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President's Message by Mark Luedtke



Hello everyone! Hope you and your family are doing well. The holiday season is here and I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends and have an even better Christmas.

It won't be long now, we get to see each other again soon at our annual meeting in January, I sure do hope you can make it. So much is happening in our industry I hope you can come to the meeting to be informed and to provide your thoughts and concerns with your fellow association members and the board. We greatly appreciate hearing your thoughts and to be frank, we need your help in the form of input as we plan how to move forward.

This is a unique time; indeed, the marketplace is very strong at the same time we are experiencing challenges and changes both locally as well as in a few other states and perhaps even at the federal level. There are cultural challenges, some known regulation changes, other possible regulation changes, advancement in science and so much more that it helps tremendously to just discuss all the variables to try and work through the complexity of it all. It is yet to be known if the possible changes are positive or negative to our industry or to your personal business plan; only time will tell.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please reach out to Brenda or anyone on the board to share your thoughts.

Have a wonderful and prosperous winter.

Take care, Mark

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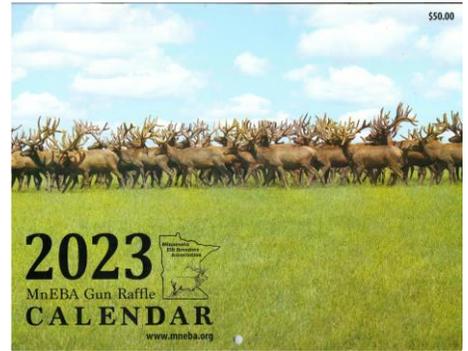
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2023 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Important Deadlines

Return Stubs and Money by December 31st to be Eligible for Special Gun Drawing and a FREE 2023 Membership

It's time to complete calendar sales as **December 31st** is the day members become eligible for great incentives when selling calendars! A free MnEBA membership for selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31st is being offered once again this year and in addition, for every 10 calendars sold with stubs and money being returned before December 31st, your name goes into a drawing to win a Benelli Nova Pump 28" Black Synthetic 12ga shotgun. The more calendars you sell, the more chances to win! **To be eligible, make sure to get your calendar stubs and money turned in before December 31st!**



There are currently just 627 of 800 calendars in the hands of members to sell, with only 37 stubs returned so far. We sold out of all 800 calendars last year and we will need everyone helping to move calendars to sell out again this year. Even if you don't have very many opportunities to sell calendars, pick one up for yourself or family and friends, they make great Christmas presents!! **Please contact the office to order more calendars if you can sell them.**

The drawing date is **Saturday, January 7th** during the MnEBA Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn Alexandria in Alexandria, MN. All stubs, payments and unused calendars must be turned in by that time.

Thank you to all who are participating! These sales are what allow MnEBA to continue doing great marketing and charitable activities while also protecting the operating capital needed to keep activities going at the State Capitol to help defend the industry from overreaching regulations. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated!

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.



Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association Board of Directors held a meeting via Zoom on Wednesday November 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Mark Luedtke, Lance Hartkopf, Brian Wagner, Greg Lubinski and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Director Jerry Campbell was absent. President Luedtke called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda as presented. None were given.

Board reviewed the secretary minutes from both June 13 and September 15. Lubinski approved the secretary minutes as a group, Wagner seconded, motion carried.

B. Hartkopf reported the short year taxes have just been filed to officially change MnEBA's fiscal year to July 1-June 30. She also went through the highlights of the treasurer's report. Lubinski approved the treasurer's report as presented, L. Hartkopf seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

B. Hartkopf reported that the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association has a meeting scheduled with the new Minnesota Board of Animal Health Executive Director Marion Garcia the same day as MnEBA but at a different location and time. Board discussed what questions and topics they want covered at the meeting with MnEBA. B. Hartkopf was reminded to issue an invitation to BAH to attend the upcoming MnEBA Annual Meeting.

Luedtke and B. Hartkopf reported on progress in creating the white paper outlining the futility of moratoriums on cervid farms in preventing CWD to help fight the county moratorium battles. Still waiting for funding to be approved by the NADEFA Board of Directors for their monetary share of the project. Discussed the importance of having the white paper available for the upcoming legislative session for educational purposes.

