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President's Message by Mark Lucas



Good Day All,

In the last newsletter, I talked about what a beautiful stretch of fall weather we were having. What a difference a few weeks can make. The only positive thing I can say about our weather at this point is be thankful we do not live in Buffalo, NY! I am sure we will get our share of snow as well, but they have had a real mess this week with 5 feet on the ground and forecasts for 2 feet more in places. Not much fun I am sure.

Speaking of fun, I am really looking forward to the 2015 MnEBA Conference at the Sheraton Minneapolis West in Minnetonka on Saturday January 10th. The elk industry is on a major upswing in all of the markets; meat, velvet, harvest bulls and breeding stock. That should make the meeting all the more fun as the strong markets put everyone in an upbeat mood as we share ways to do what we love in a more efficient, profitable and safe manner. Our meeting starts with the MnEBA Annual Business meeting followed by lunch, afternoon seminars and an evening banquet. We will also have an auction and of course plenty of hospitality and fun. As in the past few years, we will be drawing our 2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle winners that evening. See the full schedule on the web site at www.mneba.org and inside this newsletter.

Now-- if you are not already completely jazzed about coming to the MnEBA Annual Conference, get this-- the North American Elk Breeders Association January Jamboree is the day before our MnEBA Conference at the same location! Since you're coming to the Cities anyway for the MnEBA Conference, you may as well attend the NAEBA Jamboree on Friday and make a weekend of it. The two organizations have done a great job of organizing the seminars so as to not overlap on content as many of the out of state folks plan to attend the MnEBA Conference on Saturday. Also, the Ridgedale Mall is just across the street should the need for shopping strike you. It should be a great time.

As another year comes closer to an end, most of us have a mental checklist (or paper checklist if you are my age) of things that need to get done by the time New Year's rolls around. There are gifts to buy for the holidays, cards to be sent to loved ones, and MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars to sell. This year I am combining these three things into one to save time and effort. Those on my list get a MnEBA Gun Raffle calendar they can enjoy all year as a combined card/gift. It's like killing 3 birds with one stone-gift/card/selling calendars all in one. Wait! It is really four birds with one stone because if I sell 30 calendars and have the money and stubs to the MnEBA office by December 31st, I get a free MnEBA annual membership. This new found efficiency strategy will make this year far less hectic for me. Please feel free to use it.

See you all in January! Until then Merry Christmas and stay warm.

Mark Lucas
MnEBA President



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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 Press Release Attracts BIG Interest!

Two MnEBA Members Appear on TV!

MnEBA spent a good part of the spring and summer creating a brand new web site. While this was going on, the velvet price was the highest it had been in over 10 years, trophy bull prices were way up from last year and the industry was realizing it needs more animals!

Through MnEBA's affiliation with Minnesota Grown, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture agreed to write and send out to their media contacts, a press release outlining the new MnEBA web site, increasing market potential and shortage of animals. *(See release on following page.)* While MnEBA has worked with MN Grown and the MDA on similar press releases in the past, never before has there been so much interest!

The press release reprinted in various forms in the following publications and web sites (that we know of):

Star Tribune	Pioneer Press	MN Public Radio
WCCO	CBS Minnesota	KARE 11
KSTP	Country Today	Daily Journal

The release also caught the attention of two local television stations, KSTP Channel 5 Twin Cities and KAAL Channel 6 in Rochester. Both stations wanted to visit an elk farm and interview an elk breeder. Brian Wagner was gracious enough to open up his farm on short notice to KSTP and Lynn Steinbrink handled the KAAL interview. Both Brian and Lynn did an outstanding job as spokespeople for the industry and both pieces were very well done!

If you haven't seen the television clips, check them out at:

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3589183.shtml?cat=1>

<http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/s3590418.shtml>



LIKE MnEBA on Facebook!

The MnEBA Facebook page is up and running with 90 "Likes" to date! If you're on Facebook and have not yet "Liked" the page, please do so today! You can find MnEBA by searching MN Elk Breeders Association.

When you see MnEBA posting an item of interest, please take the time to LIKE the page and SHARE with others. The general public is fascinated with elk and we want to continually reach out to them to get the word out about Elk – America's Greatest Animal!

Your pictures are needed as well! We attach pictures to just about everything we post! If you have pictures you'd be willing to share to help MnEBA keep up with fresh new content, please send them to the MnEBA office. Keep your cell phone/camera handy and take those pictures!!

News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, October 10, 2014

Unprecedented elk demand targets Minnesota breeders

Association debuts new website to attract producers

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MNEBA) represents the elk farming industry by creating awareness about elk production, promotion and consumption. The association is excited to announce a new web site, <http://mneba.org/> sponsored in part by [Minnesota Grown](#). The 2012 Census on Agriculture shows Minnesota stands atop the nation in farmed elk production and is home to 141 elk farms raising more than 4,200 elk.

One of the most interesting aspects of the new site showcases the fact that elk produce a new set of antlers annually and velvet antler is a global commodity. The wholesale price for velvet antler has nearly doubled in the past five years, from \$20 per pound in 2010, to \$38 per pound in 2014. MNEBA President Mark Lucas said harvesting velvet antler helps to increase the bottom line, “At these prices, bulls can pay for their own overhead expense by their yearly velvet production. Velvet antler is an annual, renewable resource and bulls increase from 3-5 pounds in size every year.”

Executive Secretary Brenda Hartkopf is excited about the new website, “Elk are ‘America’s Greatest Animal’ for a million reasons; because of the assistance of Minnesota Grown, we are now able to share all those amazing attributes of elk and the great products they produce in a fun and engaging way. We also have made it much easier for consumers to find local sources for the elk products they desire.”

