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## President's Message by Mark Lucas

Good Cold Morning Everyone!

It was nice to see so many of you at the Annual Conference earlier this month. Despite the bad weather we have had recently, Mother Nature cooperated and gave us some pretty good driving conditions that weekend. It is always fun to get together with a group of folks with common interests, ours being elk, to share thoughts and experiences. I thought the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud was a very nice centrally located venue for our meeting and did a great job with the food and service. We are always looking for ways to improve the meetings if possible. If there were one or two things you really liked or disliked, shoot Brenda or I an email and let her know so we can use your feedback to improve next year's meeting.

I want to extend a word of thanks to all who helped out with the 2014 MnEBA Elk Calendar sales. We were a little nervous because the money was rather slow to come in to the office compared to the last couple years, but in the end we sold a very respectable number of them. Without high participation from the membership, MnEBA would have a difficult time keeping the light on as this is our major fund raiser for the year. Let's set a goal to sell 100% next year. I know we have enough dedicated members that we can do it! Congrats to all of this year's winners!

One major issue discussed at the Annual Conference was the USDA CWD Rule and Program Standards. As discussed at the conference, the Rule is law and we have been living with it for some time now. For us elk producers, it is livable. The Program Standards that go along with it are not livable. They go far beyond the Rule and are a problem for the entire cervid industry. I really struggled with why the USDA person in charge would be so adamant and restrictive on policies for our industry. Those from the cervid industry who have worked diligently thorough 20 plus versions with the USDA say it was very frustrating. Recently, it has come to light that the USDA person in charge of writing the CWD Standards, Dr. Patrice Klein, is a former employee and Director of the Humane Society of the United States. I first read this in an article that was taking about the HSUS new tactic on infiltrating industries and agencies over time to push their agenda from within. It now makes sense. We will be asking each and every one of you to comment on these CWD Program Standards during the 90 day comment period. MnEBA will be sending out some talking points you can use to help guide your comments. This is important folks, take the time to do it and make sure your U.S. Senators and Representatives also know about it. The USDA needs to see our grass roots effort as well as getting political heat from above.

Since I started the message with a comment about weather, I thought it might be a good way to end it. According to one meteorology firm, the month of December was 9.7 degrees colder than normal and had 18 days below zero for St. Cloud, Minnesota. The normal days below zero for December are 10. So far for January at St. Cloud, the temps have averaged 6.5 degrees below normal with 19 days below zero. The normal January below zero temperatures are 14. With only a few days left in January, the months of December and January combined looks to rate as having the 6<sup>th</sup> most subzero days in history at St. Cloud, MN.

Stay warm!  
Mark Lucas, President, MnEBA

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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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary MnEBA Annual Conference

### Marketing & CWD Standards the Big Topics This Year

The 2014 MnEBA Annual Conference took place January 11, 2014 at River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, MN with 60 people in attendance. For as cold as this winter has been, this weekend did not feature the worst of the brutal cold for a great traveling weekend!

After robust discussions during the membership meeting, Paul Hugunin of Minnesota Grown brainstormed with the group about what Minnesota Grown could do to enhance marketing opportunities for Minnesota elk. Several ideas will be followed up on. The bulk of the afternoon dealt with animal health and CWD. Dr. Paul Anderson gave an update on the new escape protocols and spoke about the CWD program standards. Dr. Scott Wells of the University of Minnesota spoke about recent research into the five cases of CWD in Minnesota farmed cervidae over the past 14 years and about genetically breeding elk to be resistant to CWD. Finally, Dr. Glen Zearth with assistance from Dr. Anderson, thoroughly went through the CWD Program Standards to help members understand what's in the current document and what they may want to make comment on. A big thanks to all speakers for sharing great thought-provoking presentations!

This year's conference featured six vendors including Sunset Jewelry, ADM Alliance Nutrition, Minnesota Grown, Minnesota Farmers Union, North American Elk Breeders Association and Fritz Fencing/JT's Elk Valley Ranch. Thank you for sharing your great information and for your support!

The day was very jam-packed but we did find some time to play the ever popular Deal or No Deal game. Two lucky attendees tried their hand at winning up to \$250. Brian Wager came out of the gate winning \$150 and Leo Windschitl ended up taking the deal at \$150 in his game. Thank you to Paul Hueg for your assistance in selling the card chances.

Many attendees also participated in the gun calendar raffle helping to make that activity another great success! Many thanks to Eileen Byrne for her help in manning the calendar table and to all members who stepped up to sponsor and sell calendars!

The MnEBA awards committee recognized several deserving individuals for their contributions to MnEBA. Pat Prodzinski was recognized for his 9 years of service on the MnEBA board, Ron Welle and Midwest Outdoors Unlimited for their great work assisting with the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt, and Brian Wagner for his work and representation on the NAEBA board on behalf of the North Central region and supportive role in many MnEBA endeavors.

Several members generously sponsored events throughout the day. They included:

- **Morning Break Sponsors:** *Roger & Saichon Nietfeld, Jim & Eileen Byrne, Morrie & Daphne Evenson and Rick & Marlys Wollschlager*
- **Afternoon Break Sponsor:** *Leo Windschitl/ADM Alliance Nutrition*
- **Friday & Saturday Night Hospitality:** *Greg & Roxy Lubinski, Bryce Lubinski & Megan Melendez and Scott Salonek*
- **Elk Meat for Evening Banquet:** *Lance & Brenda Hartkopf*

A final 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 another successful event due to everyone who attended!

Next year MnEBA will be hosting NAEBA's January Jamboree during our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference! Be watching future newsletters as details of this special event come together!



## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

### January 11, 2014 Annual Conference

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on January 11, 2014 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, MN. President Mark Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas asked for additions or corrections to the July 27, 2013 secretary report as presented. It was moved and seconded to accept the report, motion carried.

The treasurer's report included both the 2012 and 2013 year end review. Hartkopf explained that the small dollar loss in 2013 was due to not enough gun calendar money being turned in prior to the end of the year to pay for the full cost of the guns purchased. The December 31, 2013 checkbook balance was \$13,299.74. Dennis Sueflow moved to accept the treasurer's report, Rita Prodzinski seconded, motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Government Relations:** Jim Byrne reported that last year's legislative initiative by the DNR to charge cervid farmers a fee for recapture of escapes was defeated. In the meantime, the Cervidae Advisory Committee has reviewed the issue, and new parameters have been set up which would have reporting and follow up on escapes be transferred to the Board of Animal Health. Jim praised the Board of Animal Health for stepping up to take on this task and relieve the DNR of this burden and expense. The DNR has said they will not be pursuing escape recapture fee language for the upcoming legislative session.

