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President's Message by Mark Lucas



Good Day All!

The 2016 MnEBA Winter Conference recently held in Willmar was a huge success in my opinion. One of the highlights was the 2016 Gun Calendar Raffle drawing. I want to personally thank everyone who purchased and/or sold MnEBA calendars this year. For the first time EVER we completely sold out all the calendars we had for sale! This is a huge deal for our organization as this is our primary fund raiser for the year. We had very good participation in the calendar sales from the membership this year with several selling calendars that had never sold them before. As Gramma used to say, "Many hands make light work."

Perhaps part of the success in selling out was due to the added incentive this year where members would qualify for a gun drawing for each 10 calendars sold, having the money and stubs in to the office by December 31st. In case you missed that drawing at the conference, Wade Schimmelpfennig won the member drawing for the gun. It is only fair Wade won since he was the top salesperson this year. Rumor is that much of his sales success can be attributed to his lovely friend Heika. If she shares her military marksmanship skills with Wade, I pity the rodents around his farm. Congrats to both of them for a job well done and a shiny new gun to prove it.

As always, the conference had a great lineup of speakers hand-picked to help improve our operations profitability and husbandry skills. One of my favorites was Dr. Glen Zebarth who shared some of his knowledge on keeping our elk healthy. It has been a couple years since we had him present on that topic and I know I was taking notes on things that I want to implement at our place. We are so lucky as elk farmers to have someone with his knowledge about cervid health issues right here in Minnesota. He discussed a wide range of topics from the proper use of Tums to treat grain overload, to velvetting, and copper in the diet. Upon reviewing my own situation, I'm convinced I am shorting my elk on copper. Changes are in the works. Thank you Dr. Zebarth, and all the speakers for presenting at the conference. It is the sharing of experiences and skills that make this meeting well worth attending.

Soon, a new President will be elected. No, I am not talking about the Presidential election with all the annoying TV ads and debates. I am talking about the MnEBA board President. After the February MnEBA board meeting I will no longer be MnEBA President with someone else taking my place. As such, this is my last letter to the MnEBA congregation. I get involved with many different associations and boards through my work and I can say that the MnEBA board and staff are hands down the best I have had the pleasure to be around. The dedication by the board and Executive Secretary reflects that elk farming is not only a business but a way of life. I thank them all for making my job as President easier over the past few years.

God bless and take care.

Mark Lucas

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2016 MnEBA Annual Conference Recap

A Great Meeting Covering Today's Important Topics!

The 2016 MnEBA Annual Conference took place January 9, 2016 at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, MN. The schedule was robust and important discussions on various hot topics took place all throughout the day!

Perhaps the most important discussions were about the proposed TB/Brucellosis Federal Rule & Standards which as currently written, would require every farmed cervid herd to whole herd Brucellosis test if moving animals over state lines for sales other than slaughter. Other seminars included a NAEBA Registration/DNA Form Training seminar given by Brenda Hartkopf and Brian Wagner, MN Board of Animal Health and USAHA Updates by Dr. Paul Anderson, a Shortage of Elk Meat Roundtable seminar with panel participants Jim Byrne, John Fredrickson, Lance Hartkopf, Greg Lubinski, Scott Salonek and Brian Wagner, Maintaining Healthy Elk by Dr. Glen Zebarth, and Valuing Elk in Today's Market by Mark Luedtke and Lance Hartkopf. A big thanks to all speakers for sharing great information! Every attendee went home with new ideas to improve their operation and business!

This year's conference featured three vendors including Sunset Jewelry, ADM Alliance Nutrition and North American Elk Breeders Association. Thanks to all for being an important part of this year's conference!

The gun calendar table was again a very busy place! Many thanks to Eileen Byrne for managing the calendar table and to all members who stepped up to sell calendars!

The MnEBA awards committee recognized Lance & Brenda Hartkopf with the 2015 MnEBA Appreciation Award. NAEBA also handed out plaques to several MnEBA members in attendance who placed in the top three in their respective International Antler Competition categories including: Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Perry & Sandy Olson, Chad Lawler and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf.

Board member elections were also held as the terms for Mark Lucas and Wade Schimmelpfennig had expired. Three names on the ballot included Mark Luedtke, Wade Schimmelpfennig and Kraig Wurst. After a very close vote, Mark and Kraig were elected to the board. MnEBA thanks Mark (Lucas) and Wade for their many years of great service to the association!

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

- **Morning Break Sponsor:** *Lance & Brenda Hartkopf*
- **Afternoon Break Sponsor:** *Rick & Marlys Wollschlager and Paul & Lynn Hueg*
- **Table Decorations:** *Greg & Roxy Lubinski*
- **Evening Banquet Dessert:** *Willmar Lakes Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau*
- **Saturday Night Hospitality:** *Brian Wagner & Tena Martin and Bill & Karen Knutson*

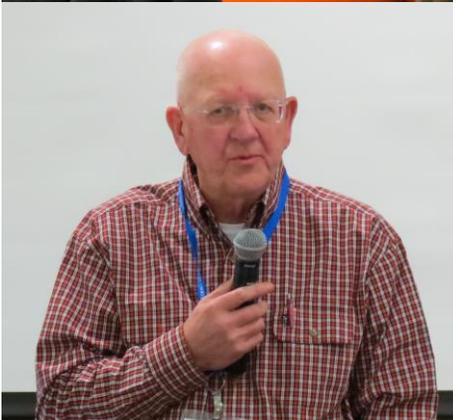
A big thank you to Jim & Eileen Byrne and Lance Hartkopf for all their help to set up the event and to Mark & Michelle Lucas and Lance for helping to take down. Thanks to various board members for their help in the raffles and to Mark Lucas for emceeding the day-long event.