The new web site was created to highlight the shortage of elk products in every market and the need for more elk producers. President Lucas explained, “Recently, the elk industry has experienced unprecedented demand for elk meat, velvet antler and hard antler for the dog chew market. With the value of those markets increasing significantly, the trophy bull and breeding stock markets have risen considerably as well. Increasing supply is crucial to meeting the growing public demand for all elk products.”

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Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2014

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on November 6, 2014. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Richard Zajac was unable to attend. Lucas began the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Board had follow up discussion on ordering large-size boxes with the Minnesota Grown and MN Elk logo for members to use when selling larger quantities of elk meat or other elk products. Hartkopf explained details of an opportunity to get in on a larger quantity order on a 17"x10"x8.25" box with Elk Marketing Council, thereby decreasing the cost per box. Byrne moved to order 500 boxes with Elk Marketing Council's order and have them available to members to purchase for \$1 each. Schimmelpfennig seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was held about ordering another round of MN Grown bags as the remaining bags in MnEBA's inventory were depleted at the recent MN State Fair. Hartkopf to find out when these can be ordered, parameters of adding the MN Elk logo, and what the cost would be and report back to the board.

Hartkopf reported that she's working on having more Raise the Legend books printed through MN Grown. Considering lower cost print options, but wanting to keep the same high quality. Hartkopf to obtain samples of other lower cost options for board to consider before going to print.

Hartkopf reported that there are only (52) 2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle calendars left in inventory in the office and that payment has come in for 62 calendars which is ahead of this time last year.

Discussed fundraising for the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference and the fact that more attendees are expected with the NAEBA January Jamboree being held the day before. Board set the budget for purchase of

fundraising items at \$1,000. Hartkopf to include in next newsletter that member donations are also needed.

Hartkopf reported that plans are moving forward for the Legislative Educational Calendar project. MnEBA has secured 6 sponsors and the MN Deer Farmers Association is also planning to secure 6 sponsors. Goal is to submit all items to the printer by Thanksgiving.

Hartkopf asked what to do with the remaining 60+ packages of elk jerky left over from the MN State Fair. She suggested board may consider selling them at the upcoming Bird, Buck, Bait and Boat Show where MnEBA will have a booth in early March. Board asked Hartkopf to move forward with completing the needed paperwork to sell jerky at the show. Price will be \$6 per package.

Hartkopf reported recent projects that are now complete including the MnEBA web site, MnEBA Constant Contact email alerts, MnEBA Facebook page, MN Department of Agriculture Elk Press Release, MnEBA Membership Drive mailing and 2014 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. Board approved Charitable Elk Hunt Press Release which was submitted to the Board earlier in the day. Hartkopf to put approved press release on web site, Facebook page and send release to local media of all involved.

The next Farmed Cervidae Advisory Meeting will be held on December 11 in St. Cloud.

Board to plan next meeting the week of December 15th, after the Farmed Cervidae Advisory Meeting and before the holidays and the MnEBA Annual Conference.

Meeting adjourned, 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

Board Blog by Jim Byrne, Vice President



The Holiday season is already upon us. A time for family and friends to come together in joy and fellowship. A time to give thanks for the blessings of being there for each other when times are hard and to celebrate when all is well.

I wish to thank all of the members both past and present for the friendship, insight and support you give throughout the year. The closeness that this association offers to everyone within our industry is the strength that makes us the leading elk association in the country.

Thank you for caring for those around you.

MnEBA Educates Tomorrow's Veterinarians

In October, MnEBA was approached by the University of Minnesota Small Ruminant/Camelid and Zoological Exotics, Avian & Wildlife Clubs with an interest in learning more about elk farming and what the industry would like members of their clubs, all studying to be future veterinarians, to know about elk.

MnEBA then arranged a farm tour at the farm of Lance & Brenda Hartkopf. Fourteen vet students toured their facility, asked lots of great questions, and enjoyed taking pictures of the animals and antlers.

A few days later, MnEBA President Mark Lucas and Brenda Hartkopf traveled to the U of M to give a lunch hour elk farming seminar to a room of 60+ veterinary students. There was so much interest and so many questions, they barely had time to complete the seminar! All in all, a great opportunity and a lot of fun!



Club members were amazed at the size of the antlers!



LEFT: Mark Lucas and Brenda Hartkopf giving an elk farming seminar at University of Minnesota.
ABOVE: Future veterinarians learning more about elk!

Welcome New Members!

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Is the Styx/Tequila line producing on other farms?

Ask these producers that have bred with the Styx/Tequila line and have produced some of their biggest bulls at their age.



Chief Denali

33.98 lb. official three-year-old Tequila son
Estimated 480" 4 year old
Valley View Elk Farm
Everett and Rodney Miller
Kansas



Zion spiker

Zion is Styx's full brother that died in 2013.
Plateau Valley Elk Ranch
Andy and Julie Azcarraga
Colorado



Eugene

15.98 lb. official two-year-old Styx son
Wurst Elk Farm
Kraig Wurst
Minnesota



147 White

21.26 lb. official two-year-old Styx son
Valley View Elk Farm
Everett and Rodney Miller
Kansas

- Everett and Rodney Miller of Valley View Elk Farm – Kansas, had a 19.73 lb. official two-year-old Tequila son, 144 White in 2014.
- Greg and Floy Kenyon of Twin Oaks Elk Farm – Iowa, have bred with Styx and Tequila and have Patron a 30.94 lb. official four-year-old Tequila son and they also have several very nice Styx spikers in 2014
- Dale and Carolyn Taylor of Southern Plains Elk Ranch – Oklahoma, have Tequila Silver who was 380" at 3 and 430" at 4, unofficial.

- Thanks to Jim and TeAnne Reed of JARTOP Elk Ranch for purchasing our Styx daughter at the 2014 NAEBA Auction for \$5200 and making her the high selling lot.
- Thanks to Clair and Marla Hoven of Bugle Ridge Elk Ranch for purchasing "EMF Orion", a 3-year-old Styx son for a breeding bull.
- Thanks to Greg and Floy Kenyon of Twin Oaks Elk Farm for purchasing "The Judge", a 2012 Zeus son for a breeding bull.

