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President's Message by Mark Lucas

Good Day!

Fall is my favorite season around the farm for so many reasons. In David Letterman style, I thought it would be fun to list the Top 10 reasons why Fall is my favorite time of year.

The top 10 reasons Fall is my favorite time of the year around the elk farm:

- #10. **Less lawn mowing.**
- #9. **Less mosquitoes.**
- #8. **Cooler temperatures.**
- #7. **Harvest.**
- #6. **Pheasant and grouse hunting.**
- #5. **Planning the elk breeding program.**
- #4. **Hard antler removal and measurement.**
- #3. **Deer hunting.**
- #2. **Cashing the checks for shooter bulls and meat animals.**
- #1. **Hearing the bulls bugle.**

One event that almost made my top 10 list would have to be the Minnesota State Fair. Along with Labor Day, it's a sign that summer is wrapping up and Fall is just around the corner. Even though I usually avoid large crowds of people, I really do enjoy going to the state fair. The state fair is the one time of the year that city folk get a look at what most of us rural folks take for granted. It is a time for both crop and livestock farmers to display what they produce and tell their side of the story to the public. The booth that the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association has at the state fair is a classic example. It is a great opportunity for elk producers to talk directly with people who possibly have never been on a farm. We have worked a shift at the state fair for many years and always leave with a renewed vigor for the elk industry. I think Charly Seale, Director of the Exotic Wildlife Association hit it on the head saying that most people do not oppose what we do, they just don't understand it. Education of the public is the key garnering support for the lifestyles and livelihood we all love, farming and ranching. Many tree huggers, while perhaps being well intended, are often very misinformed or have just plain been hand fed a line of half-truths choreographed by someone with a hidden agenda. Working the elk booth at the state fair, speaking to local organizations or schools, and getting your story published in a local paper are all great ways we can help to educate the public about our elk industry.

Fall also is the time of year for our association's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Minnesota Elk Breeders Gun Raffle Calendar. Brenda tells me we have 592 calendars out in members hands at the present time compared to 400 last year. That is wonderful! This year you can do yourself a big favor by selling 30 calendars and receive a year's free membership to the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association. That's a pretty good reward for selling these beautiful calendars to relatives, friends and coworkers. If you need some more calendars or have yet to request some, please give Brenda a call.

So get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of Fall this week, it does not last long.

Cordially;
Mark Lucas, President, MNEBA

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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.

MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Sales 592 Calendars are Already Out!!!

The 2012 MnEBA Gun Raffle calendars are now available! With 592 calendars out in people's hands, MnEBA is at a record-breaking pace to sell the most calendars ever! However, there are still over 150 left at the office which need to go into circulation!

There are great incentives to buy this year's gun raffle calendar. There are still 26 guns available, and due to taking advantage of a great sale, there are over \$15,000 worth of guns to win! Bonus days are also offered once again with 4 additional opportunities to win \$100 cash each time! If all 750 calendars would be sold, chances of winning are 1 in 25. In past years, chances have been much higher as not all calendars were sold. In those cases, it was more like 1 in 18!

New this year, you could be eligible for a free membership! Anyone who sells 30 or more calendars and returns stubs and money by December 31, 2012 to the MnEBA Office will receive a free 2013 membership, up to a \$125 value! There is no limit to the number of members who could benefit except in the case of when calendars are gone, there would be no more to sell.

Calendars will be available for sale from now until sold out or until the January 12, 2013 drawing date at the MnEBA Annual Conference.

The General Store (where gun certificates are redeemed), allows the winner to trade the value of their winning gun for other store merchandise if so desired. This could be another gun or other hunting, fishing or camping gear, even clothing. They have a very wide assortment of items to choose from. The feedback from past winners has been extremely positive. They love the flexibility in keeping or swapping out their prizes.

Contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org to order your calendars today!

2012 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt

Plans are progressing for the 6th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt for sometime in later November or December of 2012.

Tony Beckel will once again host this year's hunt and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf have pledged to donate the bull.

Ron Welle and Midwest Outdoors Unlimited is helping MnEBA locate a Minnesota veteran and applications are being collected with an October 1st deadline. A recipient will be chosen shortly after thereafter.

