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President's Column

ARE YOU MAKING PLANS...

.....to be at the first M.H.E.I.A. workshop, in March? If not, you are making a mistake. We have tried to make this workshop something that you can be proud of.

The program is not as large as we may be used too, but we have to start somewhere that we can manage successfully. The committee has stressed quality over quantity on our first go at a workshop, but we need something to make it work.....**YOU** to attend.

The business meeting will help us to shape what next year's workshop will be, and allow your input to go into that planning. We have several ideas to discuss about funding, programs you want to see, when you would like to see it scheduled.

There will also be elections for Southwest and Central Region Directors. We would like to have members input on future elections and the nomination process that will insure proper representation to each region. We must make some changes to accommodate our members who are in the far corner's of this state.



We must continue to ask our members what they want to participate in. Many of you have waited to see what is going to happen with many of the changes over the last year or so. The board has not had any members attending meetings or offering any input. I hope you have many new ideas and projects to talk about at the workshop.

I have seen first hand that MDC is still committed to support the volunteers, and is planning for the future. Many of us know that changes sometimes slow things down and can be discouraging. Let me assure you that I do not feel discouraged with the programs I see in line for the near future. Come to the workshop and show your support.

Dave Hoff - MHEIA President

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A WORD FROM:

Missouri Department of Conservation

Well another year has come and gone, yes here comes 2008. I have been asked a lot about the MHEIA and how MDC or I view this organization. Well what can I say is the MHEIA is looked upon as an important partnership association for the MDC. I see an association that still holds an important role in our efforts to improve and maintain hunter safety throughout the state. But, I guess the main question is how do you view the association.

While I have been a non-voting member for around six years, many of you have had longer ties and even more of you while longer as an instructor, but never a member. Me, I see the association as a focal point for ideas, thoughts and advocate for all HE/BHE instructors. Plus, an association that can call on its membership for workshops, creative abilities, and expertise. But, instructors what do you see, what do you want in the association?

I hear all sorts of complaints and whining, so I have to ask these instructors, when was the last time you talked with your regional director, when was the last time you wrote a letter on an idea or topic to the board, when did you last come to a membership meeting and make a proposal or listen—why are you not active? Do you want a voice to speak to MDC on ideas, events, or proposals? That's what an association is for, is meant to do for its members. Yet, I hear criticism, denunciation, or undistinguished chatter from those on the outside.

I for one would like to see the association move forward, become a viable voice for all instructors and continue to play an important role. To be a link between HE and BHE instructors statewide to our department, to be the voice to us on instructor's issues and opinions. Remember, a group speaking as one voice is better heard than a lone voice on the outside. So it is your choice on where the association goes from here, not MDC or myself. You have a choice, so make stand-up or sit down it is up to you.

MDC Hunter Education Coordinator
 Tony L. Legg



Board Minutes for 01-13-08

It was recorded that due to bad weather the December meeting had been cancelled and all business moved to this meeting.

Committee Meetings had been conducted from 8:30 until 10:50

The board meeting was called to order at 11:00am at the Waters House in Columbia.

Present were Don Harris, Doug Waggoner, Earl Williamson, Jim Robertson, Robert Mallery, Dave Hoff, Larry Harlan, Frank Powers, Sarah Smith, Don Fosse, and Dan Evans.
Tony Legg (MDC) joined the meeting in progress.

Dave Hoff made the following point that since the Department is going to regional events, if we are going to keep going, we are also going to need to participate in those events as well.
The minutes were approved as submitted.
The treasurer's report was approved as read.

The Conference committee reported that everything was coming together and the majority of items are finalized.

Membership is currently at 259.

Newsletter articles must be submitted by 1/15/08.

Motion was made and approved to send the Bylaw changes to the membership via newsletter.

Awards were discussed and approved.

Motion was made and passed to suspend all Awards restrictions pending membership review.

CFM report provided information about a request by NWF for support to approach congress to protest wildlife from global warming.

Conference pins for 2007 (replacement order) and 2008 are to be ordered.

Motion was made and approved to increase member benefits committee budget from \$700 to \$1200.

Motion was made and approved to get two Henry rifles for \$400.

There has been no representation from the Ozark region for three meetings.

It was moved and approved that the President investigate the Ozark Region Director vacancy and make appointment if necessary.

Next Board meeting is Friday March 7th at 6:00pm at the K of C Hall in St Martins for setup.

Meeting was adjourned.

MHEIA Treasurer's Report 10/21/2007 thru 01/12/2008	
Beginning Balance	\$12,433.01
INCOME	
Membership Dues	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$12,473.01
EXPENSES	
Butler Int. (newsletter)	\$237.44
IHEA Annual Affiliation	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$337.44</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 12,135.57
Submitted by Don Harris 01/12/2008	

Thanks to Hunter Education, Hunting is Safe and Getting Safer!