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NEWS RELEASE: Thursday November 6, 2014

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

River Falls Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), November 6, 2014 – Erik Olson, a disabled veteran of the United States Marine Corp from River Falls, Wisconsin recently experienced a unique opportunity to harvest a beautiful bull elk as the recipient of the 8th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. The hunt took place on September 10, 2014 and was coordinated by MnEBA and generously sponsored by Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Lake Superior Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI), Midwest Outdoors Unlimited, Engebretson Elk Farm, Black Velvet Elk Ranch and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm.

Erik Olson served in the United States Marine Corp from 2000-2004, serving overseas in Iraq in 2003. While in Iraq, Erik and several of his fellow servicemen developed brain tumors, while others returned home with brain tumors. Upon return to the states, he underwent surgery and treatment. A short time later Erik was involved in a serious automobile accident which caused further damage to his brain and body; he was then granted an honorable medical discharge.

But Erik didn't let his disabilities get in the way of the dream to someday harvest a bull elk. His determination paid off when he was selected for the 8th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. And he needed all the persistence he could muster as the elk bull gave him a chase all day long. The group set out at Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch early in the morning, but didn't see even a glimpse of the bull until 4:30 in the afternoon. But it would take Erik another two hours to get the bull back in his sights and ready to harvest. While Erik's first shot went long and the bull took off, he hit his mark the second time. Erik's mom Hope, who accompanied him on the hunt said, "Erik couldn't have a bigger smile." When Erik was asked how he felt about the experience, he couldn't find big enough words. Erik said, "I'm overjoyed, exuberant!"

As the group paused to take a few pictures, a light rain began, but Erik's spirits couldn't be dampened. Ron Welle of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited helped Erik express his thanks for the opportunity to fulfill his dream. "Thank you to Dennis Engebretson of Engebretson Elk Farm and Brian Wagner of Black Velvet Elk Ranch for donating the bull, Tony Beckel of Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch for the facility and guide services, SCI Lake Superior Chapter for food, lodging, travel and processing of the meat, Brenda and Lance Hartkopf for funding towards the antler mount and Ron Welle and Leroy Wiener of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited for putting the details together to organize and assist with the hunt, videotaping it, and also helping to fund a portion of the meat processing. Erik's mom Hope said it best when she stated, "Thanks to all of you for making this happen."

Tony took a moment to personally thank Erik for his service. "Thank you for you. Thank you for your service," to which Erik humbly replied, "You're welcome." Ron Welle summed up a successful day when he said, "We have one happy camper here!"

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



U.S. Marine Corp Veteran Erik Olson



The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association was one of 25 organizations and individuals who contributed to the national Public Relations Campaign organized by the American Cervid Alliance earlier this year. Since June, approximately 45 published editorials have directly responded to inaccurate articles. This campaign is unlike any in the history of the elk industry! Industry-friendly editorials will continue to be published in major news outlets through this campaign all across the country!

The following are examples of some of the work the American Cervid Alliance is doing through this very successful campaign:

Free-range Deer Bigger Issue in Halting CWD

Letters - The Journal Gazette

November 17, 2014

Glenn Lange of the Indiana Wildlife Federation doesn't seem to understand the issue of chronic wasting disease (Letters, Nov. 6). He uses the recent discovery of CWD in an Ohio deer ranch as a reason to smear all deer farming. However, a regulated industry that is testing for disease with the purpose of eradicating has earned anything but condemnation.

Deer farms that ship animals across state lines must abide by the CWD certification program administered by the Department of Agriculture, which requires that the facility test all of its eligible mortalities (animals older than 1 year) for CWD for a minimum of five years with no positive tests. This rule applies to any farm shipping deer into Indiana.

The situation in Ohio shows that the regulations worked – if CWD is found on a farm, the facility can be quarantined and depopulated.

Lange is also incorrect in stating that CWD is “always fatal.” According to the USDA, it takes almost three years on average for a deer with CWD to die from the disease, and animals often die by other means.

Lange instead should focus his concern on the lack of testing of free-range deer by the state. While deer

farmers are testing 100 percent of eligible animals for CWD, Indiana (and many other states) test fewer than 1 percent of free-ranging animals for CWD. It may be that CWD is spreading in the wild to deer farms, not the other way around – and it's impossible to control a disease if you're not testing for it.

No deer farmer wants CWD on his farm because it hurts his business and his brand. Lange and others should stop the political finger-pointing and focus on real solutions.

Curt Waldvogel
London, Ohio

www.journalgazette.net/article/20141116/EDIT09/141119555/1021/EDIT



Letter: States Must do More to Fight Chronic Wasting Disease

Daily Messenger, Canandaigua, N.Y.

November 16, 2014

In response to the story "DEC's chronic wasting disease regulation prohibits hunters from bringing white-tailed deer, elk or moose into New York," it is not scientifically accurate to call chronic wasting disease "highly contagious." There is no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. Further, its prevalence in free-ranging and farmed deer and elk populations is low. According to USDA data collected between 1998 and 2002, CWD is only prevalent in about 4 in 1,000 free-ranging deer and elk, and at an even lower rate among farmed cervids.

However, Messenger Post is correct in noting that hunters who import deer carcasses should certainly

be careful about importing from a CWD positive area, since that could be one way CWD spreads. But this also highlights a gap in CWD control. While deer farmers who ship animals across state lines must be part of a rigorous CWD certification program administered by the USDA, many states are not testing their free-ranging deer populations at a high level—many test less than 1 percent of their free-ranging herds. States need to help the fight against CWD by testing more animals.