Many thanks to all who have supported this endeavor in any way these past 6 years. Many different members have stepped up to make this dream a reality for very deserving individuals/servicemen. It's MnEBA members working together that make this project possible!

NAEBA Convention Fun!!!

NAEBA recently held their Annual Convention & International Antler at the beautifully remodeled Minneapolis Marriott NW in Brooklyn Center, MN. It was a great convention with over 140 attendees, the best attended NAEBA event in five years! MnEBA members showed excellent support with over 45 members present! There were many other Minnesota visitors in attendance as several NAEBA families from out of state had relatives in the Twin Cities area who joined in!

There were very informative seminars and lots of networking and fun! There was much optimism in the air with the all-time high meat prices, great velvet prices, and the sales of shooter bulls just around the corner.

NAEBA member Joel Espe captured many great photos, some of which are shown below.



MnEBA President Mark Lucas welcomes attendees to Minnesota!



Dr. Paul Anderson and Dr. Bill Hartmann (at left) attended the convention to take in Dr. Patrice Klein's CWD Rule presentation. Also pictured are Wade Schimmelpfennig, Brenda Hartkopf & Scott Salonek.



Upper left: Lynn Hueg's amazing performance with Comedian/Magician Jerry Frazier



Upper right: Perry Olson & Ike Polman (right side) judging velvet antler with Andy Azcarraga & Josh Lundberg.



Lower right: Future elk farmers Avery & Aven Prodzinski (grandchildren of Pat & Rita Prodzinski) checking out the hard antler on display.

NAEBA 2012 International Antler Competition



There were 31 sets of velvet antler and 22 sets of hard antler for a total of 53 entries in the 2012 International Antler Competition. There were 10 more sets of velvet and 11 less sets of hard antler over last year, perhaps reflecting the higher velvet prices this year. The Top 3 winners in each category are listed below. For a complete set of results, contact the NAEBA office at 402-756-3355 or info@naelk.org.

The 2013 NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition will be held at the Best Western Plus Ramkota in Sioux Falls, South Dakota next year, just minutes from the SW Minnesota border! Now is the time to be thinking about what bulls you might want to enter into competition. Remember, a photo is now required so make sure to keep the camera handy!

Top Three Winners in Each Category Entered

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire / Dam's Sire	Owner
Velvet 2 Year Old				
1 st	Zion	82.12 CWI	Tequila / 731	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	Chief Denali	74.66 CWI	Tequila / Sultan	Rodney & Everett Miller
3 rd	EMF 12X	74.62 CWI	Tequila / King	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 3 Year Old				
1 st	Obi-Wan	99.78 CWI	Amber Yoda / EUN Blast	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	Perseus	90.43 CWI	Tequila / Max II	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3 rd	Hades	82.81 CWI	King / Amber Yoda	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 4 Year Old				
1 st	837	146.62 CWI	Python / Quick Silver	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	Tapout 30U	139.00 CWI		Russell & Joanne Gwozdz
3 rd	803	98.58 CWI	King / Undenyabull	Brian Wagner
Velvet 5 Year Old				
1 st	BLV 709	126.00 CWI	King Jr. / Undenyabull	Brian Wagner
2 nd	SCF 302T	112.72 CWI	Undenyabull / King	Bill & Karen Knutson
3 rd	SCF 107T	109.10 CWI	King / Undenyabull	Bill & Karen Knutson
Velvet 6 Year Old				
1 st	Cadillac	134.32 CWI	Undenyabull / King	Bill & Karen Knutson
2 nd	King Core 607	128.24 CWI	King Jr. / Max II	Brian Wagner
Mature				
1 st	Logman	109.02 CWI	Logan / Lincoln	Scott Salonek
Hard Antler Spiker				
1 st	PVER Reno Men	192 5/8 SCI	Reno / Logan	Plateau Valley Elk Ranch
2 nd	Chief Denali 132X	166 SCI	Tequila / Sultan	Rodney & Everett Miller
3 Year Old Typical				
1 st	74U	341 2/8 SCI	Amber Yoda / King	John & Patricia Kooistra
3 Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	NYT014 39U	427 6/8 SCI	Tom 48N / WWA Enforcer	Thomas & Gloria Peryea
2 nd	Hornet 46U	372 SCI	Blazing Star GEF 301 / Moonbeam 53H	Rodney & Everett Miller
4 Year Old Typical				
1 st	LLE 716	382 4/8 SCI	CBF Max II / King	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
4 Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	54T	462 3/8 SCI	Awesome / Rascal	John & Patricia Kooistra
2 nd	LLE 719	391 7/8 SCI	GEF Braetak / King	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
5 Year Old Typical				
1 st	Frisia Model	404 3/8 SCI	Rascal / Undenyabull	John & Patricia Kooistra
2 nd	Dynamic	398 5/8 SCI	Rascal / King	John & Patricia Kooistra
5 Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Tequila	506 4/8 SCI	Amber Yoda / EUN Blast	Eric Mohlman / Josh Lundberg
2 nd	Jesse James	446 3/8 SCI	Drifter / Clearstone Bounty	Joel & Cheri Espe
3 rd	Hombre	437 1/8 SCI	Drifter / Clearstone Bounty	Joel & Cheri Espe
6 year Old Typical				
1 st	Sunset's Norway	365 6/8 SCI	Sunset's Sequoia / Dexter	Paul & Lynn Hueg