Jim also reported that the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (MDFA) is looking into what it would take to obtain special state regulations for cervid harvest preserves which would allow for relaxed tagging requirements and CWD testing, and no tracking of inventory. They are concerned about limited preserve opportunities in Minnesota because of current regulations. MnEBA is listening to their concerns and continues to be a part of the discussion process.

Finally, Jim reminded members how important it was for everyone to submit comments on the Federal CWD Standards which had recently opened up for comment. This would be talked about in much more detail later in the meeting and all throughout the day.

**Fundraising Raffle:** Brenda Hartkopf reported that 349 stubs and money had been turned in prior to the conference, however there were over 300 calendars in the hands of members still to be sold. She was optimistic that at least 500 calendars would be sold by the time of the drawing. Previous sale amounts had

been 718 calendars sold in 2012, 534 sold in 2011, 505 sold in 2010 and 525 sold in 2009. Hartkopf thanked all who sold and purchased calendars. Six members earned a free membership as a result of their sales: Greg Lubinski, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Brian Wagner, Mark Lucas, Pat Prodzinski and Ken Arnzen.

It was suggested that the quality of the guns seemed to be down a bit this year and that consideration should be made to increase gun quality for next year's raffle.

**State Fair:** Daphne Evenson reported a sign-up sheet is now available for the 2014 State Fair. She recognized Paul Hueg for the tremendous amount of time and effort he spent in updating the look of last year's state fair booth. Paul was given a standing ovation by the membership. It was pointed out that Greg Lubinski was also a big help in putting together the booth. Daphne expressed disappointment that jerky was never available for the fair but was very pleased with dog chew sales as they did far better than in any other year. Meat sales were also up, but would have been better had jerky been available.

**Promotions:** Brenda Hartkopf reported that most promotions after the summer meeting revolve around the MN State Fair and Charitable Elk Hunt. There was good press coverage about the latest Charitable Elk Hunt from several newspapers. She also reported on an interview request by St. Cloud radio station WJON on the conference and that it was very positive. A link to the interview was emailed out to the membership the day before.

Brenda reported that the MnEBA web site upgrade continues to move forward and that a committee has been assembled to work this project. Committee members include Kaye Zearth, Mark Luedtke, Jim Byrne, Mark Lucas and Brenda Hartkopf. The committee has identified that meat and the directory are the primary focus of visitors to the site and that the new direction of the site will make members and the products they sell more accessible and easier to find. More photos will also be incorporated as well as incorporating Facebook.

Finally, she reported that MnEBA will once again be having a booth at the MN Deer Classic. The dates for the event are March 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Help is still needed to man the booth and she encouraged members to contact Perry Olson to sign up.

**Health:** The health report was given later in the afternoon as Dr. Zearth had not yet arrived.

**NAEBA**

Brian Wagner explained that everything at the NAEBA Office is going well and that last summer's convention had both great attendance and fundraising. He announced that next year's convention will be held at Harrah's in Kansas City, MO on July 31-August 2.

Brian recognized the 2013 International Antler Competition winners from Minnesota. These breeders included Mark & Lisa Luedtke and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf.

Brian also asked the membership if there would ever be an interest in purchasing insurance to protect their elk investment from the threat of CWD. Attendees didn't feel they could give an answer as there was not enough information available on what type of insurance or coverage this would include.

**AMERICAN CERVID ALLIANCE**

There was lengthy discussion about Version 23 of the CWD Program Standards which were recently released by USDA for public comment. ACA created a comparison sheet listing areas still of concern which everyone went through together. Members were highly encouraged to submit comments by the March 31, 2014 deadline. MnEBA will create a template for members to use to help with their comment letters.

There was much discussion about asking USDA for complete removal of the CWD Program Standards and/or CWD Rule. Brian asked for a show of hands to see if the membership would be in favor of asking for removal of the CWD Program Standards. Most attendees raised their hands. Then there was much discussion about Dr. Clifford saying that the CWD Program Standards must accompany the CWD Rule, that either they are both in effect or neither is in effect. Dr. Paul Anderson and Dr. Glen Zebarth strongly encouraged industry to continue to work through the issues of the CWD Program Standards and Rule and not give up. They acknowledged many issues continue to be of concern, but felt that they could be worked out.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was good discussion on making changes to the MnEBA scholarship. It was moved by Paul Hartkopf to use the following scale for determining amount and number of scholarships to be offered from this point forward: If 500 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars are sold, MnEBA will offer (1) \$500 scholarship; if 600 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars are sold, MnEBA will offer (2) \$300 scholarships; if 700 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars are sold, MnEBA will offer (2) \$350 scholarships. This motion was seconded by Lance Hartkopf, motion carried.

Brenda Hartkopf reported on the success of this year's FFA Jackets for Brighter Futures campaign. In 2013, Greg & Roxy Lubinski donated funds to MnEBA to purchase two jackets and MnEBA donated funds for an additional two jackets. Three of this year's recipients have written thank you letters to MnEBA which Brenda read to the membership. She encouraged anyone interested in participating with this project for 2014 to contact the MnEBA office. Greg & Roxy have already donated funds for two more jackets in 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board elections were held. The term of Brian Wagner was up for reelection. Lucas announced that Brian Wagner was willing to run for another term. Paul Hartkopf moved to cease nominations and elect Brian Wagner by unanimous ballot, Morrie Evenson seconded, motion carried.

Lucas reported that MnEBA is planning to have a 2014 summer picnic and is looking for a host farm. He asked anyone interested to contact the MnEBA Office.

Daphne Evenson moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul Hartkopf seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

## Conference Fundraisers Nearly Match Last Year's Great Success!

This year's conference fundraisers closely mirrored last year's success in raising over \$5,300 for MnEBA! Many thanks to everyone who donated and bid on items (see donors and successful bidders on next page). Both the live and silent auctions featured a nice variety of items which have not been available before! Thank you to Brian Wagner for assistance in obtaining select items for both auctions and to everyone who donated some great, unique items. Special thanks to Leo Windschitl and Minnesota Grown for their donations of special door prize items. Many thanks to Mark Lucas and Brian Wagner for conducting the live auction. Thank you also to Lance Hartkopf and Paul Hartkopf for their assistance during the live auction.