Charly Seale American Cervid Alliance Chairman,
Media Review Committee

www.mpnnow.com/article/20141116/OPINION/141119820/2011/OPINION

Letter to editor: All Need to Join in Search for Live Animal CWD test, Vaccine

The Daily Record

November 5, 2014

Editor:

Art Holden claims that there is no chronic wasting disease in the free-ranging deer population in Ohio. Is this really a fair assumption? As it is in most states, CWD testing on the wild deer herd is minimal at best. Since free-ranging deer have spread CWD in many states throughout the country, it's quite possible that the same has occurred in Ohio.

While it may concern hunters that a deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease -- the first in the state -- the incident shows that regulations designed to identify and limit the spread of CWD are working. All deer or elk farms that ship animals across state lines have to be CWD certified, a program managed by the USDA. The program requires that the farms test all mortalities over one year of age for a minimum of five years with no positive CWD tests. Additionally, animals must be individually identified, aiding in the trace back process, allowing for eradication of potentially infected animals, and restricting animal

movement on and off farms when applicable. That's what happened here, and it should be applauded.

Currently, the only reliable test for CWD is on dead animals. State agencies should test more deer in the wild herd to be certain the disease is or isn't there. Also, it would serve everyone well if states would join the deer farming industry in their search for a live animal test and vaccine against CWD. That will help immensely in managing the problems of CWD in all deer.

Curt Waldvogel
London, Ohio

www.the-daily-record.com/local%20sports/2014/11/03/letter-to-editor-all-need-to-join-in-search-for-live-animal-cwd-test-vaccine

In The News

Local Elk Farmer Wins International Awards

Tina Snell • Morrison County Record

Mark and Lisa Luedtke walked away with nine awards from the annual North American Elk Breeders Association and International Antler Competition in Kansas City, MO held on July 31-August 2.

The Luedtkes have been competing since 2005.

The competition has elk antlers divided into two groups; hard and velvet. Those groups are broken down by age and the breeders 3, which enters three different sets of antlers from three bulls with the same sire.

Mark said that it was his farm's best year ever. His efforts won four first places in the antler competition: 2-year-old typical; 2-year-old non-typical; 2-year-old breeders 3 hard antler and 3-year-old breeders 3 velvet.

The Luedtkes also won three second place honors in: 3-year-old velvet; 3-year-old typical and 3-year-old non-typical.

A typical antler is one in which the tines are fairly evenly spaced and there are no other tines branching from them. The symmetry does not have to be perfect. A non-typical elk antler has tines branching from the original tines or in abnormal locations on the beam. There may or may not be the same number of tines on each side.

For the hard antler competition, the scoring is based on the length of the main beam added to the length of each tine, the width and the circumference of the antlers,

measured in different places.

The Luedtkes won that leg of the competition with 386 7/8 inches, which Mark said was rare for a two-year-old elk.

"Three hundred is a great number for 2-year-olds," he said.



Mark Luedtke of Elmdale holds up a set of 2-year-old non-typical antlers. He won first place (386 7/8") in the North American Elk Breeders Association Annual Conference and International Antler Competition held in Kansas City, Mo. Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

The velvet antlers are measured by weight. The Luedtkes took second place with a 27.36-pound three year old.

The velvet on the new antlers protect them as they grow. The antlers are harvested in the summer before the antler calcifies. The hard antlers, after the bone has calcified, are removed in the fall.

If left alone, or in the wild, antlers will drop in March each year.

Genetics play a huge part in the quality of the antlers. Mark is very careful about his breeding, and the genetics of his animals show in the antlers they produce.

The Luedtkes, owners of Luckyland Elk, a farm outside of Elmdale, have been breeding since 2004.

"We started with 11 cows, already bred," said Mark.

An architect by trade and an avid outdoorsman, Mark bought 120 acres in 1999. He wanted to farm, yet wasn't sure exactly what he wanted to raise.

"I researched elk for about three years, then started fencing in 2003," he said.

In 2005, the Luedtkes expanded by buying a bull. Today, their herd is 140 elk strong.

Mark is also working the farm full-time. While he has kept his architect's license, he has given up going to the office each day.

Elk, also called wapiti, is the second largest species in the deer family next to moose.

"The hard antlers are used for crafts, such as lamps or other décor and dog chews," said Lisa. "The velvet is used for medicinal purposes both locally and for the Asian market."

Mark said that as the antlers grow, they become more and more calcified. The more the calcification, the lesser the value for medicines.

Breeding elk is becoming popular among farmers, but not popular enough, said Mark.

"There are not enough animals being produced to meet the demand," said Mark. "Today, there are only about 140 farmers left in Minnesota. As they retire, others are not taking up the trade."

The Luedtkes sell elk meat, trophy bulls, breeding stock and both hard and velvet antlers. Mark

said it is necessary to be a part of all the markets to make it work as a farm. But last year, along with the antlers, he sold his elk as breeding stock instead of for meat, due to his animals' genetic value.

Mark said that the elk market is very strong today, with velvet antlers going for \$38-\$52 per pound, which is about four times the price it was five years ago.

He also said that meat is going for \$4-\$4.40 per pound, which is twice what it was five years ago.

But Mark is afraid that those prices won't last unless others begin breeding and raising elk, too.

Elk bulls, mature at about seven years, average 800-1,000 pounds and stand from 5 feet to 5.5 feet at



Six-year-old trophy bull.

the shoulder.

Cows average 500-600 pounds and stand 4 feet to 5 feet at the shoulder. The cows do not grow antlers.

The calves are born in May or June and are spotted, developing brown coats in about six months.

The core of the velvet antler is used as a nutritional supplement. In North America, it is used as a food supplement and in Asia, as a main ingredient in traditional Chinese medicine. It also is used as an anti-inflammatory in the treatment of arthritis symptoms.

Mark said that elk meat is higher in protein than beef and chicken and has less cholesterol.

For more information, visit websites for Minnesota Elk Breeders Association or the North American Elk Breeders Association.