6 Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Tom 20R	519 3/8 SCI	WWA Enforcer / WWA Apex	Thomas & Gloria Peryea
2 nd	Levi	486 6/8 SCI	Cobra / Quick Silver	Ben & Connie Seutter
3 rd	Tom 128R	484 6/8 SCI	WWA Enforcer / WWA Apex	Thomas & Gloria Peryea
Mature Typical				
1 st	Sunset's Jackpine	371 4/8 SCI	Bitterroot Jack / Dexter	Paul & Lynn Hueg
Mature Non-Typical				
1 st	King's Ransom	541 3/8 SCI	King / Legacy Jackpot	Michael Coleman
2 nd	The Bounty King	513 6/8 SCI	Bounty / King	Brian & Gerald Lawler
3 rd	MEC-10P	437 3/8 SCI	A39106 / Dakota Pride	Perry Olson



2013 NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition

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MnEBA Officer Blog by Rick Zajac, MnEBA Director

Greetings,

Summers gone - had first frost this morning, September 23rd. The rut is in full swing with the bulls showing lots of attitude. Crop harvesting is getting underway with most crops looking good - had lots of rain till middle of summer. We are really fortunate compared to our southern friends who are in a severe drought. Our thoughts and prayers to help these folks through the rough times.

We're off the beaten path here so we have a lot of wildlife visits: deer, turkeys, raccoons and even had a black bear eating apples off the tree one morning. The four grandkids had a sleep over last night here so some of us didn't get a lot of sleep. Gotta go - the two boys need a four wheeler ride.

Later, Rick

A Great Story!!!

A Sauk Centre Student Honored for Heroism

(Kali Jo Arnzen is the daughter of longtime MnEBA members, Ken & Pat Arnzen.)

St. Cloud Times Staff Report

September 20, 2012 – A Sauk Centre high school student is one of 19 people who was honored today with a Carnegie Medal for heroism.

Kali Jo Arnzen, 17, was ice skating with a friend on Fairy Lake in December 2011 when a man on an all-terrain vehicle went through the ice and into the water. The vehicle sank, and the man was unable to climb out of the open water.

Arnzen gave Travis Ritter her ice skates to use as picks but he was unable to crawl out of the water. She then took off her jacket and handed a sleeve to Ritter to try to pull him out of the water.

She used one of her skates to anchor herself to the ice and again tried to pull Ritter out of the water. He eventually made it onto the ice, and both walked to shore.

Ritter was taken to the hospital, bruised, but otherwise uninjured.

Arnzen and 18 others from around the country were named today as Carnegie Medal winners. Winners or their heirs receive financial grants approved by the commission. More than \$34.6 million has been awarded to 9,558 honorees since the fund's inception in 1904. New recipients are announced four times a year.

The fund was established by industrial-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, who was inspired to start the fund after hearing rescue stories from a mine disaster that killed 181 people.

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20th Anniversary MnEBA Annual Conference

Make plans to attend this special event on January 11-12, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, MN!!!

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

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

MnEBA is busy putting together a special conference to honor MnEBA's 20th Anniversary and to celebrate this special milestone! While many producers have come and gone, MnEBA's dedication to making the Minnesota elk industry the best it can be has never failed. Today the elk industry is enjoying the highest meat prices ever, record velvet prices (within the past 10 years) and is growing some of the biggest shooter bulls the industry has ever seen! There is much to be excited about!