A final thank you to all who attended, made donations to the live and silent auctions, bid on fundraising items and helped in any way. It was a truly a great conference!

MnEBA

Mission Statement

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association represents a unified voice that strengthens the Elk farming industry in Minnesota by creating awareness about Elk production and promotion and consumption of Elk products.



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2016 – MnEBA Annual Meeting

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their 23rd Annual Meeting on January 9, 2016 at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, MN. President Mark Lucas welcomed everyone, recognized visitors and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Lucas asked for corrections or additions to the July 25, 2015 secretary report as presented. Daphne Evenson moved to accept the report as written, Fred Neubert seconded, motion carried.

The treasurer's report included both the 2014 and 2015 year-end review with a balance of \$25,608.38 in the checkbook. This was over \$10,000 more than the balance at this same time last year and was largely due to more members getting their stubs and money in for the raffle by December 31st. Pat Prodzinski moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Roger Nietfeld seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Relations: Jim Byrne reported that all has been relatively quiet at the State Capital regarding farmed cervidae and no new legislation is expected in 2016 as of now. However on the national level, industry will be battling new proposed rules for Tuberculosis (TB) and Brucellosis which would be covered later in the meeting and also by Dr. Anderson in the afternoon.

Fundraising Raffle: Brenda Hartkopf reported that stubs and money for 561 calendars had been turned in by December 31st and it looks like calendars will sell out this year for the first time ever. The previous sales number record was 718 calendars sold in 2012. Eleven members earned a free membership as a result of their sales: Greg Lubinski, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Brian Wagner, Mark Lucas, Pat Prodzinski, Ken Arnzen, Jerry Campbell, Rick Wollschlager, Paul Hartkopf, Dennis Engebretson and Chad Lawler. Wade Schimmelpfennig was the sales leader with over 90 sold so far, followed by Brian Wagner, Paul Hartkopf and Pat Prodzinski. There was discussion about possibly printing a few more calendars for next year, but no action was taken.

The drawing was held for the Ruger American Predator rifle. Seventeen sellers qualified and a total of 48 names went into the hat. Wade Schimmelpfennig was the lucky winner.

Promotions: Brenda Hartkopf reported that the newly updated Elk Information brochures were complete and handed copies out to the membership. The brochure focuses on markets and highlights the shortage of elk products in all areas.

MnEBA is having a booth at the Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show on February 26-28 at the State Fair Coliseum. This is the first year for this show which replaces the MN Deer Classic (no show in 2016) and MN Bird, Buck, Bait and Boat show which was discontinued. Volunteers are needed to man the booth for this event.

Brenda also reported that anyone wanting to join Minnesota Grown and/or place an ad in their 2016 Directory needs to do so by January 31st. Besides the opportunity to advertise elk products in the Directory, MN Grown has assisted MnEBA with almost every piece of promotional materials we have developed and they also highlight elk meat in occasional monthly updates. She went on to show a Minnesota Grown promotion of elk meat as well as some of the news items which have been placed on the MnEBA web site over the past year and highlighted posts on the association's Facebook page. She asked for members to share pictures and stories which can be used for future social media posts.

State Fair: Greg Lubinski reported that most people coming to the MnEBA state fair booth were looking for places to buy elk meat. He also spoke about new signs and banners for the state fair booth which were displayed at the conference. These were paid for by Paul Hueg. Greg said donations to help defray the cost of the updated signage would be appreciated and to see Paul Hueg about making a donation. Greg also encouraged people to sign up for their desired shift(s) at the upcoming 2016 MN State Fair.

NAEBA

Bill Knutson reported that NAEBA added a new Northern region in the past year. NAEBA celebrated its 25th anniversary at the 2015 convention and had a great turnout. The 2016 March Mingle will be held in conjunction with the Alberta Elk Commission Conference in Edmonton, Alberta on March 18-19th. The 2016 summer convention will be held in Omaha, NE on July 28-30th. NAEBA has recently formed two new marketing foundations, one in the U.S. and one in Canada, as well as revitalized the Elk Research Council (ERC) that is working on several projects. Much work in government affairs has been done with recent trips by NAEBA's Executive Director to Ottawa, Washington DC and the USAHA Convention. NAEBA is presently highly focused on the proposed federal rule and standards for TB and Brucellosis. The amount of producers requesting DNA work is "through the roof". All in all, NAEBA is very active and is financially sound.

Olga Reuvekamp from the Minnesota Agricultural Rural Leadership (MARL) program addressed attendees and invited anyone with an interest in ag leadership to join

the next round of MARL leadership training classes. She gave an outline of the program and shared a personal invitation to have someone from the elk industry be a part of the program.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony Beckel shared details from the 2015 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt which took place last September. Brenda Hartkopf also read a short note from the 2014 recipient once again thanking MnEBA for this great opportunity.

Brian Wagner gave an update from the American Cervid Alliance and said that the campaign has been a tremendous success with much fewer negative articles being published as they know the American Cervid Alliance is watching and will be ready to hold irresponsible reporters accountable for what they print.

Perry Olson read a thank you note from his niece Kaitie Bartelt for the MnEBA scholarship she recently received.

NEW BUSINESS

Two board positions were up for reelection as the terms for both Mark Lucas and Wade Schimmelpfennig had expired. Mark Luedtke, Wade Schimmelpfennig and Kraig Wurst were placed on the ballot. President Lucas asked for additional nominations. Motion was made to close nominations. Each candidate was allowed to

speak on their behalf. After voting was complete, it was announced that Mark Luedtke and Kraig Wurst were elected to each serve a new three-year term.

The proposed TB/Brucellosis Rules and Standards were again briefly discussed with the biggest concern being the new requirements for whole herd Brucellosis testing. Only 14 of the total 129 elk farms in Minnesota are currently Brucellosis certified.