Item	Donor	Buyer
(10) Bags ADM 18% Complete Supplement	Leo Windschitl/ADM Alliance Nutrition	Pat Prodzinski
(10) Bags ADM 18% Complete Supplement	Leo Windschitl/ADM Alliance Nutrition	Mark Lucas
Elk Wind Spinner with More Than Meets the Eye	Glen & Kaye Zebarth	Jim Byrne
Vacation at Casa Madera Condo (7 days)	Don & Joyce Kaplan	Lance Hartkopf
Men's Browning Fleece Jacket	MnEBA	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Men's Browning Mountain Vest	MnEBA	Morrie Evenson
Browning Chaos L.E.D. Flashlight	MnEBA	Will Huston
Handgunner Backpack	MnEBA	Will Huston
King Kooker Alum Turkey Cooker	Mark & Michelle Lucas	Brian Wagner
Quickfish 3i Portable Insulated Fish House	Mark & Michelle Lucas	Jon Aase
5 Liter Box Bimectin® with applicator	Brian Wagner	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Wood Wildflowers Wall Hanging	Dennis Engebretson	Greg Lubinski
Wood Wildflowers Vase	Dennis Engebretson	Greg Lubinski
Gas Fired Fire Pit	Greg & Roxy Lubinski	Rick Wollschlager
Barnwood Mirror Coat Rack	MnEBA	Bryce Lubinski
Barnwood Coat Rack	MnEBA	Michelle Lucas
Handmade Personalized Wood Bench	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Mark Lucas
Handmade Personalized Wood Bench	MnEBA	Mark Luedtke
Black Lab Canvas Print	Leo Windschitl	Paul Hueg
Bird Dog Whiskey Basket	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Greg Lubinski
Malibu Rum / Tropical Basket	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Mark Lucas
MnEBA Membership	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Paul Hartkopf
5 Led Cap Light	MnEBA	Paul Hartkopf
Gerber Outdoor Multi-Blade Saw	Leo Windschitl	Linda Campbell
Realtree Long Sleeve Undershirt	MnEBA	Bill Knutson
Mossy Oak Rifle Sling	MnEBA	Mark Luedtke
Survivor Dry Box	MnEBA	Ron Welle
Neofleece Face Mask	MnEBA	Jim Byrne
Neofleece Face Mask	MnEBA	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Men's Mountain Challenger Gloves	MnEBA	Glen Zebarth
600 Watt Halogen Power Light	MnEBA	Jerry Campbell
1,000 elk puzzle	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Scott Groen
Tropical Fruits Soap Set	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Jim Byrne
Elk Embroidered Hand Towel	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Marlys Wollschlager
Rock Pillar Candle Set	MnEBA	Leo Windschitl
Elk Casserole Hot Plate Holder	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Megan Melendez
Elk Embroidered Towel Set	Glen & Kaye Zebarth	Marlys Wollschlager
Elk Tree Bark Votive Candler Holder	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Roxy Lubinski
Elk Flannel Pillow Cases – Green	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Michelle Lucas
Elk Flannel Pillow Cases – Brown	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Ray Smothers
Crystal Deer Ornament	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Brenda Hartkopf
\$25 Leedstone Gift Certificate	Leedstone	Paul Hartkopf
Electric Knife	Leo Windschitl	Paul Hartkopf
Raspberry Honey Wine	Leo Windschitl	Morrie Evenson
Wild Plum Honey Wine	Leo Windschitl	Lynn Hueg
Chardonnay	Leo Windschitl	Roxy Lubinski
Sauvignon Blanc	Leo Windschitl	Michelle Lucas
Oneida Silverware Service for Four	Leo Windschitl	Linda Campbell
Elk Coasters	Ray Smothers	Roxy Lubinski
Valentines Gift Bag	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Karen Knutson
Antler Belt Buckle	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Paul Hartkopf
Camp Chair	Leo Windschitl	Mark Luedtke
Duffle / Back Pack Set	Leo Windschitl	Ron Welle

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2013

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Rick Zajac and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Tony Kwilas was a guest. Lucas began the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Board discussed a Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (MDFA) request to have a meeting between their board, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) and MnEBA in regards to MDFA wanting to pursue harvest ranch changes, either through legislation or a BAH rule change in the coming year. Tony shared his perspective from the capital and legislative side of things. There was concern that there is difference of opinion among MDFA members and that they are not united in what they want to do. The joint meeting will tentatively be scheduled the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Board reviewed the treasurer's report. The current checkbook balance is \$16,420.22. Raffle tickets and payments have not been returned to the office at the same rate as they were last year and the next payment for the raffle guns needs to be made. Hartkopf will continue to send out reminders to encourage members to return their stubs and money by December 31<sup>st</sup> and take advantage of the free 2014 membership special. Discussed fundraising for the upcoming conference. Board suggested \$500 be spent on purchasing fundraising items to enhance the conference fundraisers. Byrne moved to accept the treasurer's report, Wagner seconded, motion carried.

Hartkopf reported on progress of the calendar raffle. There are currently 594 calendars in circulation; at this same time last year, there were 703 calendars in the hands of members. This year's trend seems to be following a more typical year, but not last year's outstanding year.

Hartkopf discussed the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference. The schedule and registration forms have gone out to all members. Everything is on track for the conference.

Discussed possible MnEBA Award recipients to be given out at the conference. All agreed on the proposed recipients.

Board reviewed MnEBA web site committee's ideas for upgrading the MnEBA web site and reviewed three bids for completing this work. Will wait for the committee to make a recommendation on which web service provider they would recommend. There were no objections to the direction the committee was going with the web site.

Hartkopf requested to begin running credit cards for MnEBA through a card reader and smart phone so cards can be run more efficiently both at the office and during events. Byrne moved to allow Hartkopf to run credit cards through a card

reader and smart phone using whichever program was easier to work with. Motion carried.

Board discussed making changes to the MnEBA scholarship program which would allow more applicants to receive funding. Hartkopf shared an idea from Schimmelpfennig about proposing \$1 from every gun raffle calendar sold goes to the scholarship fund in the following increments: 500 calendars sold = 1 recipient @ \$500; 600 calendars sold = 2 recipients @ \$300 each; 700 calendars sold = 2 recipients @ \$350 each. The board liked this idea but would first like to bring it to the membership at the annual conference for their feedback.

Hartkopf reported that NAEBA has a strong interest in holding their winter meeting with MnEBA in 2015. Everyone was very receptive to the idea and directed Hartkopf to look at several Twin Cities metro locations for the 2015 conference.