This year's conference seminars will tentatively focus on the shooter market and AI breeding. The committee is planning exciting fundraising activities and would greatly appreciate your donations for the Silent and Live auctions. Of course we will cap the night off with the MnEBA Gun Raffle Drawing for all the raffle winners!

Keep January 11-12, 2013 open on your calendars and make plans to attend this years MnEBA convention! You will be glad you did!!!

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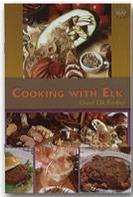
MnEBA Promotional Materials

The following items are available for promotional purposes. To see the full line of MnEBA promotional offerings, check out www.mneba.org and click on the "Promo Materials" button.

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

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1-9 copies, \$2.00/each; 10-99 copies, \$1.50/each; 100+ copies, \$1.00/each (*pictured*)

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VELVET PROMOTIONS



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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

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

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Elk Rug (Small) \$27.50 each

Elk Rug (Large) \$40 each

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USAHA News Alert Summaries

EHD deer disease confirmed in more Wisconsin counties, including Waukesha

The Journal Sentinel by Paul A. Smith
September 27, 2012

The Department of Natural Resources on Thursday confirmed epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) was found in tissue samples from dead deer in Dane, Sauk and Waukesha counties.

The department last week reported similar findings from dead deer in Columbia and Rock counties. The outbreak of the disease is the first recorded in Wisconsin since 2002, when 14 dead deer were linked to EHD in Iowa County.

The disease has been confirmed in 178 dead deer in Wisconsin this year, said Eric Lobner, DNR wildlife supervisor. That number is expected to increase. The DNR is receiving calls daily with additional reports of dead deer, Lobner said.

Full text: <http://www.jsonline.com/blogs/sports/171567551.html>

Disease confirmed in Nebraska cattle [EHD]

Wahoo News
September 17, 2012

LINCOLN - According to State Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Hughes, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture has confirmed nine cases of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in cattle throughout Nebraska. According to Hughes, the disease has been affecting Nebraska's deer population since the 1970s and is transmitted from deer to cattle by biting insects called midges.

"This is an unfortunate disease that has no preventative measures or treatment options for affected cattle," said Hughes. "The extreme hot and dry conditions that have persisted across Nebraska have contributed to the number of cases we are experiencing. The first frost should eliminate the disease-spreading midges." EHD symptoms in cattle include: fever, anorexia, reduced milk production, swollen eyes, redness and scaling of the nose and lips, nasal and eye discharge, ulcers on mouth, excessive salivation, lameness, swelling of the tongue, oral/nasal blisters, and labored breathing.

Full text:
http://www.wahoo-ashland-waverly.com/news/local/article_bab1064c-fdb0-11e1-926e-001a4bcf887a.html

Mad cow blood test closer [Australia]

Weekly Times Now
September 13, 2012

Blood tests to diagnose Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and mad cow's disease could be closer thanks to Australian researchers.

Work by University of Melbourne scientists has identified specific particles - exosomes - released by cells infected with prions, the pathogen that causes diseases such as mad cow's human variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD).

The work published in the Nucleic Acids Research journal this week raises the possibility of a diagnostic blood test identifying exosomes in the blood stream by their easily recognisable signature genes.

There is currently no simple test to identify the risk of vCJD, with examination of brain tissue after death the only way to confirm the disease.

University of Melbourne associate professor Andrew Hill said further testing was needed to establish whether the same signature genes picked up in the laboratory were present in humans and other animals.

Full text:
http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2012/09/13/538041_business-news.html

In the News

Humane Society charged in RICO Suit

Outdoors Dave Sartwell

September 19, 2012

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has stepped over the ethical grounds of fair play on many occasions in pursuit of their objectives. They are now in the fight of their lives against a company that decided to commit the resources necessary to fight back.