Discussed the results of the recent Minnesota election in which Democrats have taken over the Senate in addition to Democratic control of the House and Governorship. MnEBA's lobbyist will report which legislators are elected as committee chairs when they are appointed and will proceed to schedule meetings with them. Board directed B. Hartkopf to work with the Government Relations committee to help pull

information together to help the author of the white paper as well as to help educate legislators. Scientific studies outlining the species barrier between humans and CWD from cervids should be included in this information.

Lubinski reported sales at the State Fair were very good and that most items were sold out by the second Saturday of the fair. B. Hartkopf reported dog chew sales were twice what they were in 2021, making it difficult to keep up with inventory. Meat sales were also up \$2,000 over 2021. Board was interested in specific product detail for State Fair income. B. Hartkopf to create the detailed report and email to the board.

B. Hartkopf reported the 2022 Charitable Elk Hunt went well, but that the holding of the bull until October proved to be very difficult for the person who was selling the bull to MnEBA. Donations by various sources have helped to fund this year's effort.

B. Hartkopf reported there are just under 200 calendars left in inventory, compared to 94 still left at this time last year. Selling calendars will continue to be encouraged as the holidays are soon here when most sales take place.

NEW BUSINESS

Luedtke asked to skip down to the agenda item 2023 MnEBA Annual Conference before taking on the topic of the USAHA Convention. Board went through a draft conference agenda and made suggestions for seminars. B. Hartkopf to send out revised agenda for board approval. Also discussed what guns to give away for the Donation fundraiser. It was decided to use the Remington 783 6.5 CM that was put back into MnEBA inventory from a MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Cash Option winner for Gold level donors and to purchase a .410 or similar for Silver level sponsors.

Luedtke provided details on two resolutions presented by the farmed cervid industry which ultimately passed at the recent USAHA convention. In addition, Dr. Paul Anderson gave a presentation to State Veterinarians on a new approach to the federal CWD Standards that created a lot of discussion throughout the rest of the conference. While it did not pass out of committee, it did generate a lot of discussion about what the CWD program should look like in the future.

This led to further discussion about NAEBA sending notice to state associations and leaders seeking opinions about how the industry would like to see the federal CWD program look in the future. Specifically, whether it should end or be modified, and if modified, how it should be changed. This topic will be added as a seminar topic for the upcoming MnEBA Conference for all MnEBA members to weigh in.

L. Hartkopf moved to adjourn, Lubinski seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

September 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association Board of Directors held a meeting via Zoom on Thursday September 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Mark Luedtke, Lance Hartkopf, Brian Wagner, Greg Lubinski, Jerry Campbell and Brenda Hartkopf were present. President Luedtke called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda as presented. None was given.

Board reviewed two candidate applications for the upcoming MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt who were both recommendations of current MnEBA members. Both were highly qualified with Mike Marcum being the final choice. The other candidate Chad Sheridan will continue to be eligible for next year's hunt and be considered with any new applications that would be submitted.

Board next discussed a situation where the hunt bull MnEBA has secured for this year's hunt needs to be moved out of his current location as soon as possible, however there is nowhere to put him at the hunt facility at this time. Meanwhile another location for the hunt is available on a potentially earlier date. Campbell to contact the Beckels' to explain the situation and let them decide what can be done. B. Hartkopf discussed ongoing discussions with MnEBA's lawyer about working to stop the moratorium on any new cervid farms in St. Louis,

Carlton and Aitkin Counties from becoming permanent. There appears to be very little that can be done other than to testify and also send as much information as possible showing that these type of moratoriums are not reasonable responses to preventing CWD. The lawyer is recommending MnEBA have an "expert" write a paper documenting all the facts and evidence possible and make sure decision makers have this information in hand before making their final decision. If the industry ever challenges a permanent moratorium in court, only evidence presented prior to the county commissioners' final decision will be considered. The lawyer will be sending a list of items this paper should expound upon. Luedtke is assisting B. Hartkopf in finding an "expert" who would be willing to take on this task.

B. Hartkopf reported that public comment will be heard on Tuesday September 27 in St. Louis County regarding their current moratorium actions. Because there is not enough time to have the expert paper written, she will work on putting together as much evidence as possible in a report format for this hearing. She will also plan to testify.

Luedtke reported a national group is working with Dr. Paul Anderson to offer a rewrite of the CWD Program Standards at the upcoming USAHA Conference. Dr. Anderson will be presenting this draft to the national assembly on Saturday October 8. Luedtke will be the only industry person in attendance as other industry representatives are not scheduled to arrive at the conference in time for this presentation.