President Lucas spoke about the ongoing MnEBA membership drive and that board members are personally trying to get in touch with former members and other Minnesota elk producers who have never been members, to encourage them to join MnEBA. He also asked that anyone who knows of an elk producer in Minnesota who is not a member encourages them to join.

President Lucas announced that MnEBA is looking for a host farm for the 2016 summer picnic. He asked anyone interested to contact a board member or the MnEBA Office.

Jim Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, Rita Prodzinski seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

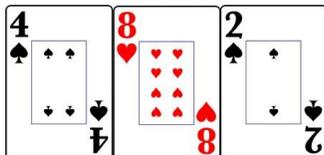
Fundraising Fun

A few years ago, the association began playing the MnEBA version of the hit TV game, Deal or No Deal. Playing this game has been a lot of fun with numerous attendees getting a chance to win the big money, up to \$250!

This year's players were Mark Luedtke and Jerry Campbell. Mark had a little bad luck choosing his cases, but Jerry fared better taking home \$160!

The other big fundraiser of the day was the gun raffle for a Ruger 10/22 Takedown, or as Mark Lucas would say, a "Pack & Play"! Many thanks to Bill & Karen Knutson for donating this gun to MnEBA! Dennis Suelflow was the lucky winner!!

Thank you to Greg Lubinski, Brian Wagner and Mark Lucas for all your help in selling cards for the chance to win and to everyone who purchased cards for these successful fundraising games!



Annual Conference Fundraisers A Great Success

Thank you to everyone who donated and bid on items for this year's live and silent auctions! Over \$4,550 was raised through the auctions and fundraising games for MnEBA! Thanks to Brian Wagner for his assistance in finding special items for the auction and to Jim & Eileen Byrne for their assistance in setting up. Thanks also to Mark Lucas for serving as auctioneer and to Kraig Wurst, Brian Wagner, Paul Hartkopf and Lance Hartkopf for their assistance in taking bids.

Item	Donor	Buyer
(10) Bags ADM 18% Complete Supplement (1)	Leo Windschitl/ADM Alliance Nutrition	Scott Salonek
(10) Bags ADM 18% Complete Supplement (2)	Leo Windschitl/ADM Alliance Nutrition	Scott Salonek
Men's Browning Softshell Jacket	MnEBA	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Vacation at Casa Madera Condo (7 days)	Don & Joyce Kaplan	Eric Mohlman
Elk Painting on Slate	Glen & Kaye Zebarth	Paul Hueg
Outdoor Fish Cooker	Leo Windschitl	Greg Jurowski
Denim Couch Quilt	Brian Wagner & Tena Martin	Roger Nietfeld
Ammo Bag with Surprise Items	Will & Tammy Huston	Ron Welle
"The Suitor" Elk Print	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	Kraig Wurst
Fed. Champion 500 ct. Long Rifle .22 Shells	MnEBA	Paul Hueg
5 Liter Box Bimectin® with applicator	Brian Wagner & Tena Martin	Tony Beckel
Patriotic Gun Case	MnEBA	Greg Lubinski
Camo Comforter Queen Size	MnEBA	Brenda Hartkopf
Case of Federal Champion Shotgun Shells	Greg & Roxy Lubinski	Perry Olson
Elk Lamp	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Pat Prodzinski
Black & Decker Alligator Lopper Saw	Roger & Saichon Nietfeld	Pat Prodzinski
Hunters Backpack	MnEBA	Will Huston
Hand-carved Wine Stopper	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Greg Lubinski
Barnwood Wren House	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Brian Wagner
16 Piece Elk Dinnerware Set	Morrie & Daphne Evenson	Scott Salonek
Surprise Box	Leo Windschitl	Paul Hueg
Pocket Hose	Leo Windschitl	Shirley Fredrickson
Queen Size Air Mattress	Leo Windschitl	Jim Byrne
Set of Field & Stream Camp Chairs	Greg Jurowski & Deb Mahutga	Tony Beckel
"Meadow Music" Elk Print	Jon Aase	Roxy Lubinski
6 pack 3 rd Street Brew House & Mugs	Morrie & Daphne Evenson	Brian Wagner
Elk Cribbage Board	Mark & Michelle Lucas	Chad Lawler
Elk Puzzle	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Jim Byrne
Tempered Glass Elk Cutting Board	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Justin Zacharias
Browning Camo Long Sleeve Shirt	MnEBA	Mark Luedtke
Camo Seat Spinner	MnEBA	Glen Zebarth
Browning Cap Light	MnEBA	Will Huston
Homeland Security Sweatshirt	MnEBA	Linda Campbell
Winter Elk Oval Table Runner	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Linda Campbell
Winter Elk Oval Rug	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Linda Campbell
Salt/Pepper Shakers and Coasters Set	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Elk Coasters Set 1	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Mark Lucas
Elk Coasters Set 2	Larry & Patty VanGundy	Wade Schimmelpfennig
Elk Pillowcases Set 1	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Michelle Lucas
Elk Pillowcases Set 2	Jim & Eileen Byrne	Brenda Hartkopf
Elk Notebook	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Perry Olson
Elk Potholder 1	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Roxy Lubinski
Elk Potholder 2	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf	Roxy Lubinski
Anchor Casserole w/Insulated Carrier	Leo Windschitl	Linda Campbell
Electric Knife	Leo Windschitl	Jason Johnston
Armetale Cook & Serve Tray	Morrie & Daphne Evenson	Rita Prodzinski
Pizza Stone	Greg Jurowski & Deb Mahutga	Roxy Lubinski
Bear Cookie Jar with Surprise	Paul & Lynn Hueg	Michelle Lucas

Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2015 – Board Meeting Minutes

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on December 17, 2015. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Greg Lubinski and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Lucas began the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Lucas asked for corrections to the October 2nd board meeting minutes as presented. Byrne moved to approve, Lubinski seconded, motion carried. The treasurer's report was then reviewed and showed a balance of \$13,662.87. Hartkopf explained that there is expected to be much funding coming in from the MnEBA Gun Calendar raffle before December 31st. Byrne moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Lubinski seconded, motion carried.