Bylaws changes to be submitted for the members approval at the March 8, 2008 annual meeting.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. GENERAL POWERS:

A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors shall be residents of the State of Missouri, members of the Association, and shall not be employees of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than a total number equal to the number of MDC Protection Division Regions. There shall be one Director representing each MDC Protection Division Region. Should the Missouri Department of Conservation Protection Regions change at any time, the current elected Directors shall continue to serve their remaining term. If the change in regional boundaries creates a conflict in so far as a region is left without representation and/or more than one Director is residing in any region, the Board of Directors may assign that vacancy to a current elected Director, even though that Director is not a resident of the newly created region, until an election is held to ensure representation to each region.

B. Deputy Directors. A deputy director may be selected for each region. In the absence of the Director this deputy will have one vote at board meetings. Deputy Directors will be selected by the regional director with approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. TENURE:

A. The number of Directors shall not be less than a total number equal to the number of Missouri Department of Conservation Protection Regions comprised of all elected or appointed Regional Directors, ***and shall include the immediate past president, as an additional Director regardless of his/her region.*** Each Director shall hold office for a term of three years. The incorporating Board of Directors shall hold office until the annual meeting 1994. The first three regions to hold director elections will be Northeast, St. Louis, and North Central. In 1995 the four regions to hold elections will be Northwest, Southeast, Kansas City Metro, and South Central. In 1996 the four regions to hold elections will be West Central, East Central, Southwest, and Central. This election rotation will continue in perpetuity. The terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the first quarterly meeting proceeding the annual meeting in which the election for that region was held and run until the adjournment of the first quarterly meeting proceeding the annual election at which the next scheduled election for that region was held; except that any interim appointment or election shall run for the unexpired term of that region's Director or until the next regularly scheduled election for that region. The Board shall be empowered to make interim appointments to the Board upon occurrence of a vacancy on the Board subject to "ARTICLE III, Section 11, Vacancies."

Change # 1 to be the removal of wording in bold italic and change the comma after the word Directors to a period. This will be voted on as change #1 at the meeting.

NOTE: This is the change that was discussed at the annual meeting, it had been overlooked from a previous change. The wording had not been published in the changes last year and could not have been voted on at that time.

**Bylaws changes to be submitted for the members approval
at the March 8, 2008 annual meeting. (Continued)**

Section 2 sub section B is under consideration for a change as well.

Currently reads

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Change to read

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B. Deputy Directors. **Deputy directors** may be selected for each region. In the absence of the Director, **the senior deputy in attendance may act for that region and be entitled to** vote at board meetings. Deputy Directors will be selected by the regional director with approval by the Board of Directors.

This will be voted on as change #2 at the meeting. Underlined or bold printed wording has been provided to help highlight the specific change.

NOTE : *This wording change would allow more deputy directors to serve on the board and hopefully give more assistance committees at the state level and provide more access to the members throughout each region. Each region shall still receive one vote on all board matters regardless of the number of deputies serving.*

REGIONAL REPORTS

Central

There are a series of upcoming events with the 4H in Cole and Osage Counties. The events are shooting relates and include pellet rifle and pistol, small bore rifle and pistol, shotgun and archery. The kickoff is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Friday in January. If you are interested in becoming involved you should call the Cole County Extension office or Richard Koon (573-636-5593) for more details.

Earl Williamson Central Region

Kansas City

We are having our conference March 8th in Jeff City. If anyone has items we can auction please let me know. This is our first attempt since being on our own. Please show your support. The goal is to start expanding this.

For those that do not know Starting Jan 8, 2008 the Conservation Dept is holding public hearings around the state on the future of the deer seasons. The antlerless portion would go to October and the opening day of firearm would move to the Saturday just before Thanksgiving. Muzzleloader season would move to later Dec. Also looking at keeping/expanding the antler point restriction. You can attend the hearings or comment on-line at mdc.mo.gov/16184. These are proposals that would go into effect in 2009.

Our banquet is Jan 12 at the Discovery Center. I would like to encourage comments/suggestions on where the membership would like to see the Association proceed. My e-mail is fpowers1@kc.rr.com or give me a call. I have received very little input to date. Without the membership the Association cannot survive.

Thanks Frank

St. Louis

I appreciate being asked to fill this position and I hope that I can meet up to your highest expectations. If any of you have suggestions as to how to make our organization better please do not hesitate to contact me. With everyone working to gather I have no doubt this can be a productive time ahead. My pledge to you is very simple. I will do everything can possible to make it happen.