Board discussed trying to arrange an in-person meeting with a Zoom option with the new state veterinarian Dr. Marion Garcia either the last week of September or the first week of October. B. Hartkopf to work on arranging this meeting.

Lubinski move to adjourn, Campbell seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

Minnesota Board of Animal Health Reminder!!!

Remember to submit your 2022 Calf Inventory and BAH Registration Fees by December 31, 2022!



NEWS RELEASE: Wednesday October 18, 2022

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

U.S. Army Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), October 18, 2022 – One of life's greatest pleasures for Mike Marcum is to hunt. It's what gives him relief from memories of a lifetime ago that just won't let go. Knowing Mike's love for hunting, longtime friend and elk rancher, Jerry Campbell wanted to help Mike receive the hunt of a lifetime and an opportunity to harvest one of the most magnificent animals to hunt – a bull elk courtesy of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association and Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch.

A graduate of Pequot Lakes High School, Mike served in Vietnam from 1969-1970 where he served in the 25th Infantry Division. He was decorated with three Bronze stars, two with "V" for valor, two Army commendation medals each with "V" for valor and one Air medal/CBI. After the military, life took Mike to Southwestern Conservative Baptist Bible College in Phoenix, Arizona and then eventually back to Pequot Lakes where he has been in service at Pequot Lakes Baptist Church since 2002 in various pastoral roles. Mike continues to also maintain his military involvement by being a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, VFW, and American Legion where he is the First Vice Commander at American Legion Post 49 in Pequot Lakes.

On the weekend of October 8-9, 2022, Mike made the trip with his friend Jerry to Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch near Baudette, Minnesota for a special hunting weekend. Being a no-nonsense guy, Mike was prepared to find the bull fairly quickly. But the bull had other plans! It was several hours of waiting and watching in the stand before the bull made an appearance with a cow call. After Mike got himself in position, another cow call brought the bull closer to the stand. After patiently waiting for the bull to turn, Mike fired his successful shot. In true elk fashion, the bull seemed unphased and moved towards the brush, until he simply dropped and Mike had his trophy bull.

Looking back a couple weeks later, Mike shares that his hunt was a "great experience" and that everything was "very good"! Mike currently has the meat at the locker plant and is especially looking forward to elk sausage. His friend Jerry, a long-time elk rancher said, "I have sold bulls to preserve ranches for many years but have never gotten to hunt on one. When the bull finally showed up, it was even exciting for me!"

MnEBA would like to thank everyone who generously supported this year's hunt including Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Aaron Seitz who transported the bull to the hunt facility, Jerry Campbell for accompanying Mike on his trip, and Engebretson Elk Farm, Lubinski Elk Acres, Stoney Brook Elk Farm and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm who all helped to cover the cost of the bull, lodging, meals and processing.

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



Jerry Campbell and Mike Marcum



News Release

For immediate release: November 14, 2022

For more information – info.dnr@state.mn.us or 888-646-6367

CWD Suspected in a Wild Deer in the Bemidji Area for the First Time

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources received preliminary test results indicating the first suspected case of chronic wasting disease in a wild white-tailed deer in the Bemidji area. The adult male was harvested opening weekend of the firearms season about 10 miles south of Bemidji in deer permit area 184.

While preliminary test results strongly indicate a CWD infection, this needs to be confirmed by additional analysis. The final result is expected later this week.

“While disappointing, this find is not completely unexpected,” said Kelly Straka, wildlife section manager for the DNR. “We’re announcing this preliminary CWD positive result to encourage hunters in the Bemidji area to have their deer tested.”

Following this preliminary result, the DNR will make self-service sampling stations available in deer permit area 184. If the preliminary positive is confirmed, the DNR will take additional management actions per the agency’s CWD response plan, which may include late special season hunting and targeted culling.

Sampling of harvested deer in deer permit area 184 was mandatory opening weekend of the firearms deer hunting season, Nov. 5-7. So far this fall, over 1,200 deer have been sampled in that area and test results for approximately 700 deer have been received, with one deer preliminarily testing positive for the disease. Preliminary test results from the remainder of the sampled deer in that area are expected this week.