HSUS and several other animal rights groups, including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, filed suit in 2000 against Feld Entertainment, the company that owns the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. Using Tom Rider, a former Feld wild animal trainer, as the plaintiff, they funded a lawsuit that alleged that Feld Entertainment abused their elephants in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

Feld decided to not only defend itself against what they felt was a self-serving lawsuit by the plaintiffs, but to attack the organization itself for what they felt were illegal and unethical tactics. In 2009 United States District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled against the HSUS (a ruling upheld on appeal to the Court of Appeals) and threw the whole case out of court. He did so stating that Tom Rider was a "paid plaintiff and fact witness who is not credible" after it was revealed that he had been paid approximately \$190,000 for his testimony.

This ruling sets the stage for Feld Entertainment to finally have its day in court to seek justice for having to spend a decade defending itself against manufactured litigation. "When parties abuse the judicial system and its process, as alleged here, there are remedies, including triple damages," said John Simpson, Fulbright & Jaworski, counsel for Feld Entertainment.

Feld Entertainment sued HSUS under the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) alleging that it caused the company serious harm. They want their legal fees paid for (an incredible \$20,000,000 so far) and damages. What Feld alleges is an elaborate scheme by the animal rights organizations that constitutes racketeering under federal law, obstruction of justice, malicious prosecution and other charges. Last month the judge cleared the way for these charges to proceed.

Here is some background to the case. The Fund for Animals (FFA) was one of the original plaintiffs. They had two lawyers (also defendants in the lawsuit) named Jonathan Lovvorn and Kimberly Ockene who were partners in a law firm that represented FFA. In 1995 FFA was essentially taken over by HSUS. Although the payments to Rider started with FFA, these payments continued after the merger. In fact, the two attorneys now work for HSUS.

It is alleged by Feld in their suit that racketeering occurred because they provided "misleading and/or false interrogatory answers in order to cover up the payments to Rider and defending a deposition in which the deponent gave false testimony about the Rider payments." As with any case of this size there are a number of other issues, but the court has ruled that these charges can go forward to trial.

HSUS is one of the groups that is behind the effort to ban sport hunting across the nation, and that has forced state wildlife agencies to waste countless millions of dollars on lawsuits. Now, it is facing a lawsuit that could bankrupt it, put it out of business, and send some of its top executives to prison.

Some of the animal rights organizations have made me furious over the last few years in regard to their attacks on those of us interested in hunting and fishing. I have been writing about outdoor topics now for almost fifty years and have had arguments with many folks who believed differently than me about a lot of subjects. But for the most part these people have been honest in their beliefs and although we disagreed about something in particular there has been mutual respect.

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MnEBA Kitchen

For all the meat and potato lovers out there, here's a great recipe you will love!

Potato-Topped Mini Meatloaves

1 lb. ground elk	1 tsp. garlic powder
1 pkg. (6 oz.) Stove Top Stuffing Mix	3 cups hot mashed potatoes
1 cup water	1 tsp. parsley flakes
2 Tbsp. A.1. Steak Sauce	1 jar (12 oz.) beef gravy, warmed
6 oz. (3/4 of 8 oz. pkg.) cream cheese	



Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix meat, stuffing mix, water and steak sauce; press into 12 muffin cups sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 20 minutes or until done (160° F). Add cream cheese and garlic powder to potatoes; stir until cream cheese is melted. Stir in parsley. Scoop over meatloaves. Serve with gravy.

Here's another interesting recipe to try!

Elk & Cheese Foldover

1 lb. ground elk	2 Tbsp. A.1. Steak Sauce
1 onion, chopped	1/2 cup hot water
1 cup corn	2 cups all-purpose baking mix (such as Bisquick)
1/4 cup ketchup	1 cup shredded Mexican Style Four Cheese

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Brown meat with onions in large skillet. Stir in corn, ketchup and steak sauce; set aside. Add water to baking mix; stir until mixture forms dough. Shape into ball. Place on lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and no longer sticky. Roll into 12-inch circle; transfer to baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Spoon meat mixture into center of dough; spread to within 2 inches of edge. Fold edge of dough over meat leaving center uncovered. Bake for 20 minutes. Top filling with cheese and bake another 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Humane Society Charged in RICO Suit continued from page 10

Somewhere in the last twenty or so years many animal rights groups have just lost their focus and have become organizations that are willing to stoop to any methods to accomplish their goals. They are now in the fight of their lives against a company that just decided to fight back.