Hartkopf reported that sign up is a little slow for the upcoming conference but e-blast reminders will be going out on a regular basis until conference time. The silent and live auction lists were reviewed and fundraising games discussed. Board discussed ideas for awards. No consensus was drawn and will give a few days to further discuss over email. Hartkopf to send email list of award recipients every year since 2010. Byrne to follow up with Hartkopf on final decision early next week.

Discussed board elections. The terms for Mark Lucas and Wade Schimmelpfennig expire in January 2016. Lucas has decided not to run again. Schimmelpfennig agreed to be on the ballot. Discussed other possible candidates. Board to contact other candidates and report names to the office.

Hartkopf reported that the calendar raffle is going very well with the office completely out of calendars. There will be a big push to get as many stubs and money in as possible before the end of the December to pay for the

cost of the firearms on the raffle which need to be paid in full at that time. Qualifying for the free membership and/or special gun drawing also ends December 31st. Hartkopf to send e-blast reminders prior to deadline.

Discussed if there would be a cost to the new America's Greatest Animal general information brochures. Decision made to make them available at no more than 50 at a time, with a limit of 100 per year.

Discussed progress of the MnEBA membership drive calling campaign. Board to continue making calls and report to rest of group who has been contacted so breeders aren't contacted by more than one person.

Board discussed the new federal TB/Brucellosis Rule and accompanying Standards documents which were just released for comment on December 11. There is much concern about the rule requiring whole herd testing for Brucellosis in order to move farmed cervids interstate. Hartkopf to contact Dr. Anderson for his feedback and also ask him to speak at the conference about what the proposed new rule and standards entail.

Discussed possible hunting show opportunities for the MnEBA booth in 2016. Decision made to explore the Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show which takes place February 26-28 at the State Fair Coliseum. Hartkopf to inquire on space availability and price and report back to the board.

Byrne moved to adjourn, Wagner seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

2016 MnEBA Summer Picnic LOOKING FOR A HOST!

MnEBA is looking for a host for the 2016 MnEBA Summer Picnic.
Date yet to be determined, but typically takes place in mid-late July.

MnEBA will help plan the program and
assist with details as needed.

Please contact the MnEBA Office by April 1st if interested!



The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association is one of many organizations and individuals who contribute to the national Public Relations Campaign organized by the American Cervid Alliance. Here are a couple recent examples of this program at work, including an excellent proactive CWD piece. This highly successful campaign is into its second year!

Professor Pegs Future of Chronic Wasting Disease

Great Falls Tribune – Opinion

By Nicholas Haley, DVM and PhD

January 22, 2016 - Perhaps no issue is as controversial in the hunting community right now as Chronic Wasting Disease. There's constant finger-pointing and a lot of theories about how it will change hunting forever for the worse. But fortunately, emerging scientific research suggests that CWD doesn't have to be the scourge that many fear.

Last year, a herd at an Iowa ranch was depopulated after one of the animals tested positive for CWD, as is standard U.S. Department of Agriculture protocol. However, the situation took years to resolve as the ranch owner fought for a more equitable solution. As such, CWD naturally spread among the animals.

This provided a unique opportunity for testing of the animals, since depopulation normally occurs relatively quickly. After testing and euthanizing the entire herd, sadly a large percentage were identified as CWD positive. The silver lining was that 20 percent were negative, and we are currently looking at a genetic link to resistance in these animals.

If we can further characterize this resistance in deer, that's very promising. As CWD spreads, and it will, since you can't stop free-ranging deer from moving around, then the deer that are more genetically susceptible to the disease will die off at higher rates than those that are less genetically susceptible. The net result will be a hardier population of deer that is more resistant to CWD. With farmed deer, there's the potential to select for this resistance faster than nature herself could.

Other research has pushed the genetic resistance theory. The Wyoming Department of Fish and Game and the University of Wyoming jointly conducted a study, published last year, indicating that if CWD hit elk populations in the state's northeastern region, the populations would bounce back.

It's possible that genetic selection has already been occurring in areas such as Wyoming and Colorado. CWD was first found in a free-ranging deer in Colorado in 1985. Yet researchers in Colorado have noted that CWD does not appear to have had any significant effect on the deer population size.

Similarly, CWD was first found in elk in Colorado in 1981, and elk numbers have grown since then.

The Iowa herd didn't only provide a boost to genetics research. The samples collected from the animals also contributed to efforts to develop an antemortem, or live-animal, test. Currently, CWD can only be detected by using the tissue of deceased animals, making it difficult to monitor. A breakthrough here would make managing CWD much easier and more precise.

Elsewhere, new research has looked at ways through which CWD can be transmitted. A study published this year found that CWD could be transmitted by plant matter. Researchers demonstrated that wheat grass roots and leaves could take up prions (infected proteins that make up CWD and similar diseases) if exposed to infected urine or feces. When this same plant matter was fed to hamsters, the animals became infected.

If CWD can be transmitted by plants, then that raises a whole host of questions about the transportation of hay and other animal feed.

Taken together, what does this all mean for hunters?

It means CWD will continue to spread, and there's not much we can do about it at the moment. Political efforts to restrict or ban deer and elk farming are pointless, because CWD has long been in the wild, where we can't get rid of it due to the resilient nature of prions. On the contrary, farmed cervids may represent controlled populations where, as we've shown, advancements in CWD detection and prevention can be made

quickly. These advancements not only benefit farmed deer and elk, but wild populations as well.