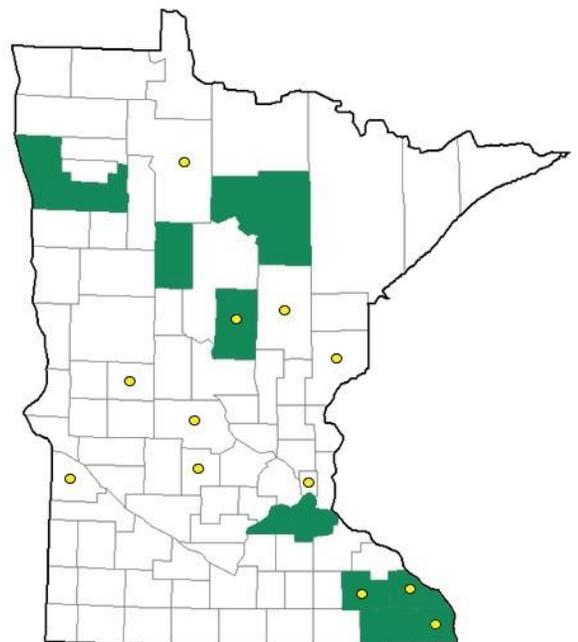
Deer hunters across the state have testing options for the remainder of the fall by using the services of one of 150 taxidermists who partner with DNR to extract samples or making an appointment at a DNR Wildlife Office. Information on self-service sampling locations in the Bemidji area will be available on the [DNR website](#) or by calling the DNR’s Information Center at 888-646-6367.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects cervids, including white-tailed deer. It is found globally and in about half of the states in the U.S. CWD remains relatively rare in Minnesota but is a concern because the disease is easily transmissible and always fatal. Since surveillance of wild deer began in Minnesota in 2002, 168 cases of CWD in the wild population have been documented, most of them in the southeastern part of the state.

Complete information about CWD is available on the DNR website.

Editor’s Note: This animal was later confirmed CWD positive. It was harvested 40 miles from a Beltrami County deer farm that detected CWD in 2021.

The map to the right was developed by MnEBA and shows the shaded counties where CWD positive wild deer have been detected and CWD persists. The dots note counties where CWD has been detected on cervid farms where all animals have been depopulated.



2023 MnEBA Annual Conference

Make Plans to Attend the MnEBA 2023 Annual Conference Today – See Enclosed Schedule and Sign-Up Form!

Friday Night ADM Sponsored Dinner and Nutrition Seminar

All are invited to attend a free dinner and nutrition seminar hosted by **ADM Animal Nutrition** on Friday, January 6 at the Holiday Inn Alexandria (the night before the MnEBA Annual Conference).

Take advantage of this great opportunity to go into greater depth about elk nutrition while enjoying a free meal. Also, meet Troy Bjorge, ADM's newest representative handling elk & deer products in our region.

You're Invited!

MnEBA 2023 Donation Fundraiser

Donations accepted by mail through January 5 or in person at the conference. Drawing to take place the evening of January 7.

As always, fundraising at the annual conference is an important aspect of keeping the association fiscally sound for the coming year. The past couple years, MnEBA has held a donation fundraiser with Bronze, Silver and Gold level donations, each with special incentives. Members have been very generous and the fundraiser has been quite popular. It also gives those who won't be able to attend the conference an opportunity to support the association as well as offering a chance to win a new firearm. Details include:

DONATION LEVELS & INCENTIVE PRIZES

GOLD \$500 – anyone donating \$500 will be listed as a Gold donor in the next newsletter and will be eligible to win a Remington 783 Bolt Heavy Barrel 16.5" FDE 6.5 CM

SILVER \$250 – anyone donating \$250 will be listed as a Silver donor in the next newsletter and will be eligible to win a Mossberg Maverick 88 Black 28" Pump 3" 12ga

BRONZE \$100 – anyone donating \$100 will be listed as a Bronze donor in the next newsletter

The drawing for the above prizes will be held during the MnEBA Annual Conference on January 7, 2023. **To be eligible, your monetary donation needs to be received at the office no later than Thursday January 5 or can also be brought to the conference on January 7.** All donors will be listed in the January/February/March 2023 Newsletter unless otherwise requested.