Something I would like to share with you. This happened in region 8 Lincoln County you may not have head about it. A young man killed a nine point deer. When he went to tag it he found out it was a doe. According to M. D. C. you may find this once in 6000 plus deer. I think that the lesson here is every thing is not always as it appears.

Finally, some thing I saw that disturbs me. I do not about anyone else. I found five deer carcass that had been dumped off near a road by a creek. To me this does not help our image as hunters. What can we do about it? First off it is littering. It is illegal to waste the meat in this manner and you can be given a ticket. Other than that, I do not have an answer. Anti-Hunters would like to find this kind of scene and take pictures. On top of every thing else there were three little deer in the pile.
(BAMBI)

R. A. (Bob) Mallery

**PASS ON A
TRADITION
TAKE A YOUTH
HUNTING**

Northeast

Greetings from the Northeast,

I hope every one had a safe and successful deer season. It is sad, but people continue to be careless when handling firearms. Of the four reported incidents three were self inflicted. Thankfully no one was killed this year!!!

It seems that the biggest problem that were experienced in the Northeast Region was that people failed to put tags on their deer. There were several citations issued for this. We need to make sure that we put a big emphasis on this problem in our upcoming classes!

We even had one guy who was transporting illegal deer back and forth from Missouri into Iowa and back.

It never ceases to amaze me the lengths people go to to be stupid. And believe me, "there ain't no fixin to stupid!"

All of you need to make plans to attend our upcoming Conference that the Association is putting together. Hats off to Doug Wagganer and his committee for all the hard work they have done putting this together. Hope to see you there.

Jim Robertson
NE Director

DON'T FORGET
MARCH 1ST, 2008

ALL MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS ARE DUE

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Are you willing
to offer a guided youth hunt ?
Do you have a location?
If you said YES
Check with your regional director
on how to get something
going in your region
IT IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED

MHEIA Treasurer's Report 8/19/2007 thru 10/20/2007

Beginning Balance	\$14,042.24
INCOME	
Membership Dues	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total	\$14,152.24
EXPENSES	
Office supplies	\$7.47
Butler Int. (newsletter & brochures)	\$454.90
Tax Preparation 2006/2007	\$324.00
CFM Fall Conference	
Travel expense	\$217.86
K of C Rental Deposit	\$250.00
State Fair Grant for Food	\$455.00
Mo State MHEIA Registration	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$1,719.23</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 12,433.01

Submitted by Don Harris 10/21/2007

Greetings Fellow Hunter Education Instructors,

It is time for the very first MHEIA workshop/ training.

Please join us on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martins.

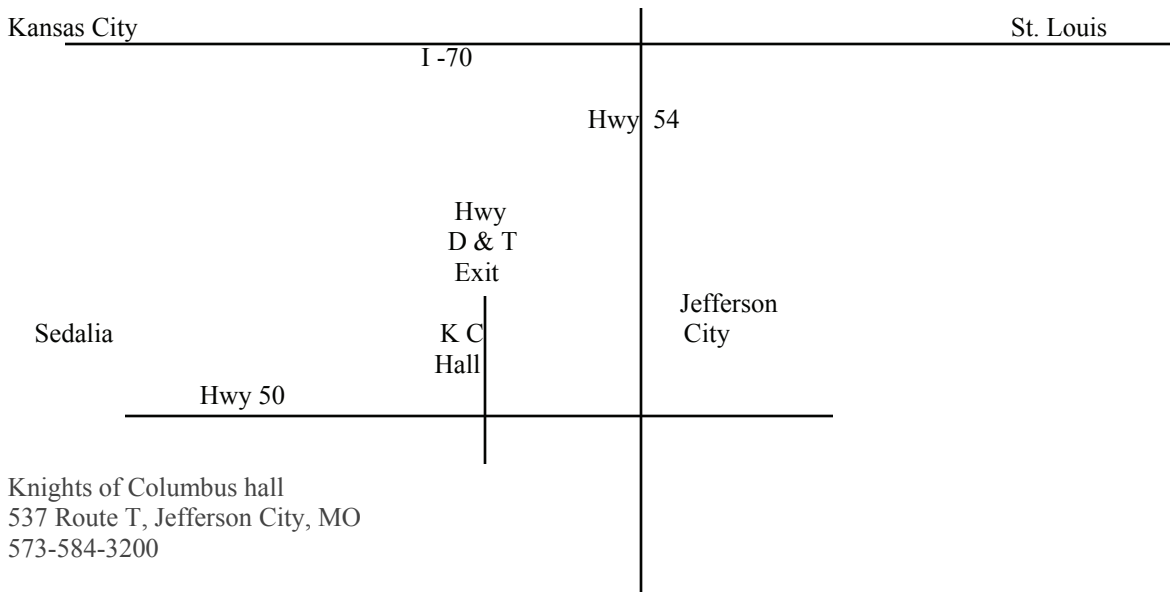
We have an eventful day planned for you and your family.