In the short term, we may see a slight dip in some deer populations as the disease spreads. But in the long run, we should expect deer populations to be hardy as genes that provide resistance to CWD increase in prevalence.

As for research, live-animal tests have decent accuracy - though not yet perfect. Expect them to get better.

The news stories about CWD popping up here and there won't stop. But progress is being made against CWD, even if it's slow.

Dr. Haley is an assistant professor with the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Midwestern University's Glendale, Ariz., campus.

<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/opinion/guest-opinions/2016/01/22/chronic-wasting-disease-prognosis/79199086/>

Don't blame deer farms

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - Opinion Letters
By Laurie Seale, Whitetails of Wisconsin*

December 19, 2015 - It is wrong to blame deer farms for chronic wasting disease after a deer tested positive for the disease at an Oneida County ranch ("CWD found in Oneida County," Dec. 4).

Farmers don't want the disease any more than hunters want it in free-ranging deer. If CWD turns up on a farm, the business will be quarantined and the animals depopulated, as happened at a ranch in Eau Claire County last

month. The farm owner only receives partial compensation for his property loss; it's as devastating as losing your business or home to a fire.

The claim that CWD being found in one animal on a farm will harm mom-and-pop shops selling feed is similarly unfounded. In this instance, CWD was found in a fenced-in facility, where disease is much easier to control than in free-roaming animals. More broadly, researchers in both

Wisconsin and Colorado have found that CWD has had an insignificant effect on deer populations. The assertion that CWD will decimate the sporting economy looks quite weak indeed.

While no one likes CWD being around, the unfounded and shrill rhetoric is becoming its own annoyance.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/letters-b99635676z1-363000291.html>

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MnEBA Kitchen

As we finish up winter, here's a great soup recipe to warm you up on a cold winter day!

Crockpot Bacon Cheeseburger Soup

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| 1 lb. ground elk | 4 cups chicken broth |
| ½ cup onion, diced | ¼ cup flour |
| 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese | 1 cup milk |
| 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes | 3-4 garlic cloves, minced |
| 5 strips bacon, cooked & crumbled | 1 tsp. salt |
| ½ cup celery, chopped | ½ tsp. pepper |
| 1 cup carrots, shredded | 1 tsp. dried basil |
| 2 cups potatoes, cubed | 1 tsp. dried parsley |
| 8 oz. cream cheese, cubed | |



Brown ground elk and diced onion. Next, combine all ingredients EXCEPT for the shredded cheese, milk and flour. Stir to combine ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 7 hours.

When 10 minutes are left, combine milk and flour and whisk until all clumps are gone. Uncover crockpot and stir in shredded cheese and milk/flour mixture. Cover and cook for the remaining 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Have a delicious elk recipe to share?

Please send it to the MnEBA office to be included in the next newsletter!



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Board Blog by Greg Lubinski, MnEBA Director



Hello everyone! Winter finally caught up with us. As I write this January 18th, it is -15 degrees. The elk don't mind it but I sure do!

It was good to see a high attendance at the annual meeting. The highlight I thought was the calendar raffle. Great job to everyone that sold!

Spring is right around the corner. We are starting to think about seeding our pastures. In 2015 we seeded clover, timothy, orchard grass and rye grass. The elk did really well on this mix, so that is what we will continue to plant.



Jim & Eileen Byrne and Pat & Rita Prodzinski are in sunny Mexico with Don & Joyce Kaplan. We hope that they bring the warm weather back with them! May you all have a safe and successful 2016.

Greg Lubinski

Welcome New Members

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FFA Foundation Blue Jacket Thank You's

For a third year, MnEBA members Greg & Roxy Lubinski have contributed funding to join MnEBA in taking part in the Minnesota FFA Foundation's "Blue Jackets – Brighter Futures" campaign. Greg & Roxy donated funds to purchase two jackets in MnEBA's name, one for a boy and one for a girl. MnEBA matched that donation and sent in funds for 4 jackets last October.

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

Dear MnEBA,

Thank you so very much for the FFA jacket! It fits perfect with room to grow as I continue the next years as a FFA member! I will wear it soon at a crop contest event.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sam Smith McSahr, Canby FFA

Dear MnEBA,

I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to earn a FFA jacket. Winning this jacket means so much to me. I can now go to FFA events wearing the official dress which will make me feel like I am dedicated to the FFA. I will now be able to use all of my knowledge that I have learned in my Introduction to Agriculture class about how to wear the jacket, and how to take care of it. This means that I can show people that I am a FFA member and I am proud of it.

Thanks to this opportunity, I am now able to put my pins that I have earned on my jacket. I am still ecstatic about winning the FFA jacket. I just want to thank you again for helping me to be a part of the FFA, thank you.

Sincerely,
Jarrod Flanders, Academy for Sciences & Ag FFA, Vadnais Heights

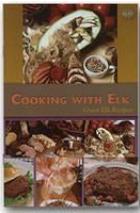
MnEBA Promotional Materials

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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2016 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Recap

2016 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar SELLS OUT!

Best Sales Year Ever!!!

Money and stubs were turned in for 739 calendars of the total 750 printed (11 were lost and were unable to be sold). Members were great about getting their calendars ordered early as the office was out of calendars since October!



Top Sellers

Wade Schimmelpfennig & Heika Lewandowski beat all sellers selling a whopping 107 calendars! Next best in sales was Brian Wagner with 63 sold, followed Paul Hartkopf (49), Pat Prodzinski (45) and Rick Wollschlager (40).

Eleven Producers Qualified for a FREE 2016 MnEBA Membership!