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2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar

Final sales could be an all-time high!!! But more need to be turned in!

A whopping 725 calendars have been placed in the hands of members with 71 calendar stubs and money having been turned into the office to date. This is the highest amount of calendars ever in member's hands at this time of year!! But we need to continue to sell, sell, sell!!!

Have you ordered your 2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars?

Hopefully everyone who has calendars in their possession will be able to sell them all! There are 25 left at the office for anyone who needs to pick up a few more.

Gun payments are due!

If you have sold a number of calendars and have not yet sent in your stubs and money, it would be very helpful for you to send them as soon as possible, no matter the number. MnEBA needs to make the payments for the guns before the end of the year and currently has only 25% of the money needed through current sales returns to date.



Only 4 weeks left to earn a FREE 2015 MnEBA membership!

Anyone selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money to the MnEBA Office before December 31st will receive a free membership for next year! The only limit to this is when calendars run out.

December is a great month to sell calendars! Everyone needs a new calendar for 2015; in many homes, you need several! The calendar makes a great Christmas stocking-stuffer for those on your list who are hard to buy for, you know who they are!

Any amount of sales is appreciated!

Even if you can't sell thirty calendars, not a problem. Each and every sale is important to MnEBA and they add up in a big way. Even if you can only sell one or two or just buy one for yourself, it would be very much appreciated.

If you have not yet ordered your calendars and/or need more, please contact the MnEBA Office at info@mneba.org or 320-543-2686 as soon as possible. Calendars will continue to be available until the January 10th drawing date or they run out, whichever comes first. LET'S SELL OUT!!!

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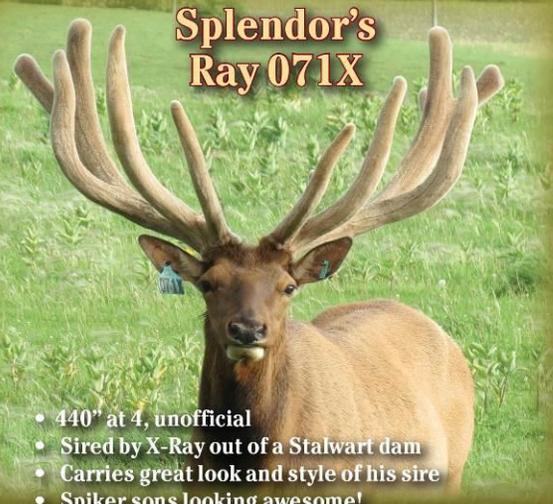
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Splendor's Blend 806U

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USAHA Updates

DNR to Sample for Deer Disease in SE Minn.

WDIO.com

November 7, 2014 - ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - The state Department of Natural Resources is encouraging hunters in southeast Minnesota to submit deer for chronic wasting disease sampling.

The DNR said Thursday it will collect 450 samples from deer at eight locations throughout the state's southeast corner as firearms season begins this weekend. It says the fatal disease was discovered in neighboring Allamakee County, Iowa, and working with hunters is the best way to detect it early in Minnesota.

Full text: <http://www.wdio.com/article/stories/S3613448.shtml?cat=12319>

Test Results from Captive Deer Herd with Chronic Wasting Disease Released [IA]

79.8 percent of the deer tested positive for the disease

Dustin Vande Hoef - IowaAgriculture.gov

October 2, 2014 - DES MOINES, Ia. - The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship today announced that the test results from the depopulation of a quarantined captive deer herd in north-central Iowa showed that 284 of the 356 deer, or 79.8% of the herd, tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The owners of the quarantined herd have entered into a fence maintenance agreement with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, which requires the owners to maintain the 8' foot perimeter fence around the herd premises for five years after the depopulation was complete and the premises had been cleaned and disinfected.

CWD is a progressive, fatal, degenerative neurological disease of farmed and free-ranging deer, elk, and moose. There is no known treatment or vaccine for CWD. CWD is not a disease that affects humans.

On July 18, 2012, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) National Veterinary Services Lab in Ames, IA confirmed that a male white tail deer harvested from a hunting preserve in southeast IA was positive for CWD. An investigation revealed that this animal had just been introduced into the hunting preserve from the above-referenced captive deer herd in north-central Iowa.

The captive deer herd was immediately quarantined to prevent the spread of CWD. The herd has remained in quarantine until its depopulation on August 25 to 27, 2014.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship participated in a joint operation to depopulate the infected herd with USDA Veterinary Services, which was the lead agency, and USDA Wildlife Services.

Federal indemnity funding became available in 2014. USDA APHIS appraised the captive deer herd of 376 animals at that time, which was before depopulation and testing, at \$1,354,250. At that time a herd plan was developed with the owners and officials from USDA and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Once the depopulation was complete and the premises had been cleaned and disinfected, indemnity of \$917,100.00 from the USDA has been or will be paid to the owners as compensation for the 356 captive deer depopulated.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship operates a voluntary CWD program for farms that sell live animals. Currently 145 Iowa farms participate in the voluntary program. The above-referenced captive deer facility left the voluntary CWD program prior to the discovery of the disease as they had stopped selling live animals. All deer harvested in a hunting preserve must be tested for CWD.

Source: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/press/2014press/press10022014.asp>

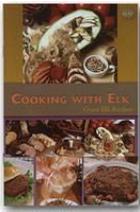
MnEBA Promotional Materials

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.

MEAT PROMOTIONS

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



"ELK, Meat for a Healthy Life" Brochure 50 ct., \$10/each

3rd Edition "Cooking With Elk" Cookbook

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

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

VELVET PROMOTIONS



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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

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

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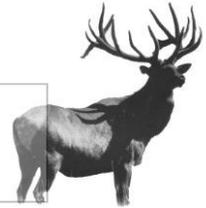
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News from New Zealand

*Reprinted from the 2014
November NAEBA Journal*

Greetings from New Zealand!
Travis asked me to write a few paragraphs on the New Zealand elk industry and what we are up to.