Byrne moved to adjourn, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Hartkopf

### Board Meeting Minutes January 2, 2014

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on January 2, 2014. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Tony Kwilas was a guest. Lucas began the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board discussed a recent meeting between the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (MDFA), Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) and MnEBA to discuss MDFA wanting to pursue relaxed tagging, inventory and CWD testing standards (only test those animals leaving the facility and any that are caught inside the pen in time to be tested) for harvest preserves in Minnesota. BAH confirmed at this meeting that the only way these changes could be made would be through changing legislative statute. The MnEBA Board continues to be very concerned about opening up state statute pertaining to farmed cervidae. MnEBA will continue to be a part of the discussion process as it moves on to the Minnesota DNR and Cervidae Advisory Committee and then take a position.

Hartkopf gave updated numbers on the raffle and an update on the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference. Board agreed to meet together at 7pm in the Husky Room of the Best Western Kelly Inn prior to the start of conference weekend events.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Hartkopf

**North American Elk Breeders Association  
&  
Iowa Elk Breeders Association & Iowa Whitetail Deer Association**

**2014 February Fling**

February 21, 2014  
Honey Creek Resort  
12633 Resort Drive  
Moravia, IA 52571

NAEBA would like to invite all elk enthusiasts to come join us for an entertaining and informative day. In continuing with the tradition of teaming up with a state association to hold a winter meeting that is accessible as well as affordable, NAEBA has joined with the Iowa Elk Breeders & Iowa Whitetail Deer Association annual conference. In working together it allows all members the best opportunity to learn or exchange new ideas, socialize, and make new friends. Make sure to check out the Iowa Whitetail Deer Association at [www.iawhitetaildeerassociation.com](http://www.iawhitetaildeerassociation.com) for their meeting schedule of events on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and make a weekend out of it. There will several worthwhile presentations both days! A BIG THANKS goes out to Iowa Elk Breeders & Iowa Whitetail Deer Associations for making this joint event possible!

See [www.naelk.org](http://www.naelk.org) for complete details!

**Schedule of Events**

Friday, February 21, 2014

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| 10:30- 11:30 | NAEBA Board Meeting  |
| 12:00-1:00   | Registration   |
| 1:00- 2:00   | SEMINAR- EHD and Its Growing Effect on Elk- <i>By Douglas Wagner, DVM, Newport Labs</i>                |
| 2:00- 3:00   | SEMINAR- Marketing Elk Meat- <i>By Henry Bohlen, Karen Thuerauf, Greg Kenyon &amp; Richard Garrels</i> |
| 3:00-3:30    | Break  |
| 3:30-4:30    | SEMINAR- Industry Issues & Goals Roundtable- <i>Moderator Travis Lowe</i>                              |
| 4:30- 5:30   | Iowa Elk Breeders Association Membership Meeting   |
| 5:30-6:00    | Cash Bar Opens   |
| 6:00- 7:00   | Dinner   |
| 7:00- 8:00   | Benefit Semen Auction  |
| 8:00         | Hospitality Room   |



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**NAEBA's 7th Annual  
February Fling & Benefit Semen Auction**

In Conjunction with Iowa Elk Breeders & Iowa Whitetail Deer Associations  
February 21, 2014  
Honey Creek Resort  
Moravia, Iowa

**Registration Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ranch/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Registration (Includes evening banquet meal, seminars, and benefit semen auction)  
     Adult                      \$40                      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Child (12 & Under) \$15                      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet Sponsor (4 Needed) \$250                      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Afternoon Break Sponsor    \$200                      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospitality Room Sponsor (Contact NAEBA office for details)  
 Exhibitor Booth Space (Contact Jody Schwartz @ 319-290-7242 for details)  
 Total Due \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Information

Honey Creek Resort  
 12633 Resort Drive  
 Moravia, IA 52571  
 877-677-3344  
 Room Rates: \$79 (Mention North American Elk Breeders to receive reduced block rate)  
 Room Block will be released on January 24, 2014

For Pre-Registration contact the NAEBA office at 320-543-3665, 320-543-2983 (fax), or mail registration application to:  
 NAEBA  
 9086 Keats Avenue SW  
 Howard Lake, MN 55349

Payment Info  
 Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_



## CWD Standards Version 23 Now Open for Public Comment

### *ACA Leaders to Distribute Breakdown of Remaining Concerns*

**December 31, 2013 – AYR, NE** – The American Cervid Alliance received word today that the CWD Program Standards Version 23 has been published for public comment. The news came directly from Dr. Patrice Klein of USDA/APHIS. The comment period will be open to the public and closed on March 31, 2014.

Cervid leaders have been anxious to see the much anticipated final version of program standards, known as Version 23. The most recent version, labeled Version 22, had nearly two dozen major concerns voiced by various state and national cervid associations. The ACA plans to outline the differences between the two versions and note the remaining problematic language.

The ACA has already furnished copies of the new version to its member associations. The ACA strongly encourages all deer and elk farmers to submit comments for the record.

## Chronic Wasting Disease Rule and Proposed Rule Discussions Continue Among Industry Leaders

### *ACA Leaders Outlined Version 23 Concerns; ACA to Hold Benefit Auction*

**January 16, 2014 – AYR, NE** – The American Cervid Alliance Council met Tuesday night via conference call to discuss the Chronic Wasting Disease Rule and Version 23 of the Proposed Program Standards. The meeting was a continuation of the discussion started last week in which council leaders were asked to assess the federal rule and its companion program standards. They were also asked to discuss this federal mandate with their respective board members.

Now that Version 23 is published in the federal registry and open until March 31 for public comment, ACA leaders are working to determine what parts of the document are problematic and establish priorities for public comment from our industry. The major concern, which is mentioned in several parts of the document, is language concerning double fencing. Other topics discussed include the cleanup requirements regarding the removal of 4" of top soil and general disinfectant protocol for sale barns.

The most discussed topic concerned double fencing found in part A, section 4, of Version 23 of the program standards. The language is as follows: "The program does not intend to have "double fencing" as a comprehensive program standard for farmed cervids, however, the program does recognize the risks of CWD infection to farmed cervids held in facilities that operate in areas known to have CWD in free-ranging cervids. Therefore, the risk of CWD transmission between farmed cervids and free-ranging cervid populations should be assessed by individual States and addressed by additional barrier requirements as necessary. Cervid producers also may elect to include additional barriers or exclusionary fencing to mitigate such risks while enrolled in the HCP." "Approved State officials have the discretion to consider the use of additional barriers or other biosecurity measures to mitigate the risks of CWD transmission."