For Massachusetts it was the trapping issue that finally did it for me. In an effort to stop that practice, HSUS and others mounted a blistering campaign of television and radio ads. It was and is their right to do so. However, they were using pictures in their ads that depicted traps that were illegal to use already in Massachusetts. They did this knowing these pictures would rile up the public. When I called their director at the time, he told me that these were the ads put out by the national headquarters and he could not stop them.

They used ads that were factually incorrect to advance their agenda. Finally they have met a company that will not back down. It remains to be seen how this will all play out. Needless to say, the folks that contribute to these organizations thinking that their money is going to shelter and save cats and dogs need to rethink their spending.

Somewhere in the last twenty or so years many animal rights groups have just lost their focus and have become organizations that are willing to stoop to any methods to accomplish their goals. They are now in the fight of their lives against a company that just decided to fight back.

The local shelters do a great job and want your help. Many dogs and cats are turned over every day and they need your attention. If you want to adopt an animal, give them a call. If you want to donate to a worthy cause that helps animals, "think globally but act locally."

<http://www.gloucestertimes.com/sports/x2076996469/Humane-Society-charged-in-RICO-sui>

Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM

There has been a lot of discussion about the recently adopted Federal CWD Rule and the Program Standards which came out after the rule which are substantially more controversial and need to be addressed. While the CWD Program Standards are not a rule or a law, it is yet unclear how they will be utilized by USDA and state-run CWD programs. To read a copy of the Federal CWD Rule, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2006-0118-0199>. To access the CWD Program Standards, go to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/cwd/downloads/cwd_program_standards.pdf.

I submitted the following comment letter stating my concerns with the new CWD Federal Rule this past August (see below). There will much discussion about these topics at the upcoming USAHA meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina on October 18-24. In the meantime, please contact me with any concerns you would want to see brought up at this meeting.

August 11, 2012

Docket No. 00-108-8
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

To Whom It May Concern:

Comments Regarding Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program and Interstate Movement of Farmed or Captive Deer, Elk, and Moose and the more recently released CWD Program Standards.

In regards to pre-emption of state rules on transporting domestic live cervids across states in between points of departure and destination, it has been traditional operating procedure for years that regulations be met for state of destination and not for states crossed in reaching that goal. Farmed cervidae should be treated equal to other farmed livestock.

In regards to other items on the Code of Federal Rules on CWD and Program Standards, I would offer the following comments:

- 1. With change of ownership being a critical factor in regulation for surveillance on animals going to slaughter or to hunt ranches, I would propose change of ownership be considered. When animals are loaded onto a trailer, if it is not the owners trailer for either destination, ownership should be considered when the animal leaves the trailer. When the trailer is owned by the buyer, ownership should be considered when the animal leaves the seller's property on the buyer's trailer. In other words, ownership should follow the liability of who's responsible for the "loss" if an animal would die in transit.*
- 2. On the requirement of testing both the medial retropharyngeal lymph node and obex. I would cite the statistical published study done by Balachandran and O'Rourke on the difference in CWD surveillance and the percentage that is missed by testing just one versus both tissues in a surveillance program which was not significant. Adhering to the strictest of rules will eliminate a lot of good quality regulatory samples. For example, those animals found a number of hours after death or those with a gunshot to the head. To attempt testing partially decomposed brain stems with the Western Blot is cost prohibitive. Finally, there is a major precedent in free-ranging cervids for testing just the lymph node. There would simply be too many good quality samples lost with the current requirement.*
- 3. It is unfair to a person who is in a state that doesn't have a CWD surveillance program, to not allow them to be in the federal program. This prohibits those people from the ability to participate in interstate commerce even though they wish to participate in the program. The federal government needs to find a way to secure funding to allow these individuals to participate. This requirement unfairly forces them out of business.*
- 4. With the tradition and several years role of the function of the Interim CWD Rule for CWD, it is imperative for USDA/APHIS to request CWD program funding for future budget requests.*

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

*Sincerely,
Glen Zearth, DVM
Douglas County Animal Hospital, Alexandria, MN
Industry Representative for USAHA from the North American Elk Breeders Association*

Minnesota Animal Health News

Comment Period to Judge Now Open for Updated Board of Animal Health Rules

September, 2012

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is continuing the process to update existing rules as they apply to animal health for all Minnesota farmed species. The Board of Animal Health (Board) proposed to amend all of its rules in order to (1) eliminate obsolete or confusing language, (2) clarify and generalize the Board's authorities, (3) consolidate all of the rules into a new chapter that is organized and written in a way that is easier to read and understand, and (4) add new sections on topics that are not currently addressed. The Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules was published in the State Register on July 23, 2012. The comment period ended on August 23, 2012. At the end of the comment period, there were more than 25 requests for a hearing to bring to the judge any statement of concerns contained in the proposed rules.