We will be conducting our annual business meeting in the morning. This will be followed by our awards-luncheon for you and your family. In the afternoon, Tony Legg, Missouri Hunter Education Coordinator, will give updates on the manuals, report procedures, upcoming training and activities, as well as, updates on the Internet program. There will be a time for you, the instructor to address MDC or MHEIA with your questions.

For the spouses and children we have set up a free Capitol Tour and to visit the Ike Skelton Training Center and Museum. Transportation will be provided to these activities free of charge.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at the MHEIA workshop. Attached you will find your registration form, itinerary, and directions to the K of C Hall.

Sincerely,
MHEIA Board



Knights of Columbus hall
537 Route T, Jefferson City, MO
573-584-3200

Directions from Jefferson City: Hwy 50 past the St Martins exit to the west, the next exit is for State Roads D and T, turn NORTH on Hwy T and follow until you get to the Hall. The KC Hall will be on LEFT side of the road. You can use the address and phone number above to bring up a map on Yahoo or Google

Missouri Hunters Education Instructors Association's Conference

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Region: _____ County: _____

Instructor Number: _____

Member: Yes _____ No _____

The cost of the registration is \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. This includes your 1 day training and meal. Please fill out the bottom portion and return it with your money (make checks payable to MHEIA) no later than February 29th to this address:

MHEIA
PO Box 4505
Springfield, MO 65808

Number of adults: _____ (at \$15.00 per) Total \$ _____

Number of Children: _____ (at \$10.00 per) Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Tentative agenda for the March 8th 2008 MHEIA workshop

8:00 am to 9:00 am - Registration Opens with Continental Style Breakfast Bar

8:45 am to 10:30 am – Spouse Activity – Capitol Tour (Bus departs at 8:45am)

9:00 am to 11:00 am - MHEIA Business Meeting;

11:30 am to 1:00 pm - MHEIA Awards Luncheon;

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm - MDC Teaching Updates & Training Information Session;

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Spouse Activity - Ike Skelton Training Center Museum Tour

3:45 pm - Silent Auction Announcements

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm - MHEIA Social

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Clean up.

**M.H.E.I.A.
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Arkansas Hunter Education Association
<http://hunteredu.8k.com/about.html>
California Pacific Coast Region Hunter Education Instructor Association
<http://www.cahuntereducation.org/>
Georgia Hunter Education Association, Inc.
<http://www.ghea.net/>
Indiana Hunter Education Association
<http://www.inhea.com/>
Kentucky Hunter Education Association
<http://www.khea.org/>
New York State Sportsman Education Program
<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/sportsed/>
Pennsylvania Hunter Education Association
<http://www.geocities.com/pennhea/>
Washington Hunter Education Instructor's Association
<http://sdfw.wa.gov/enf/huntered/wheia.htm>
West Virginia Hunter Education Association
<http://www.wvhuntered.com/>
Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor's Association
<http://www.itol.com/wheia/>

**Wanted
Old Hunting Gear**

Anything that you would like to donate to MHEIA can be used in the auctions at the workshop or could be sold at the Wentzville flea market.

Check your closet for those pants that don't fit anymore, the decoys you upgraded from, the deer stand you don't use.

Check with your regional director

**Current Sustaining
Members**

Kenneth Barrows
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Cheryl Harris
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Linda Meyer
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Robert Staton
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MISSOURI HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Please Print:

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____ **NEW**

City _____ **RENEWAL**

State _____ Zip _____ + _____ **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**
(we really need your Zip Plus Four for mailing)

County _____

MDC Region _____

Home Telephone No. () _____ - _____

E-Mail address: _____
May we publish? Yes No

Missouri Hunter Education Instructor No. _____
New Instructor, no number? Check here

Bowhunter Education Instructor? Yes No

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE)

- Regular Instructor (voting) \$10
- Regular Instructor Sustaining (voting) \$25
- Regular Life (voting) \$200**
- Associate MDC & DNR (non-voting) \$10
- Associate Sustaining (non-voting) \$25
- Associate Life (non-voting) \$200**
- Affiliate, business or organization (voting) \$25

Board of Director's approval required for:

- Auxiliary Non-Certified (non-voting) \$10
- Auxiliary Life (non-voting) \$200**

**Detach and mail with remittance to: M.H.E.I.A.,
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AFF Affiliate
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