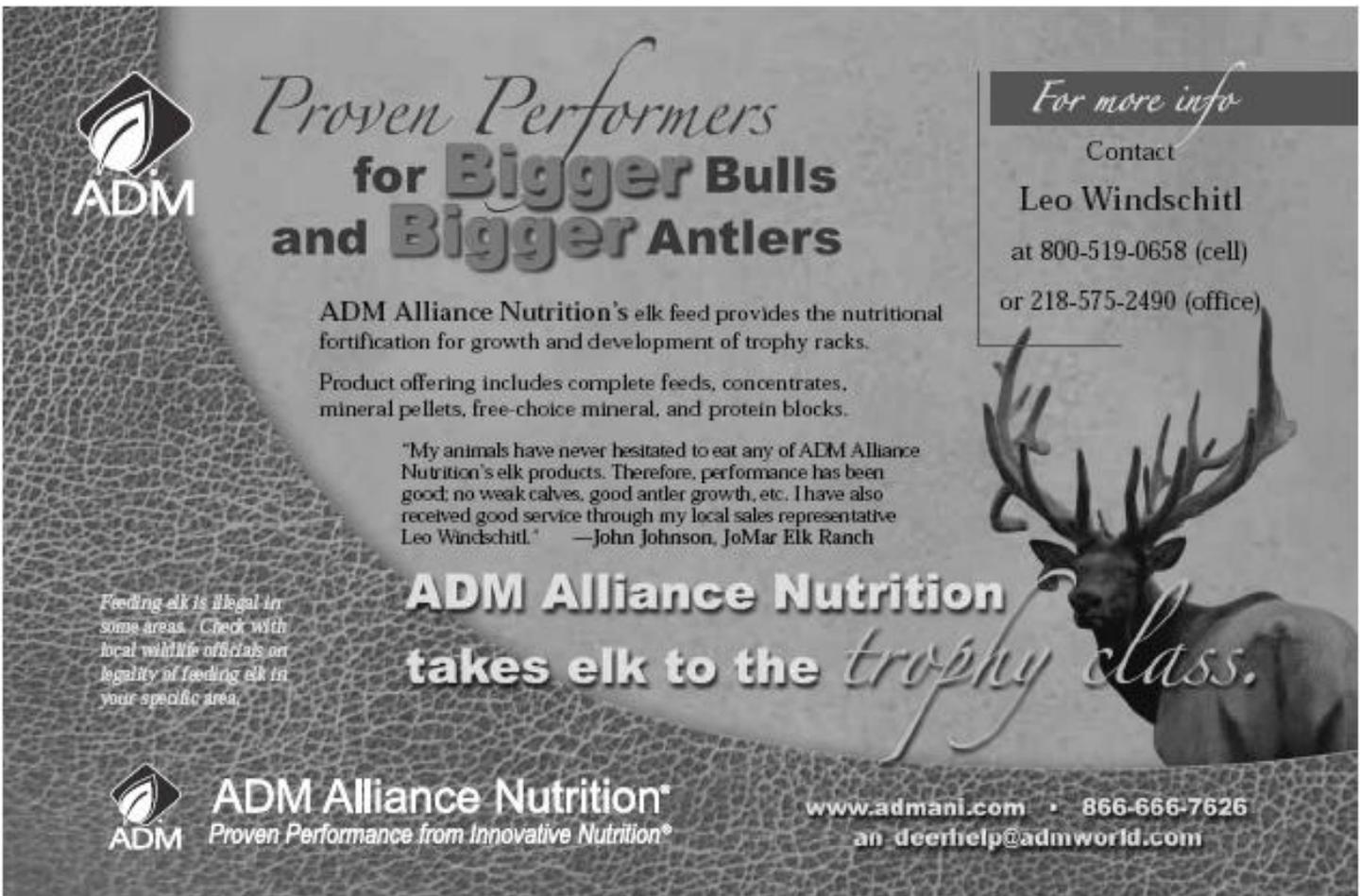
Numerous ACA Councilmen said this specific language could be used against the industry. Curt Waldvogel, of the Second Ark Foundation, said, "This language should not be in the document at all." Moderator Eric Mohlman told the council, "This is a major problem still for the ACA, the language has been in the standards since Version 1. Standard working group members tried to get it removed but weren't successful because of resistance from USDA and wildlife members on the working group. After failing to get the double fencing language removed, industry working group members then asked for language that could at least give producers credit if they have additional barriers or exclusionary fencing."

The ACA Council discussed with Shawn Schafer, who was an invited guest on the conference call, not only the problems with the double fencing language, but other advantages and disadvantages of the Federal Rule.

Mike Heiter, ACA Councilman representing the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association said, "These problems need to be addressed. We have thirty associations on the call with very real concerns. We all have to be comfortable in order for us to move forward and accept these standards. It looks like we aren't there yet."

ACA leaders also discussed the probability of continuing to have the cervid health program funded by congress in the future. It was noted that this is a budgetary item that will have to be solicited in Congress every year.

Jerry Campbell, a guest on the call, offered to assist the ACA in fundraising that could help provide the necessary funding for research that could eventually lead to a live test. A motion was approved by the council to have Jerry Campbell and his auction company set up this auction, possibly in April, which will feature some great animal and semen lots as well as many other auction items. The ACA sincerely appreciates this extremely generous offer.



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## MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt Makes the News

### Veteran accomplishes a big dream

*Pineandlakes Echo Journal*

*Written by Travis Grimler, Staff Writer*

**December 30, 2013** – In his youth, Dan Walberg spent more than a few fruitless days on the hunt for elk in Colorado, but in November he finally got the chance to fulfil his dream of getting an elk.

Thanks to an annual charitable hunt sponsored by the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, Walberg shot a 825 monster with 7 points on each antler on November 7, 2013.

“I think they said it was a seven by seven and 825 pounds,” Walberg said. “It was a big animal.”

This time, Walberg’s hunt was closer than ever in Baudette, MN at Tony’s Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch.

Walberg was given the honor to hunt this monster bull due to a very special charity for Disabled American Veterans. Walberg, a veteran of three tours in Vietnam, Korea and Panama from 1965-1969, qualified for the event due to a wounded hip from Korea. He also has breathing difficulties due to a faulty gas mask.

Walberg, a lifetime member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, was encouraged to apply to the event by Legion and VFW chaplain Mike Marcum.