Convention attendees can expect smaller than usual live and silent auctions due to the above fundraiser as MnEBA will not be purchasing items to augment the auctions at this event. Past experience has shown that most of those items bring nearly what they were purchased for. Because everyone has limited funds, the board is looking to make the best use of the association's investment to help raise those extra funds needed to maintain MnEBA's lobbyist and other essential expenses.

Thank you for your consideration of this special request. Together, we can ensure MnEBA continues to remain strong and ready to continue the important work of protecting and promoting the Minnesota elk industry.

Live & Silent Fundraising Auctions

MnEBA will once again be having both a Live and Silent Auction at the upcoming annual conference. Your donations help raise much needed funds to continue the important work of protecting the elk industry in Minnesota helping members be successful in their elk business! **Could everyone bring at least one item?** Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated!!



Board Blog by Jerry Campbell, Director



Hello fellow elk farmers,

As I write this we are nearing the end of another year. It's more of a quiet time for the farm. I wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Just ahead the board will be fighting against those who blindly scrutinize our industry and make up more rules and regulations thinking they are going to eradicate CWD by choking off the farmer. Shout out to Brenda and board for all their hard work.

After 32 years of raising elk, I finally got the chance to see the other side of raising elk by accompanying our veteran, Mike Marcum to Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch for this year's MnEBA veteran hunt. Being a hunter my whole life, I was pleasantly surprised at how much fun it was. Thank you to all who contributed to this special tribute for our veterans.

One of my favorite times over the years has been the annual convention, hope you can attend. I've said many times over the years, if I get nothing else out of elk farming, I've gained some good friends.

Jerry Campbell



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MnEBA Kitchen

It's the time of year for elk roast, potatoes and gravy! Here's a great roast recipe to try!

Slow Cooked Elk Roast

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| 3-4 pound elk roast | ½ tsp. seasoned salt |
| 2 Tbsp. soy sauce | 1 pkg dry onion soup mix or one sliced onion |
| 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce | 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup |
| 1 tsp. garlic powder | 1 cup water |



DIRECTIONS

Place elk roast in crock pot. Pour soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce on top of roast. Sprinkle on garlic powder, seasoned salt and dry soup mix or sliced onion.

Mix mushroom soup with water and pour on top. Cook on low 8-10 hours. Makes terrific gravy!

Do you have a favorite elk recipe? Please send a copy of the recipe to the MnEBA office so it can be shared with others! Thanks!!

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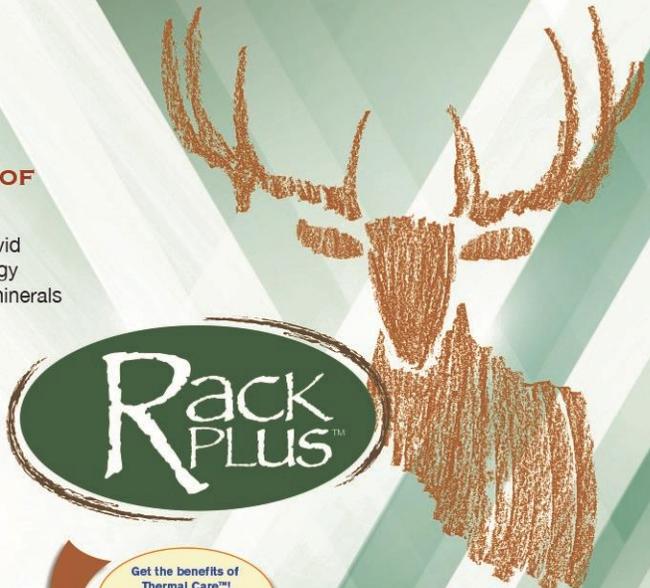
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Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

The following information was printed in the November 2022 issue of Animal Bytes put out by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. Just a note to say that Texas A&M is currently working to determine the Genomically Estimated Breeding Value (GEBV) in elk. The current BAH study referenced below only applies to whitetail deer as that is the only cervid species have an established GEBV to date.

Supporting the Science to Stop the Spread of CWD

November 2022 Animal Bytes

The Board of Animal Health, University of Minnesota and cervid farmers are collaborating on the science to help stop the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Two major efforts are underway thanks to funding from the USDA.

Preventing the Introduction of CWD to Cervid Operations

The University of Minnesota received USDA CWD Cooperative Agreement Funding to work with cervid farmers to identify their farm's specific risks of becoming infected with CWD. With those risks identified the researchers then helped them develop a biosecurity plan to reduce the risk of CWD introduction to their farm. Dr. Scott Wells, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty, and his team, continue to work with cervid farmers to identify farm and environmental factors associated with CWD in their herd.