A total of eleven producers qualified for a free 2016 MnEBA membership after selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31, 2015, the most ever! In addition to those listed above, Greg Lubinski, Ken Arnzen, Jerry Campbell, Mark Lucas, Chad Lawler and Dennis Engebretson all earned free memberships as well!

No matter how many calendars were sold by any one individual or couple, every sale was important and the group effort was once again amazing. The sponsors of the calendar were also instrumental in getting it ready for distribution. THANK YOU to all!!!

When Winners are Posted

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

What will the 2017 calendar bring...

What do you want to see? If you have suggestions to improve the 2017 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar, please contact any board member as soon as possible. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 6th so call today!

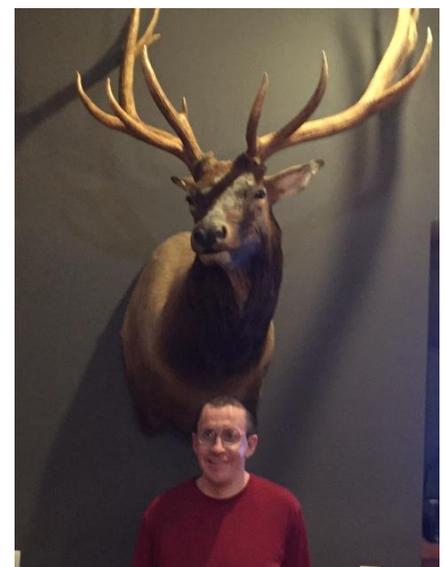
A MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt Follow Up...

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following note and pictures were sent to the MnEBA Office over the holidays from the very grateful family of Erik Olson who was the recipient of the 2014 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. Erik and his parents attended the 2015 Annual Conference in the Twin Cities last year.

I wanted to send these pictures of Erik's elk mount at his home. He is thrilled!! Thank you Elk Breeders Association for his opportunity to do this hunt. He has had more visual issues in this past year and probably not have been able to see well enough to sight in and take down an elk after this.

You have helped him (and us) have an experience that we will always remember.

Happy holidays and thank you again,
Mark and Hope Olson





NAEBA Winter 2016 Marketing Update

As printed in January 2016 NAEBA News

By NAEBA Marketing Committee Co-Chairs Bill Knutson & Ian Thorliefson

Trophy Market: The 2015 trophy bull market ended with higher prices than the industry has seen in several years. With the continuing trend of lower numbers of bulls and stable to strong demand, it appears that for the foreseeable future this market will be stable or move in a positive direction. Trophy bulls of all sizes are in demand from 300" 6x6's to the ever popular 330-370 size. Don't be afraid to sell these bulls that score in the mid 300's at the age of three or four. Sell them and make money. There is still high demand for 400" bulls and higher, since there are simply less of them. 350 class bulls should be bringing around \$4,000 and 400 class bulls will be starting near the \$7,000USD mark. In areas with less exporting market access, Saskatchewan for example, has seen bulls in the high 300's going for \$2,500. Market access is key.

Velvet: It is always a good business decision to velvet all the bulls on your farm you do not plan to sell as trophies. This rule is especially true for two, three and four year olds. In 2012 and 2013 we saw velvet sell between \$27-30 per pound, and that is at or above most farms' breakeven point for cutting velvet. 2015 was \$36USD for velvet as an overall average. Some in Canada received more. Velvet antler is averaging \$47 per pound CDN (\$36 USD) in New Zealand right now, with spikes and regrowth still the highest price at up to \$60 per pound.

Elk Meat: There is strong and growing demand for more animals to be culled for the elk meat industry. Prices on the rail are as strong as they've been in a long time. We are seeing \$4.00-4.50/lb hot hanging weight and up to \$10CAD per kg. This market is not for the 'get rich quick' crowd, but offers a good floor for farms looking to move out their annual culls.

Hard Antler: Hard antler sales continue to rise, mostly due to the newly developed markets for dog chews. Hard antler is now selling for \$10-16 per pound, with \$14-16 now becoming a common average. This price has generally doubled if not tripled since 2010.

Breeding Stock: The high demand of trophy bulls has more people thinking about their herds again and how to grow big bulls faster. Breeding cows are starting from \$1,600USD and have gone as high as \$5,000 for cows with proven production. NAEBA registered animals with DNA links to parents with proven production have much more value. Buyer beware, without DNA, there is no way to prove production of the offspring. Breeding bulls are being sold starting at least \$5,000 and up, significantly based on genetics and score. Official scores from the NAEBA Antler Competition always help to prove value.

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2016 Alberta Elk Convention

March 18 & 19, 2016

AND

2016 NAEBA March Mingle

March 19, 2016



Tentative Schedule

(All times in Mountain Time)

Thursday March 17 – ALBERTA ELK CONVENTION

- 2:30 pm **Farm Tours** beginning at:
- 1) Glen Park Elk Farm – Barry & Steve Chernuka
 - 2) Sandy Hills Elk Ranch – Ben & Connie Seutter
- 7:00 pm **Evening Social** - TBD

Friday March 18 – ALBERTA ELK CONVENTION

- 9:00 am Registration
- 9:30 am Welcome
- 9:40 am Soil Biodiversity – Exploring the World Beneath Your Feet *by Dr. Jeff Battigelli, Senior Soil Scientist, Stantec Consulting*
- 10:15 am **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 am Marketing Panel: Norelko, Northfork, AWAPCO, & Canadian Rangeland Bison & Elk
- 11:15 am Drone Technology – A Tool for the Future *by Dr. John Church, Associate Professor, Cattle Research Chair, Thompson Rivers University*
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Official Opening**
- 1:15 pm **KEYNOTE:** The Canadian Journey to Public Trust in Food & Farming *by Kim McConnell, former CEO Ad Farm, and ALMA Board Member*
- 2:30 pm Biosecurity Topic *TBD*
- 3:15 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:45 pm Canadian Cervid Alliance Asian Trade Initiative – What We Have Accomplished So Far *by Cliff Pitts, Can Exchange Inc.*
- 5:00 pm Cocktails
- 6:00 pm **Producer in Good Standing Awards presentations**
- 6:30 pm Evening Banquet
- 8:00 pm **2016 Alberta Elk Convention Animal & Semen Auction**
- 9:00 pm *Hospitality Room hosted by Woodrow & Janet Wilson*