On September 17th, the Board released amended rules to the original document, based on concerns which were brought to their attention. There were parts of the Elk & Deer section which were modified. In summary, they were as follows:

1721.0370 Definitions.

Subp. 10. Official CWD test. The language will be modified to clarify that official CWD tests are those that are approved by the board.

1721.0400 Importation of farmed cervidae. *The language on brucellosis and tuberculosis testing of imported farmed cervidae was deleted. The requirements for interstate movement of cervidae with respect to these diseases are adequately specified in federal regulations (9 CFR).*

1721.0410 Intrastate movement of farmed cervidae. *The language will be modified to (1) allow unrestricted movement of cervidae between locations within the same herd, (2) remove the restriction that requires CWD Level 4 for herd additions, (3) allow cervidae to be added to CWD infected or exposed herds, and (4) allow options for movement of cervidae into and out of CWD endemic areas.*

1721.0420 Chronic wasting disease (CWD). *The language will be modified to (1) allow movement of cervidae between locations within a CWD quarantined herd, (2) allow cervidae from CWD negative herds to be added to CWD positive herds, and (3) remove language that restricts land where CWD positive animals were kept. Language will be removed from the section on CWD testing that is confusing or unnecessary.*

This hearing took place on September 20th in at the Rivers Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Jim Byrne and Brenda Hartkopf attended the hearing on behalf of MnEBA. While this hearing was attended by approximately 25 people, less than half of those in attendance made comment.

The judge ordered a 20 day allowance for anyone wishing to make their concerns known, to submit those statements in writing directly to the judge. This 20-day period ends on October 10th. The Board of Animal Health will then have an opportunity to respond, then the judge makes her final decision. She can make a decision on any portion of the 84 page document.

To review the newly proposed rules and relevant documents, go to the home page of www.bah.state.mn.us. The "farmed cervid" portion of the rules can be found on pages 42-54 under the *Proposed Rules* link. The modified rules can be found under *Additional Exhibits*, Agency's Exhibit R. The Deer & Elk Section is on pages 19-24.

If you wish to make comment before October 10th, you may submit your letter to Judge Barbara Neilson, Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620, 651-361-7845 (office) or 651-361-7936 (Fax).

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Committee Reports

Minnesota State Fair Recap

This year's state fair booth was a whole new experience as state fair administrators moved the elk, bison and alpaca exhibits across the street and down a block. What all three organizations experienced was a significant downturn in what each of us sold during the fair.

As for MnEBA, while \$9,300 dollars worth of meat was sold last year, only \$4,000 dollars worth was sold this year. The bison and alpaca organizations experienced similar losses in revenue.

The bison and alpaca associations have talked about all three organizations joining together to pursue our old booth spaces at the fair.

Regardless, a lot of good information was handed out and MnEBA was once again able to share the attributes of America's Greatest Animal ~ ELK!!!

Many MnEBA members stepped up to help in this year's booth. To all of you, thank you, thank you thank you!!! MnEBA could not accomplish an event of this magnitude without your help!!! Those working the booth this year included: Paul & Lynn Hueg, Morrie & Daphne Evenson (and friends), Dan & Mike Parsons, Aase family, Don & Joyce Kaplan, Charles & Kim Francis, Lance & Brenda Hartkopf, Fred & Eleanor Neubert, Jim Byrne, Duane & Damon Melquist, Norman Schimmelpennig, Dennis Wernsing, Glen & Kaye Zebarth, Mark & Michelle Lucas, Martin Zacharias, Pat, Rita & Avery Prodzinski (and friends), and Greg & Roxy Lubinski. Special thanks to Paul Hueg and Morrie & Daphne Evenson for taking on the challenge of setting the booth up in a new location, and to Paul & Lynn Hueg for taking the booth down and getting everything back to Howard Lake!

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Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

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

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