“At some of our past association meetings they seemed to be kind of struggling to find applicants enough for this hunt. I was pretty sure there were some disabled veterans in our area so we got a hold of a friend of mine, Mike Marcum who is a chaplain of the legion and VFW as well, and so he said he was sure there were some guys who would qualify as candidates,” said 20 year MnEBA member Jerry Campbell.

Campbell has not met Walberg, but said he would like to.

In the beginning Walberg didn’t know if he had a chance at winning. He said he isn’t very lucky, but he changed his tune when he was selected, and changed it even more when he got his elk.

“(I was) very lucky,” he said.

Walberg took his kill shot calmly from about 75 yards. The hunt started in the early morning and lasted approximately 7 hours, though transporting the big animal was almost as big a chore as hunting it.

“It was wonderful. It was like a dream that you always think you are going to do but you never accomplish it,” Walberg said.

The elk was processed, and the

meat given to Walberg who shared it.

“They processed the meat for me and I ate some. I’ve given some to some of the veterans around Pequot Lakes...” Walberg said. “It’s wonderful, very tasty.”

Walberg is very thankful to the people that helped him including the guide who took care of getting a mount from the animal. Overall, he said it would not be possible without them.

“It’s a very wonderful organization it gives people help. I can’t get out and do the things I did when I was a young man,” Walberg said. “I want to thank the people that were involved with it and tell everybody, don’t give up the dream. If you get a chance, go for it.”

This was the seventh annual Minnesota Elk Breeders Association charitable elk hunt. It was sponsored by Tony’s Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Lake Superior Chapter of Safari Club International, Midwest Outdoors Unlimited, Black Velvet Elk Ranch, Mike Kettenacker and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm.

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## CWD Zone Lifted in Southeast Minnesota

**John Weiss: With every test passed, CWD zone is no more**

John Weiss, [weiss@postbulletin.com](mailto:weiss@postbulletin.com) | Posted: Thursday, January 9, 2014 7:43 am

All clear. That's the final word from the so-called "CWD Zone" around Pine Island.

Michelle Carstensen was ecstatic Tuesday when she learned none of the 979 deer tested during the 2013 season had tested positive for chronic wasting disease. "All negative, baby. Woo-hoo!", said the Department of Natural Resources wildlife health program director. "Our work down there has come to a conclusion — and a successful one."

Results from the last nine deer came in this week. With negative tests from about 5,000 deer since the winter of 2011, there's a better than 99 percent confidence that CWD is not in more than one half of 1 percent of the deer herd in the special zone around Pine Island.

What does this mean?

- It means the special 602 zone, which was in effect for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 hunting seasons, is history. The area will go back to its normal zones this fall.
- It will mean the deer feeding ban, put into effect three years ago, expires March 1 for Dodge, Olmsted, Goodhue and Wabasha counties.
- And it means she and other DNR wildlife officials will be able to concentrate on other things besides CWD this fall.

But it doesn't mean the DNR will stop keeping an eye out for the disease that is always fatal to deer, said Don Nelson, area DNR wildlife supervisor in Rochester. The DNR will continue checking any deer acting strangely or having any indication of CWD. With Wisconsin and its heavy CWD infestations so close, Minnesota can never let down its guard, he said.

Now, for the first time in more than a decade, the DNR doesn't have an active testing area for CWD or bovine TB. "I welcome the break," she said. "I feel good about it."

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*Post Bulletin File Photo*

Allison Hartman, a University of Minnesota veterinarian student, removes samples from a buck in 2011 at the Greenway Station in Pine Island. After three years and about 5,000 tests for chronic wasting disease, no animals were found with the disease — other than the doe that prompted the testing program.

## CWD Program Standards Are Now Out for Comment Very Important to Make Your Comments!

The 23<sup>rd</sup> version of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program Standards was published in the Federal Register on December 31, 2013. There is a 90 day window for interested parties to submit comments for consideration prior to final publication. The comment period deadline is March 31, 2014. See <http://www.americancervidalliance.org/userfiles/file/Standards%20Version%2023.pdf> for a link to view the federal Program Standards which is up for comment, and <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-13/pdf/2012-14186.pdf> to view the federal CWD Rule which went into effect June 13, 2012.

Industry has had multiple issues with the Program Standards from their very first release in July of 2013. A working group of representatives from USDA/APHIS, state veterinarians, wildlife officials and industry worked through 22 prior versions to make the document palatable for all entities involved. Needless to say, because of very diverse opinions on what was truly needed in the document, while some positive changes were made, there are still portions of the document which are troublesome to industry.

Some of the major concerns with Version 23 include the suggestion of double fencing and the mention of 10' fences. Cleaning requirements such as removal of 4" of top soil on farms with CWD and unrealistic cleaning requirements for sale barns are also still in the document. On page 34, USDA still recommends producers and transporters contact every state prior to traveling through with deer and elk.

This is why it is so IMPORTANT for you to comment!!! USDA/APHIS will be receiving letters from individuals and groups who are both in support of cervid farming as well as those who are against. We need to make sure the voice of the producer is heard above all others!

Here is where MnEBA comes in. Below you will find a listing of concerns which have been shared by other cervid producers through the American Cervid Alliance (ACA). You might incorporate these and/or any of your own concerns in your comment letter. MnEBA will also be sending out a special email and mailing with a sample letter of who to address your concerns to, possible talking points, etc. You can expect this information in your email and mailbox in mid-February.

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Please see the listing of concerns the ACA has identified as still troublesome:

- **Overreaching Fencing Requirements Referenced** – Appendix II of Version 23 (page 46). “VerCauteren, et al. (2007a and b) also measured behaviors and contacts through game-farm fences between farmed and wild white-tailed deer in Michigan and between farmed elk and wild elk in Colorado. All sites in Michigan employed a single 3 m high woven-wire fence.” (3 meters = 9.84 feet).
- **Double Fencing Referenced** – Part B, Section 1.1 (page 37). “In areas where CWD is not known to be present in free-ranging wild cervids, a second barrier is recommended that is adequate to prevent fence line contact of wild cervids with a CWD-exposed farmed cervid herd. Examples of barriers are described in Appendix II.” Also, Part A, Section 4 (page 22) and Appendix II (page 46) all talk about fence barriers, double fencing, etc. There is **no mention** of double fencing in the Rule and the fence height is established in the Rule at **8 feet**.