Saturday March 19 – ALBERTA ELK CONVENTION

- 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast & AGM Registration**
- 9:30 am AGM
- 12:00 noon Brunch and **NAEBA March Mingle Begins**

Saturday March 19 – NAEBA MARCH MINGLE

- 12:15 pm Registration
- 1:00 pm NAEBA Update *by Travis Lowe, Executive Director*
- 1:30 pm Animal & DNA Registration *by Travis Lowe, Executive Director*
- 2:15 pm Live CWD Test Research in Saskatchewan *by Dr. Nicholas Haley, Midwestern University*
- 3:00 pm **Coffee Break** *sponsored by Greg & Floy Kenyon*
- 3:30 pm Proper Head Start for Calves *by Eric Mohlman, Mohlman Elk Farm and Ben Seutter, Sandy Hills Elk Ranch*
- 4:00 pm CWD Resistant Genes in Elk *by Dr. Nicholas Haley, Midwestern University (sponsored by Douglas Gesner & Saskatchewan Cervid Alliance)*
- 5:00 pm Cash Bar & Networking Social
- 6:00 pm Evening Banquet *sponsored by Robert & Anita Boos*
- 7:00 pm **NAEBA Benefit Semen & Fun Auction**
- 8:30 pm Hospitality Room

There has never been a better time to attend an AEC event! The current money exchange between the US and Canada is approximately:

\$.70 US = \$1.00 CAN

See www.naelk.org to download the event registration form and for hotel information.

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- Explore more than 100 acres of botanical beauty at Lauritzen Gardens.
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Vet Corner by Dr. Glen Zebarth**USDA Proposes News Rules and Standards for TB & Brucellosis***Comment Period Ends March 15th – Your Comments Are Needed!***VERY IMPORTANT! The USDA's proposed Brucellosis & TB Rule may impact your interstate movement this fall!**

On December 11, 2015, USDA came out with new proposed rules for TB and Brucellosis all in one combined document for cattle, buffalo and farmed cervids, with a comment period to end on March 15, 2016. While a TB rule already existed for the farmed cervid industry, there has never been a formal accredited Brucellosis rule for farmed cervids, but states recognized whole herd Brucellosis tests and considered status accordingly. While the sections pertaining to farmed cervids and TB are relatively unchanged from the previous rule, the Brucellosis section for cervids could have a tremendous negative impact on many cervid farmers across the United States. Because of these proposed changes, you may want to consider whole herd testing for Brucellosis if you are not already certified.

Industry leaders are reviewing the documents and have identified several major problems. The most important concern is the whole herd Brucellosis testing requirements for non-certified herds to move to other states. Currently, each state handles their own Brucellosis import rules with most requiring individual testing of animals within a certain number days before movement. Instead, the new proposed rule (76.16) states:

(2) Captive cervids not destined for immediate slaughter. (i) General conditions. Captive cervids that are not destined for immediate slaughter may be moved interstate provided that:

(A) The cervids originate from a herd that was subjected to a herd test using an official test for brucellosis and an official test for bovine tuberculosis no more than 1 year and no less than 120 days prior to movement, with negative results; and

(B) The cervids are additionally tested for brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis using an individual test no more than 60 days prior to movement, with negative results;

It's very important to note that if this rule remains unchanged after the comment period, herds that are NOT currently Brucellosis certified and TB accredited will have to do a whole herd test more than 120 days before movement and an individual test within 60 days of movement.

Only 14 of 129 elk herds in Minnesota are currently Brucellosis certified so this affects almost every elk producer in Minnesota. If this rule would take effect before the breeding season next fall and a premise has not conducted a whole herd Brucellosis test, it will be too late to test and movement will not be occurring.

If your animals are already TB accredited and Brucellosis certified, no additional testing is needed other than the usual whole herd test once every three years to maintain status.

MnEBA will be going through this document in detail with Dr. Anderson and will also be consulting with the American Cervid Alliance and North American Elk Breeders Association to complete a full list of concerns. These talking points will be mailed to all MnEBA members in mid to late February. It is imperative for all cervid producers to submit comment to USDA concerning the new Brucellosis language. The comment period ends March 15th.