ELK AND WAPITI SOCIETY OF
NEW ZEALAND



Firstly it's probably important for the reader to understand that in our recent rural history there has been an enormous agricultural change in New Zealand in the spectacular growth of the New Zealand Dairy industry. Our national corporative Dairy Company "Fonterra" has now become a huge global player and the global demand for dairy products does not seem to be abating. The effect on our country has been widespread and there is no doubt that nationally this huge boost in dairy farming has delivered massive economic growth. Some of the downsides to this growth have been the impact on existing land use and there are now significant numbers of deer farms throughout the country with dairy and not deer behind the tall wire.

The price of some of the top land in New Zealand has also jumped tremendously in value. This has a flow on effect to all land classes so great if you were in good land but unaffordable if you wanted to do anything else other than milking cows. What we describe as "dairy support" is nearly as big as dairy farming itself. Dairy support is where you take an entire milking herd or multiple milking herds off their home farm for the winter months and graze them on crop and hay. Some of these herds are quite big but the average would be around 800 cows. The income at \$28 a cow per week over 10 weeks is quite lucrative and it's very tempting to move the deer off and set up for dairy support. Supplements like grain and hay are price dictated by dairy farmers so feeding deer is correspondingly higher than it used to be.

Fortunately there are still a few die-hards in the deer industry who will not abandon the industry to chase the big bucks. That has been an advantage in that generally we are left with a great bunch of committed cervid farmers still in the industry. Elk farming is still in good heart and although we only have around ninety members, the Elk & Wapiti Society of New Zealand is well funded and supported. It's also worth knowing that red deer dominate the New Zealand deer farming scene and one of the biggest roles elk play is to provide elk venison sires for the New Zealand venison industry.

Most of our activities are able to be tracked on the website www.elkwapitisociety.co.nz and although we are not on the scale of your organization, we still keep busy and work throughout the year to promote the various income streams derived from elk.

There are already indications for our coming velvet season that there is increased demand for velvet and antler products and this was reflected to a point last season at the close when little to no product was left on the shelves. The venison industry here is stable and we have good systems in place to market product around the world. When we send stock to a deer slaughter plant we all pay a levy per animal to our parent body Deer Industry New Zealand (DINZ). DINZ then actively promotes venison globally along with the deer processor companies so on a day to day basis the average NZ deer farmer is not active in venison promotion. Our trophy industry is tracking along fine and we have a credible market share of international hunters especially those seeking world record red deer. Elk trophies are supplied to hunt parks and we annually breed good numbers to compliment the other species on offer in New Zealand.

Elk farming in New Zealand is very much a boutique business but for those of us committed to farming the big deer we wouldn't have it any other way!

Tony Pullar
Secretary Elk & Wapiti Society of New Zealand

MnEBA Kitchen

Looking for a special party pleaser over the holidays? Try this delicious meatball recipe! Make a day ahead to save time on party day and allow the flavors to mix. Then just reheat in the crock pot.

Elk Meatballs with Bourbon Barbecue Sauce

1 Tbsp. olive oil	½ tsp. ground ginger
1 cup onion, chopped	1 can (14.5 oz.) tomato puree
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped	¾ cup cider vinegar
2 slices white sandwich bread	½ cup bourbon
2/3 cup whole milk	1/3 cup dark brown sugar
1½ lbs. elk burger	½ cup ketchup
½ lb. ground pork	¼ cup dark molasses
2 tsp. salt	2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. pepper	2 tsp. chili powder



Heat oven to broil and arrange a rack in the upper third. Heat oil in a large fry pan over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions have softened, about 6-8 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

Tear the bread into 1-inch pieces and place in a large bowl. Add the milk and stir until the mixture forms a wet mash. Let sit until the bread absorbs all of the milk, about 5 minutes. Add the slightly cooled onions and garlic, as well as the elk, pork, salt, pepper, and ¼ tsp. ginger. Using your hands, mix until just combined.

Set aside two rimmed baking sheets. Form the meat mixture into about 48 meatballs and place them about ½ inch apart on the baking sheets.

Place the tomato puree, vinegar, bourbon, brown sugar, ketchup, molasses, Worcestershire, chili powder, and remaining ¼ tsp. ginger in a large pot and whisk to combine. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer.

Meanwhile, place meatballs in the oven and broil until browned all over, about 10 minutes. Transfer the meatballs to the pot of simmering sauce and gently stir to coat. Repeat with second sheet of meatballs.

Simmer, carefully stirring the meatballs occasionally, until the sauce has thickened slightly and the meatballs are fully cooked, about 30-40 minutes.



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Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM



(Cheyenne, Wyo.) – A multi-year study to evaluate the effectiveness of a vaccine against chronic wasting disease is continuing at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Thorne/Williams Wildlife Research facility west of Wheatland. Chronic wasting disease is a fatal neurological disease affecting elk, deer, and moose, but is not thought to affect humans.

The study, which began in February 2013, involves 40 elk—20 that have been vaccinated and 20 non-vaccinated elk serving as a control group. Previous research has shown elk naturally contract chronic wasting disease at the facility.

“This study will be informative and valuable as we try to find out if there is a way to vaccinate against CWD. But, we do not know if this vaccine will work. Even if we find differences in infection rates, an effective, usable chronic wasting disease vaccine in free-ranging elk still has a long ways to go,” Dr. May Wood, Wyoming Game and Fish wildlife veterinarian said.

Dr. Wood and other researchers are taking biopsies from both groups of elk and results from each group

will be compared to determine if the vaccine is preventing infection. Obtaining CWD samples from live animals can help researchers determine if the animal has been infected before it develops the clinical disease. The biopsies of the vaccinated elk and those of the control group will be compared to see if there’s any difference in early infection rates.