- **Definition of “Commingling” Could Allow Artificial Insemination to Lower Your Herd Status** – Part 2.4 (page 16). Commingling was amended to say, “Commingling includes contact with bodily fluids (blood, saliva, urine), or excrement from other farmed animals.” However, the same exemption was not made in the definition of “Limited Contact” on page 8. The concern here is that “semen” is a bodily fluid. There is **no mention** of this in the Rule.
- **Semen as a Possible Transmitter of CWD Suggested** – Page 17 still lists, “At this time, there is no scientific evidence that germplasm (embryos or semen) may transmit CWD.” There is **no mention** of semen or bodily fluids as commingling in the Rule.
- **Top Soil Removal Requirements** – Appendix IV – Section B, under heading of “Dry lot where CWD positive animals have been held in close confinement (this includes but is not limited to corrals, pens, stalls and alleyways or pathways)”. The document states, “In addition, removal of the top 1 to 2 inches of soil may help to reduce surface contamination. The soil removed may be buried deeply or incinerated.” There is no instruction of what state or federal agency will be responsible for soil removal cost therefore it would fall on the producer. Moreover, the language, “Dry lot where CWD positive animals have been held in close confinement (this includes but is not limited to corrals, pens, stalls, and alleyways or pathways)” is very vague and could incorporate dozens to hundreds of acres requiring removal depending on the speculation. There is **no mention** of top soil removal in the Rule.
- **Cleaning Requirements for Sale Barns** – Definition of “Limited Contact” on page 8, “Pens at fairs, livestock auctions, sales, shows, and exhibitions should be thoroughly cleaned and all organic material removed after use and before holding another animal. **No requirement** in the Rule.
- **Definition of Limited Contact** – On page 8, “Limited Contact – Any brief contact with a farmed animal such as occurs in sale or show rings and alleyways at fairs, livestock auctions, sales, shows, and exhibitions. Limited contact does not include penned animals having less than 10 feet of physical separation or contact through a fence; or any activity where uninhibited contact occurs such as sharing an enclosure, a section or a transport vehicle, sharing equipment, food, or water sources; or contact with bodily fluids and excrement. Pens at fairs, livestock auctions, sales, shows, and exhibitions should be thoroughly cleaned and all organic material removed after use and before holding another animal. **No requirement** in the Rule.
- **Requiring Notification for Every State Traveled Through for Interstate Transport** – Part A, Section 8.4 (page 34), “While it is not required, APHIS recommends producers and transporters provide a courtesy notification to any State through which they may transit en route to their final destination. This may be a benefit should emergencies arise and State assistance is needed.” The Rule allows interstate transit to destination. There is **no notice requirement** for every state passed through in the Rule.
- **Prohibiting Movement of Animals with definition of Hold Order** – On page 8, “Hold Order – A temporary order issued by a State prohibiting movement of animals from or into a premises for a given period of time.” There is **no such definition** in the Rule.
- **Safety Precautions** – Appendix III, Section A, Section B, includes two pages of oversight spelling out safety precautions and equipment requirements. **No mention** in the Rule.
- **Sanitary Precautions for Vehicles** – Part B, Section 3. “Any third-party vehicle used to transport cervids must be cleaned and disinfected before and after transporting CWD susceptible cervids. The owner will require the transporter to provide a statement that the truck or trailer was cleaned and disinfected and will keep a copy of the statement.

Producer-owned vehicles such as cars, pickup trucks, and tractors only may be shared among herds or premises under common ownership. Producer-owned equipment for transport of animals must be cleaned and disinfected if it is to be used for multiple herds managed by the same producer. Other farm equipment that tends to be heavily contaminated with soil or feces such as manure spreaders and drags may not be shared among herds or premises unless it is cleaned and disinfected each time. Producers should keep records of these activities which involve commingling of animals in those herds.” There is **no mention** of sanitary precautions for vehicles in the Rule.

## MnEBA Officer Blog by Rick Zajac

Greetings.

The weather getting you down? It's getting to be a bummer! Snow, wind, then 20 below zero temps. Only had one waterer freeze up. The elk seem to love the weather.

I do logging; it's quite challenging this winter with the cold, getting equipment started each morning. Then of course things seem to break a lot easier when it's so cold out. And with the snow piling up, it seems like we are plowing the logging roads daily.

On the brighter side with the snow and cold, the phone is ringing constantly with firewood orders.

The flu bug has been going around here, don't wish that on anyone.

Stay warm,  
Rick

## FFA Foundation Blue Jacket Thank You's

Fellow MnEBA member Greg Lubinski approached MnEBA last year wanting to get the association involved in Minnesota's FFA Foundation's "Blue Jackets – Brighter Futures" campaign. Greg donated funds to MnEBA to purchase two jackets in MnEBA's name, one for a boy and one for a girl. MnEBA matched that donation and sent in funds for 4 jackets last Fall.

MnEBA has received thank you's from three of the four recipients. They are as follows.

*Dear MnEBA,*

*Thank you very much for sponsoring me in getting this FFA Jacket. It means a lot to me that you are helping me get it, and now I have my very own FFA Jacket to wear and be proud to wear it. Once again, thank you so much. Much appreciated.*

*Clay Thaemert, Mayer, MN*

*Dear MnEBA,*

*Thank you for sponsoring the FFA jacket I won. I really appreciate it! I will wear it with pride. Thanks again!*

*Melissa Kral, (city unknown)*

*Dear MnEBA,*

*Sometimes I ponder my thoughts of why people do such awful deeds, but at the same time I have to ask myself what inspires other people to do wonderful things. I'm truthfully in such awe of your generosity. As I'm writing this letter, my jacket is hanging in my closet, waiting for this Thursday as I will compete in the Small Animals Career Development event for the second time in my life. If you wish to keep in contact, then please do.*

*I sincerely thank you,*  
*Grant Smude, Pierz, MN*

Greg & Roxy have already donated more funding for 2 more jackets in 2014. Anyone wishing to add to this fund is more than welcome to participate! Contact the MnEBA Office for additional information.

## MnEBA Kitchen

*If we've ever needed a recipe to warm ourselves on a cold winter day, it's this winter!!! Here's a great elk stew recipe that will also give you lots of leftovers!*

### Crock Pot Elk Stew

2 pound elk roast	2 cups baby carrots
½ cup onion	3 red potatoes
1 stick celery	2 cans Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 tsp. garlic, minced	2 soup cans of water
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix	



Place elk roast in crock pot. Add cut up onions, celery and garlic. Sprinkle one package of dry onion soup mix over roast. Add cut up carrots and potatoes. Combine 2 cans of Cream of Mushroom soup with 2 soup cans of water. Pour over everything. Cook on low in crock pot 8 – 10 hours. Break roast into bite size pieces and return to stew before serving.