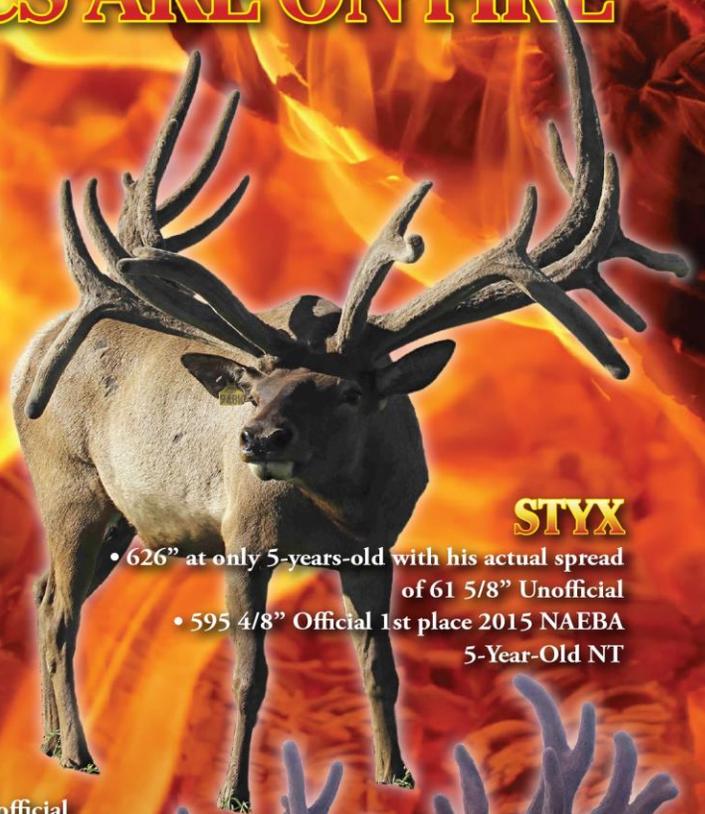
If you want to be sure you can move your animals next fall, you may want to strongly consider whole herd testing for Brucellosis yet this winter, working up to accreditation 9-15 months after the initial whole test. The good news is that as the rules state now, once you become accredited for both TB and Brucellosis, you will no longer be required to individually test animals moving interstate for TB or Brucellosis, and would only whole herd test once every three years to maintain your accredited status.

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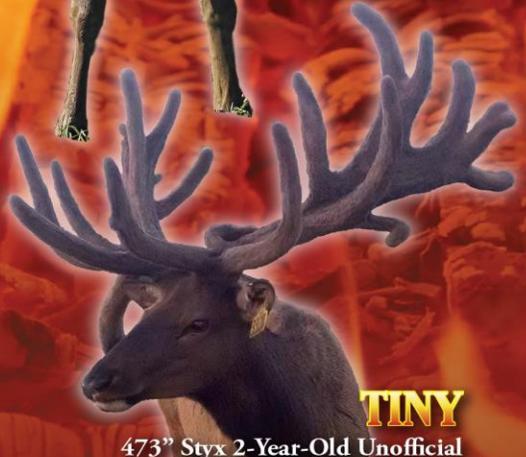
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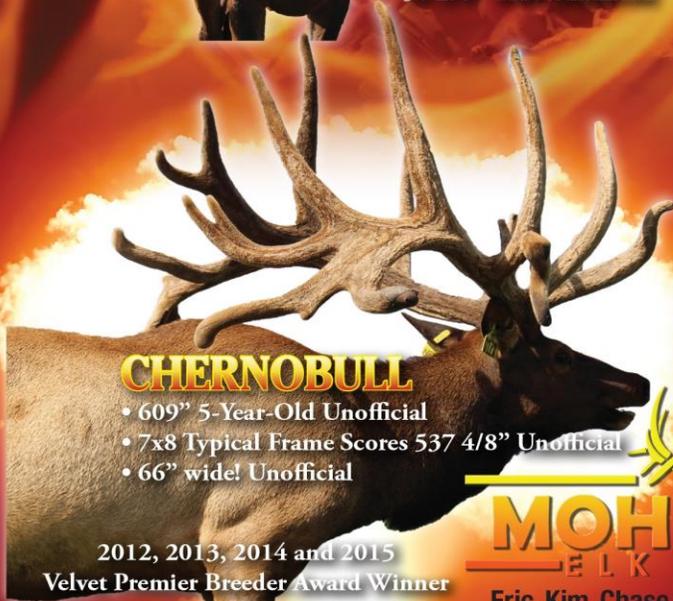
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Committee Reports

Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show

Your Help is Needed!

Once again the landscape of spring hunting shows has changed in the metro area. Last year's Bird, Buck Bait & Boat Expo has been discontinued and the Minnesota Deer Classic in Blaine is taking a year off. So a new show has emerged at the Warner Coliseum on the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, the Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show which will take place February 26-28th.



MnEBA has secured a booth in the outer concourse for the new show and is in need of a few volunteers to work the booth. Schedule is as follows:

Shift Schedule:

- Thursday Feb 25 Set Up – Lance & Brenda Hartkopf
- Friday Feb 26 – 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Saturday Feb 27 – 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Sunday Feb 28 – 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

2015 MnEBA Scholarship Thank You's

In 2015, two outstanding young women received a MnEBA scholarship in the amount of \$350 each. They have both returned thank you notes to the association, each as follows:



Dear Minnesota Elk Breeders Association,

Thank you for awarding me the 2015 MnEBA Scholarship. I greatly appreciate the opportunity extended toward me and the generous gift.

I look forward to my senior year at the College of St. Benedict and what the future holds. I cannot express my gratitude enough for being selected as the recipient of the 2015 MnEBA Scholarship.

Thank You!
Shelby Groen



Dear Minnesota Elk Breeders Association,

I would like to thank Minnesota Elk Breeders for choosing me to receive the scholarship. It will go towards education costs as I enter my second semester at SDSU working towards their nursing program. My goal for this semester is to make the Dean's list as I did this fall.

Sincerely,
Kaitie Bartelt

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State Fair	Greg & Roxy Lubinski (507) 534-3247 Paul Hueg (612) 791-0443

If you can help man the MnEBA booth at the upcoming Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show, please contact the MnEBA Office at 320-543-2686 or email info@mneba.org.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Calendar of Events

February 26 – 28, 2016 – Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show, State Fair Coliseum, St. Paul, MN

March 19, 2016 – 2016 NAEBA March Mingle, Doubletree by Hilton, Edmonton, AB

July 28 – 30, 2016 – 26th Annual NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition, Ramada Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Omaha, NE

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For Sale: (10) bred cows, pregnancy checked positive on 1/19/16, 43 lb/450 SCI genetics, closed herd. TB accredited, CWD Level 6 certified, Colorado approved. Delivery available. \$2,400 each. Contact Darrell Turek at 612-756-0712.

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