The most recent study published by the U of M researchers showed most CWD infections on Minnesota farms since 2015 did not result from moving CWD positive deer from another infected farm. Most of the infected farms were located in regions with CWD-positive wild deer, which could serve as a source of infection through indirect contact with farmed cervids. Additional research is needed to help cervid farmers reduce their risks of becoming infected through indirect exposures from infected wild deer. Farmers are encouraged to participate in this research by completing a CWD Biosecurity Assessment which provides a framework to evaluate and prioritize CWD at their farm.

Determining Genomically Estimated Breeding Value to Identify Animals Least Susceptible to CWD

The Board of Animal Health is utilizing USDA CWD Cooperative Agreement Funding to determine the Genomically Estimated Breeding Value (GEBV) in more than 3,000 Minnesota farmed white-tailed deer. The GEBV looks at genetic markers to reduce the animals' susceptibility to CWD. To determine the susceptibility of an individual animal, more than 100,000 regions of the white-tailed deer genome are analyzed using computer modeling and machine learning to identify regions unique to animals known to be CWD positive. All genetic information for animals with a GEBV calculated are saved in the North American Deer Registry database and used for comparison. A computer scans this genomic data and provides a score related to the degree in which it is similar to CWD-positive animals. This allows geneticists to classify animals into three categories: highly susceptible, moderately susceptible, and minimally susceptible. Farmers can use those ratings to make breeding or culling decisions on their farm.

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Committee Reports

MnEBA Board Nominations Now Being Accepted!

This year there is one board seat up for re-election – Brian Wagner.

Nominations for this open position are now being accepted. If you know of anyone 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 during the MnEBA Annual Conference on January 7, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Alexandria, Alexandria, MN.

Board Terms

Mark Luedtke, <i>President</i>	Term ends 2025
Lance Hartkopf, <i>Vice President</i>	Term ends 2024
Brian Wagner, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Term ends 2023
Greg Lubinski, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2024
Jerry Campbell, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2025

State Fair Recap and Thank You's

Final sale numbers for individual size dog chews this year were in some cases double and even triple over dog chew sales last year! While it was a struggle to keep dog chews in stock, Wapiti Labs was very good about getting us product on short notice to once again fill up the baskets. Overall dog chew sales were \$4,285 in 2021 and \$8,555 in 2022, the single biggest jump in dog chew sales ever and the largest quantity ever sold!



On the meat side, sausage sales were much better over last year, selling out on the last Saturday of the fair. Overall meat sales were up \$2,000 over last year, another good gain in sales.

While we had a few more workers over last year, there were several members who worked multiple shifts, especially our committee chairmen Paul Hueg and Greg Lubinski who worked both entire weekends of the fair. They once again set up a tremendous display that looked fantastic! Many thanks to all who worked this year's fair including Paul & Lynn Hueg, Greg Lubinski & Colleen Etzbach, Jim Byrne, Bryce & Kelly Lubinski, Dale Wippler, Mark Luedtke, Kraig & Jenny Wurst, Marlen Schmitz & Rhonda Bjornson, Scott Salonek, Turek Family, Michelle Steele, Precious Hight, Dan Mueller and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf. Thanks to all, your time and efforts were very much appreciated!

MnEBA to Hire Consultant to Fight County Moratoriums

As MnEBA has been working to testify and educate county commissioners on the futility of county moratoriums on new cervid farms, work has also been done to follow the lawyer's recommendations to create a white paper containing scientific evidence to show there is no rational basis for these ordinances. An expert has been engaged to write this report with funding secured from the following sources: North American Elk Breeders Association, Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, North American Deer Farmers Association and MnEBA equally sharing the cost.

Work is commencing on this project as MnEBA's Government Relations Committee works to gather available information and data to begin the project. It is expected this paper will also be widely distributed at the legislature as a body of evidence to dispute misconceptions at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for further details as the project gets going!

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Calendar of Events

January 6-7, 2023 – MnEBA Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Alexandria, Alexandria, MN

March 10-11, 2023 – NAEBA March Mingle, Hampton Inn SLC Airport, Salt Lake City, UT

July 27-29, 2023 – NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition, Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD

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