*Need a quick, easy recipe for a Super Bowl Sunday snack?*

### Cheesy Elk Dip

1 pound ground elk	1 can Ro-Tel
2 pound block Velveeta cheese	1 bag tortilla chips

Cook ground elk. Dice up Velveeta cheese and place in crock pot. Add cooked elk burger and 1 can Ro-Tel. Cook on low until all the cheese is melted, 1-2 hours. Serve with tortilla chips.

*(Editor's note: This dip was served in the Hospitality Room at the recent MnEBA Convention. This recipe was shared by Brian Wagner and Tena Martin.)*

## 2014 MnEBA Summer Picnic LOOKING FOR A HOST!

Looking for a host for the 2014 MnEBA Summer Picnic.  
Date yet to be determined, but typically takes place in mid-late July.

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



## Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

With the EHD on the increase in deer, elk and cattle, here is a paper from AAVLD Annual Conference Proceedings, San Diego, CA October 2013 that shows a little history and the emerging spread of disease.

### Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in Michigan Deer: A Disease on the Increase

Scott D. Fitzgerald<sup>1</sup>, Thomas P. Mullaney<sup>1</sup>, Thomas M. Cooley<sup>2</sup>

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**Narrative:** Historically epizootic hemorrhagic disease was first reported in the US in 1955. It has truly been an epizootic disease with outbreaks recognized in Michigan deer occurring in 1955, 1974, and 2006; reappearing at approximately 20 year intervals. However, this disease has become a nearly annual occurrence recently, occurring in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and spreading both geographically as well as affecting increasing numbers of wild white-tailed deer. Gross lesions are characterized by widespread hemorrhages, which commonly affect the skin, mucous membranes, skeletal muscles, heart, lungs and many different abdominal viscera. Subcutaneous edema in the head, neck and limbs is also common. Some affected individuals also exhibit oral ulcerations. Histopathology can be difficult, since wild deer may not be found for hours to days after death, and a significant number are present in natural bodies of water further accelerating decomposition.

The lung is frequently the best tissue for histopathology, with lesions including hemorrhage, perivascular edema, intravascular fibrin thrombi, multifocal parenchymal necrosis, and febrinous pleuritis. Inflammatory cell infiltrates are generally minimal to mild, and predominantly lympho-plasmacytic. Polymerase chain reaction tests are the best microbiologic method of confirming this disease. Our laboratory utilizes lung, liver, spleen, and kidney. For optimal results we routinely dilute the tissues 1:20 or 1:50 to stop non-specific inhibition due to post-mortem autolysis.

The orbivirus is closely related to *Bluetongue virus*, and is not associated with any characteristic viral inclusions. This disease appears to be spreading north not only in Michigan, but throughout much of the upper Midwestern and Eastern US. Since the disease is transmitted by *Culicoides* midges, increased ambient temperatures, milder winters, and drought conditions all are believed to encourage the spread of these midges into areas in which they were previously scarce. Whether you believe global warming is a short-term trend or a long-term change, as the temperatures increase, we can expect to see changes in disease prevalence or emergence due to changes in vector distribution, newly introduced vectors, and other ecosystem changes. Therefore, it is important for all diagnosticians to remain vigilant and aware of diseases, even those not regularly present in their geographic regions.

### Treatment Options for Winter Tick

I have been noticing a fair amount of problems with winter tick lately. This is the time of year the ticks gorge themselves with blood and cause the elk to rub their neck and shoulders to point of losing their hair in those areas.

The preferred treatment for winter tick in elk used to be Amatrax, but that has been taken off the market. Other treatments are not as good, but the best alternative seems to be treating with a long-lasting permectin according to label dose, along with Cydectin at a strong label dose. Make sure to pour these treatments on the full length of the back.

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## Committee Reports

### 2014 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Final Numbers

#### Second Best Sales Year Ever!!!

This was the fifth year MnEBA gun raffle calendars were sold and while it was not as successful as last year, it was the second best year ever! There were a total of 584 of a possible 750 calendars sold!

#### Top Sellers

There were four sellers who between all of them, sold 216 calendars! Wade Schimmelpfennig narrowly defeated Brian Wagner in calendar sales with 64 sold, followed closely by Brian at 63 sold. Chad Lawler sold an impressive 49 calendars followed by Pat Prodzinski at 40 calendars sold.

#### Six Producers Qualified for a FREE 2014 MnEBA Membership!

A total of six producers qualified for a free 2014 MnEBA membership after selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31, 2013. They included Wade Schimmelpfennig, Brian Wagner, Pat Prodzinski, Ken Arnzen, Greg Lubinski and Mark Lucas. Other's sold 30 or more calendars in the end, but did not meet the incentive deadline. Other impressive sellers were Chad Lawler who sold 49 calendars, Dan Parsons who sold 39, Paul Hartkopf with 28 sold, Rick Zajac with 26 sold, Mark Luedtke with 22 sold and Glen Zearth who sold 20. No matter how many calendars were sold by any one individual or couple, every sale was important and the group effort was awesome, especially in the final days! The sponsors of the calendar were also instrumental in getting it ready for distribution. THANK YOU to all!!!

#### Comments Wanted

Do you have any suggestions for improvements to the raffle? Please feel free to contact the MnEBA Office or any of the board members with your thoughts!

#### When Winners are Posted

Monthly winners will be posted every other Wednesday on the MnEBA web site at [www.mneba.org](http://www.mneba.org). Check back frequently to see who the new winners are!

### MN Deer Classic – Help Is Needed!!!

This year's Minnesota Deer Classic will once again be held at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. The dates are on March 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer booth workers are needed Friday evening from 1-8pm (new hours), Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 10am-4pm. Please contact Perry Olson at (507) 220-4515 or [perryo@tayloreik.com](mailto:perryo@tayloreik.com) if you would be willing to help!



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## Calendar of Events

**February 21, 2014** – NAEBA February Fling, Honey Creek Resort, Moravia, IA

**March 7 – 9, 2014** – Minnesota Deer Classic, National Sports Center, Blaine, MN

**July 31 – August 2, 2014** – NAEBA Annual Conference & International Antler Competition, Harrah's, North Kansas City, MO

**August 21 – September 1, 2014** – MN State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

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