Dr. Wood said that right now they are injecting the elk with the vaccine by hand. “We have to give it once per year, and it’s not something we could use in free-ranging wildlife at the moment,” Dr. Wood said. “But, if it were to work, we could look into other delivery methods such as an oral vaccine. This would still take a long time to develop and we would have to find a way to safely and effectively administer it to wildlife.”

The study is expected to last about seven years after which it is hoped that it can be determined if the vaccine is giving the elk some protection against the disease. If the vaccine proves to be effective, wildlife managers could someday have an important tool to combat the disease.

- Provided by Wyoming Game and Fish Department

State researchers make inroads on prion study [MT - edited]

**Briana Wipf - Great Falls Tribune
November 17, 2014**

An illness that strikes family members in the 50’s, affecting their behavior and keeping them from sleeping. A shaking sickness that strikes only a tribe in New Guinea. A disease that strikes sheep and goats, causing them to scrape their bodies against anything they can get near, in an attempt to scratch an itch that exists only in their brains.

Mysterious illnesses baffled doctors and scientists for years, until the early 1980’s when their cause was finally discovered. The discovery - that these and other diseases are caused not by genetic mutations or outside pathogens like viruses or bacteria, but by naturally occurring but damaged proteins within the body - turned the scientific community on its head.

They are called prions - misfolded proteins that are infectious and cause fatal neurodegenerative diseases in animals and humans.

Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, MT is a biomedical research facility equipped for scientists to study some of the most dangerous, infectious diseases on the planet.

In August, the New England Journal of Medicine published a paper that represents a significant step forward in prion disease research. One of the authors of the paper, which details a new test for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, is Byron Caughey of RML.

Caughey has been working for 30 years on prion disease, and he admits his fascination with the tiny, nearly indestructible rogue proteins is partly practical, partly because of simple fascination.

"We need to figure out how to cope with them," Caughey said. "That's the bottom line, really, besides the scientific fascination with working with a strange new class of infectious agents that is neither a virus nor a bacterium nor a protozoan. So (there is) fundamental interest in prions as well as the practical concerns of helping people and animals that get these diseases."

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD, is one of the more common prion diseases. "Common" in this case is relative: CJD occurs in about one per one million people, meaning about 300 Americans are diagnosed with CJD each year.

Caughey has worked on another prion disease, chronic wasting disease, that affects deer, elk and moose.

Cervid DPP Testing for TB Temporarily Unavailable

The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) will deplete its supply of ChemBio DPP test kits by the end of October 2014. The manufacturer is currently unable to supply additional DPP test kits. This test kit shortage will cause an interruption in DPP testing at NVSL for at least 8 weeks, but possibly longer.

- If testing is needed for immediate movement, then official SCT skin testing may be conducted.
- Serum samples can still be submitted to NVSL during this time, but they will be frozen and tested when the kits are available.
- Veterinarians should indicate on the APHIS 10-4 submission form that the testing is for movement, and those frozen samples will be prioritized when DPP testing resumes.
- If testing is needed for herd reaccreditation, timing of the tests will be based on the date the samples are received at NVSL, not the date the test is performed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Questions about submitted samples may be directed to Dr. Jeff Nelson, NVSL, at 515-337-7563; questions about cervid TB testing for herd reaccreditation or movement to Dr. Owen Henderson, VS Cervid Health Team, at 970-494-7317.

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Calling all elk producers... NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN MINNESOTA GROWN!



The Minnesota Grown Program invites Minnesota elk producers to join a producer-directed organization that helps connect you with consumers looking for elk meat, hides or farm tours. Minnesota Grown has been around since the 1980's and has grown to include over 1,200 members. By featuring your business, we can link you directly to consumers through our online and printed directories and help you build your business.

A few good reasons to join Minnesota Grown:

FREE Marketing Materials

For only \$20, you will have unlimited access to FREE stickers, posters, price cards, twist ties, table talkers, and other items. Those items can be offered to your retail customers such as grocery stores and restaurants for free as well! This fee will also allow you to use the trademarked MN Grown logo on your products/packing and to help market your elk. The logo may be used on any products that were grown or raised on a farm in Minnesota (a product that was raised in another state and processed here is NOT eligible to be labeled as Minnesota Grown).

Widely Distributed Minnesota Grown Directory

For an additional \$40, if you sell elk products that were raised on a Minnesota farm direct to the consumer, you can list your business in the 2015 Directory. This year, 170,000 hard copies of the Minnesota Grown Directory will be distributed for free by tourist information centers, farms, libraries, by real estate agents and retailers that support the local foods movement. This is a unique advertising tool that, on average, gets used more than 4 times and kept for more than 12 months by each user.

Very Popular Website

Included in the cost of \$40 for the printed directory, you will receive a listing on our online directory. Over 250,000 annual unique visitors have already found us at www.minnesotagrown.com in 2013 and have stayed on our website for over 4 minutes, while on average viewing 7.5 different pages. We have also just launched a NEW website. It is mobile friendly, easy to navigate and allows our members to post photos to their page.



That means for a total of \$60, you will receive year-round promotion!

Current Minnesota Grown members should have already received renewal forms in the mail. But don't worry- we still have time to get you in! New members, and growers who are renewing their license, may sign up and pay online by clicking on the "Members & Retailers" tab, then clicking on "Become a member" at www.minnesotagrown.com, or call 651-201-6170 and leave a message with a complete mailing address to receive an application by mail. Producers wishing to be listed in the 2015 Minnesota Grown Directory must apply no later than Jan 31st, 2015.

A WORD FROM MnEBA...

Many members do not have their own personal web site. Joining Minnesota Grown and having a presence on their web site can help fill that gap. You can even add your own pictures to your listing!

Even better, now with MnEBA's new web site, you can have twice the web presence! The MnEBA web site also gives a detailed listing of member's contact info and personal pictures can also be added. But even better, MnEBA can also include a link to your Minnesota Grown link which will give viewers another look at what you do and the products you produce!

