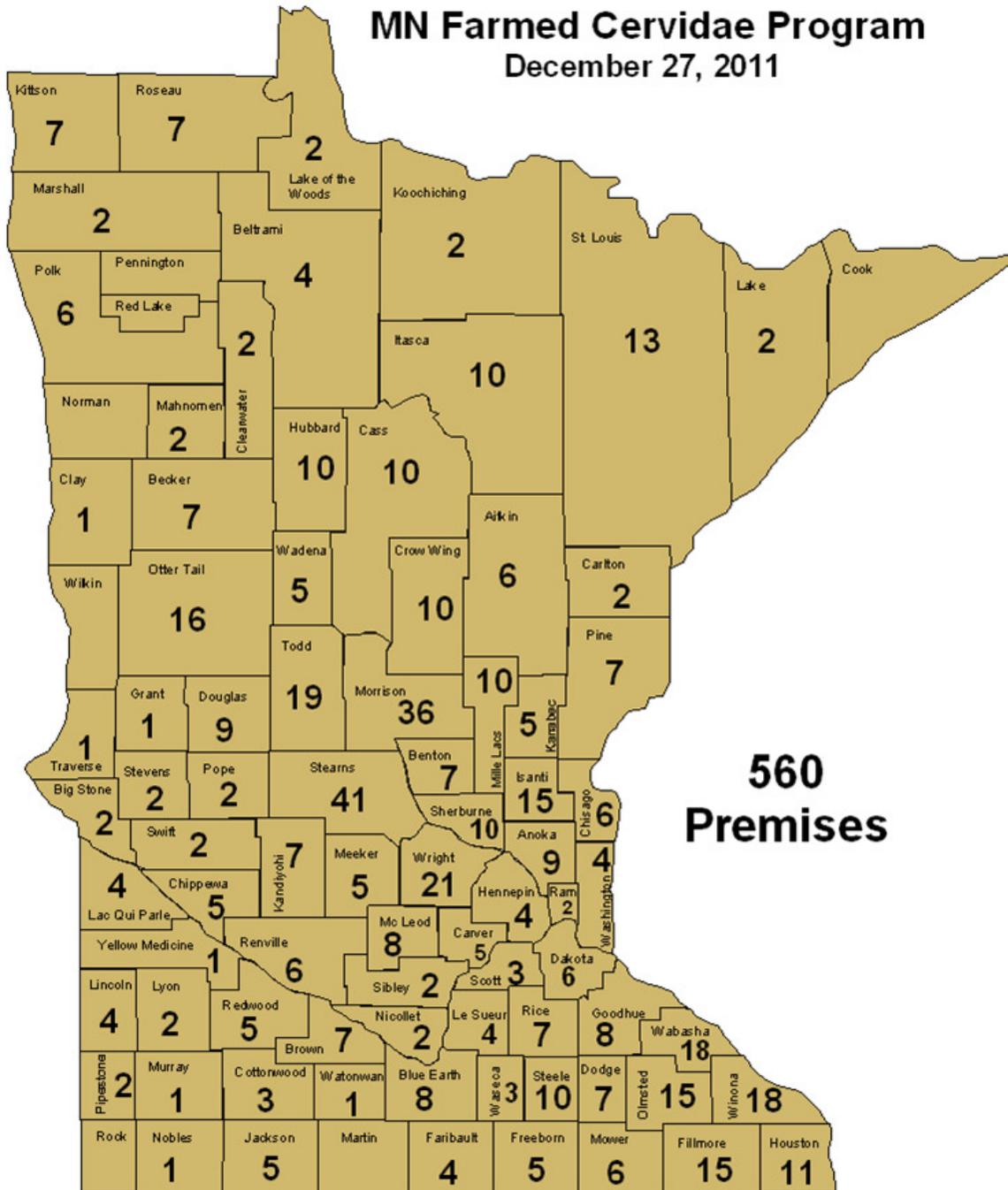
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# of Elk Herds	175	199
# of Elk	5,545	6,467
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# of Other Cervid Species	1,415	1,609
Total # of Farmed Cervids	13,791	15,134

Committee Reports

Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Economic Impact Study Update

The final report is in the last stages of completion as it is now with the graphic artist. Look for the study to be posted in the Member's Only section of the MnEBA web site when it becomes available. Members will receive notice as to when it is posted. This survey was a joint effort put forth by the Minnesota Deer Breeders Association and MnEBA to make available, the economic impact of the entire Minnesota cervid industry.

With the economy the way it has been, the question of economic impact is an important one! It will be extremely helpful to have this information available when needed. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture stands ready to help the industry tell it's story through a Department of Agriculture press release. What a great time to talk about elk when elk product values are on the rise!

MN Deer Classic – Help Is Needed!!!

MnEBA will be once again having a booth at the upcoming Deer Classic on March 9-11 at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. Please contact Perry Olson at (507) 220-4515 or perryo@taylore elk.com if you can help!

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