If you don't have a personal web site, you may want to strongly consider the benefits of Minnesota Grown!!!

Okaman Cervidae Hosts End of Year Halloween Party

As a way to cap off the end of Farmer's Market season, MnEBA members Don & Joyce Kaplan of Okaman Cervidae recently hosted a community Halloween party.



Our final weekly farmers market for this season was enhanced by the addition of the annual Halloween party for our area kids. We provide the location for this fun event which is put on by "the ladies of the lake region".

The party & market combined drew several hundred adults & kids who enjoyed an afternoon of live music, good food, games, pumpkin painting & train rides.



Hosting events like this at our farm allows us to contribute to our community. In addition it provides an excellent opportunity to educate people about raising elk and to promote & sell our elk products.

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January 10, 2015

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Make a weekend of it and plan to attend both the NAEBA January Jamboree on Friday, January 9th and the MnEBA Annual Conference on Saturday, January 10th. As elk markets continue to stay strong, and even still rising, it's more important than ever to be networking with buyers and other breeders to make sure you are taking full advantage of today's prices. And learning a new thing or two at some very excellent seminars doesn't hurt either!

Here are some important reasons to attend!

- ⇒ Great seminars and speakers to help you manage your farm more effectively!
- ⇒ The opportunity to network with buyers of meat, velvet and shooter bulls, even breeding stock!
- ⇒ The chance to visit with other elk producers and find out how they are dealing with high feed prices. You may even find a lead on a good hay deal!
- ⇒ NAEBA Semen Auction
- ⇒ MnEBA annual meeting where you can get more involved and discuss what issues are important to you and your business so that MnEBA can better serve its members!
- ⇒ See if you or someone you sold a calendar to will win a gun in the MnEBA Gun Raffle drawing!
- ⇒ Fundraising games to win great cash & prizes including Deal or No Deal!
- ⇒ Great food and hospitality!
- ⇒ You don't have to be a current member to attend. All are welcome!

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

Both events take place at:

Sheraton Minneapolis West

12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Reservations: 952-593-0000 – Mention MnEBA to receive the reduced rate of \$99/night. This room block will be released on 12/18/14. (This location is only 1½ miles off 494, right next to Ridgedale Shopping Center. You can't miss it!)

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Your fundraising items are needed!

Please consider bringing an item or two for MnEBA's Silent or Live Auction. Any and all items are needed!

Theme baskets are also encouraged!

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Return enclosed registration form or sign up online at www.mneba.org!

Committee Reports

Board Nominations Wanted

This coming January, MnEBA has two director's whose terms expire, Vice President Jim Byrne and Director Richard Zajac. Both Jim and Richard have been tremendous assets on the MnEBA board. Please take a moment when you see them to thank them for the time and dedication they have provided to MnEBA.

Nominations for these open positions are now being accepted. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, or you as a member are willing to run, please contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org. Elections will be held at the MnEBA Annual Conference on January 10, 2015 at the Sheraton Minneapolis West in Minnetonka.

Legislative Calendar Update

What a difference a few weeks make! MnEBA and the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (MNDFA) have teamed up to create an informative educational calendar about the Minnesota farmed cervid industry. Not to be confused with the MnEBA Gun Raffle calendar, this is a completely different project. It is a proactive awareness campaign geared to help educate Minnesota's state legislators and others about the Minnesota farmed cervid industry. It carries the themes:

- * Family Farming
- * Economic Impact
- * Strong Environmental and Animal Health Stewards

MnEBA and MNDFA each have solicited six member sponsors, complete with pictures from their farms. All items are now at the printer and we are awaiting the first draft for review. MnEBA thanks MNDFA and the following MnEBA members for stepping up to help fund this project: Jim & Eileen Byrne, Brian Wagner, Craig, Kathy, Klint & Lora Wylie, Mark & Michelle Lucas, Mark & Lisa Luedtke and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf.

The Minnesota State Legislature reconvenes on January 6, 2015, complete with many new representatives and a newly Republican-controlled House. MnEBA is making plans with MNDFA to spend at day at the Capital to hand out calendars and meet legislators. If you would be willing to help, please contact the MnEBA Office! There are over 200 legislators to connect with; your help would be immensely appreciated!



Board Terms

Mark Lucas, <i>President</i>	Term ends 2016
Jim Byrne, <i>Vice President</i>	Term ends 2015
Brian Wagner, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Term ends 2017
Wade Schimmelpfennig, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2016
Richard Zajac, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2015

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Calendar of Events

January 9, 2015 – NAEBA January Jamboree, Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN

January 9 – 10, 2015 – MnEBA Annual Conference, Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN

February 27 – March 1, 2015 – St. Paul Bird, Buck, Bait & Boat Expo, Warner Coliseum, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

July 30 – August 1, 2015 – 25th Anniversary NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition, Baraboo, WI (Wisconsin Dells)

August 27 – September 7, 2015 – MN State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

Classified Ads

Elk Cows For Sale: (40) elk cows for sale, closed herd, TB accredited, CWD monitored, 40+ lb. genetics. Options available. \$1,600 each. Darrell Turek, 612-756-0712.

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For Sale: Hydraulic Squeeze chute with pump. Also for sale a crowding tub. Both used for about 6 years for handling bull elk. Cliff Mulder (507) 215-2427

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Wanted: Grande Natural buys Elk Hard Antler for \$10.00 per lb on browns, \$7 for good hard whites, and we will pay UPS shipping if you can cut them up and pack them. Call Rich at (719) 580-0661, or email Rich@elkusa.com.

For Sale: Distributor for Franklin Waterers, energy efficient PC & AP Models, also standard waterers. Rely on Franklin Waterers. Bale feeders available. Contact Jay at (507) 458-7970.

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