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VBA Meeting June 26, 1988

All clubs are *strongly* urged to have a delegate present. This is a *very* important meeting to discuss NFAA vs. VBA issues.

The next quarterly meeting of the virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc. Board of Directors will be held June 26, 1988, 9:30 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon Motel, Intersection U.S. 29 & 250, Charlottesville, Va. Saturday night there will be a gettogether for informal discussion, and the club delegates and guests are urged to attend. Check with the desk clerk as to the location—time 7:30.

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AGENDA

- 1. Officers Reports.
- 2. Committee Reports.
- 3. Next Quarterly Meeting Site.
- 4. Order of the Golden Feather.
- Appoint Audit Committees (Treas., Cor. Secy. & Field V.P.)
- 6. Important Dates For Sept. Scheduling Session.
- 7. Submit Bids For State Tournaments.
- 8. Delete The Use of Overdraws in Bowhunter Styles.
- 9. Increase VBA Dues \$2.00 Per Head of Household Member.
- 10. Change VBA Outdoor Classification to A. B. C. Classes, Deleting AA Class.

- Increase Fees For All Schedule Card Shoots From \$3 to \$4—\$3.75, Club, 25¢ VBA.
- 12. Change Article 15, Section 1, K From \$25.00 Per Family to \$30.00.
- Change Article 15, Section 2, 1 to Read ". . . all State Tournaments."
- 14. Professional Division Moved to Change Article 15, Section 1-1.
- 15. Change the Constitution, Article 3: Membership, Section 1, a, by deleting the words "through Chartered Clubs."
- 16. Change the Bylaws, Article 13: Dues, Section 5., Dues Payment, by deleting the words "after they join an affiliated club." from the end of the second sentence.
 - (*See attached letter of explanation.)

20-Pin Winners

Field

Scott Lein, Virginia Beach Loretta Pelletier, Fredericksburg Stephen Keavy, Chester Scott Wilkins, Virginia Beach Wilson Wallace, Richmond

Bernard Bibb, Arrington Alex E. Boyd, Jr., Colonial Heights Theresa Lein, Virginia Beach Danny Belcher, Wise Daniel W. Foster, Salem

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Donald R. Sawyers, Marion Johnny Grace, Salem Stephen B. Dalton, Roanoke John B. Graybill, Sr., Roanoke David E. Eshelman, Front Royal

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Michael D. Hurt, Richmond Bruce W. Mabe, Luray Colby Bush, Staunton David Harris, Madison Heights Teresa Boyd, Roanoke

Hunter

Rodrick Jones, Virginia Beach Alex E. Boyd, Jr., Colonial Heights Danny Belcher, Wise Kirk Ulbright, Woodbridge Frank Irelan, Salem

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May 16, 1988:

TO ALL VBA OFFICERS, CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND DIRECTORS:

You will note that two agenda items, No's. 15 and 16 have been added that were not proposed at the last VBA meeting in spite of the fact that Article 7, Amendments, of the Constitution, and Article 17, Amendments, of the Bylaws, require that such agenda items must have been introduced at the previous VBA meeting. The propriety of these agenda items will be disposed of first and if they are determined to be properly before the Board, votes will be taken to either accept or reject the proposed changes.

The reason for the proposed changes stem from an allegation by NFAA, contained in Executive Secretary Herold's letter of April 26, 1988, copy attached hereto, that VBA is in violation of the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws and if we do not amend our Constitution and Bylaws so that they are acceptable to NFAA, our Charter with NFAA will, in all probability, be revoked.

If we change our Constitution and Bylaws to meet NFAA's demands, individuals may join VBA and NFAA without being required to join a club. The primary question to be considered in reaching a decision is to what extent, if any, will the proposed change weaken clubs.

If the proposed changes in our Constitution and Bylaws do not pass and our charter is revoked, we must consider the following:

- 1. Arrangements with an insurer to cover all of our members.
- 2. Reestablishment of our handicap card and having it printed as we did prior to the reorganization of NFAA.
- 3. Reestablishing our own 20-pin system as in the past.
- 4. Possible establishment of a small game award system.

Also, if the proposed changes do not pass, VBA will no longer collect and remit dues to NFAA. Individuals who wish to shoot in the National, or Sectional tournaments such as the Mid-Atlantic, will pay their NFAA dues directly to NFAA.

As information, the State of New York has received a similar demand from NFAA. It is my understanding that they plan to comply under protest. It has been recommended we do likewise. You will note that Mr. Herold's letter lists the various Articles, Sections, etc., of the NFAA Constitution that it is stated VBA has violated: however, significant to note that none of the c paragraphs prohibit State Associations from requiring club membership as a prerequisite to obtaining State membership. In view of this, the demand by NFAA is considered to be arbitrary and without support under the current NFAA Constitution and Bylaws.

It is important that your club be represented to discuss and vote on this issue.

Also attached hereto is a copy of my response to Mr. Herold's letter of April 26, 1988.

C. J. Mestow

Clinton F. Western, President

Attachments

cc: John Slack, President, NFAA Dillard Bucklen, Vice President, NFAA

- G. C. "Butch" Herold, Executive Secretary, NFAA
- NFAA Councilmen:

George Ossola

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May 16, 1988

Mr. G. C. "Butch" Herold Executive Secretary, NFAA 31407 Outer I-10 Redlands, CA 92373

Dear Mr. Herold:

This refers to your letter of April 26, 1988, which was sent to former VBA President Richard Hall, and received by me on May 9, 1988. As information, your office was advised by letter dated October 7, 1987, from Corresponding Secretary N. L. Western, that Mr. Hall resigned from the position of VBA President on September 27, 1987, and that C. F. Western was the new President. A copy of that letter is attached for ready reference.

It is noted you list the following sections of the NFAA Constitution as hav ing been violated by VBA:

1. Page 1, Article II, Sections A. and D.

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- Page 5, Article III, Section B., paragraph 2, sub-paragraph g). Page 6, Article III, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph j) and paragraph 5, sub-paragraphs a) and b).
- 4. Page 54, Article V, Section G., paragraphs 5 and 7.

You state that the NFAA Board of Directors Council voted that the Constitution does not allow the States to require club membership as a prerequisite for joining the State and NFAA. I have no doubt that the Council voted as you have stated; however, I have carefully reviewed each Article, Section, Paragraph and Sub-Paragraph cited in your letter and I can find no language whatsoever prohibiting States from requiring club membership as a prerequisite for joining the State and NFAA. In fact, Article V, Page 54, deals with the NFAA Handicap.

Regardless of the above, attached is a self-explanatory letter that is being mailed to all clubs in Virginia advising them that the subject matter of this letter will be on the agenda for possible consideration at our next meeting which will be held on June 26, 1988.

You may consider this letter as a personal request from me to you for you to soint out to me, in writing, the specific

nguage of the NFAA Constitution d Bylaws being relied upon that supports the Council's position that the Constitution does not allow the States to require club membership as a prerequisite for joining the State and NFAA. I would appreciate receiving this information in time to present it to VBA's Directors on June 26, 1988. In connection with the foregoing, I direct your attention to VBA Corresponding Secretary N. L. Western's letter to you dated September 8, 1987, wherein she wrote as follows:

"It is the unanimous opinion of the Rules Interpretation Committee and the Board of Directors Council that the conditions of membership established by the Virginia Bowhunters Association and Prince William Archers are consistent with the agreements and covenants which were established in formation of the federation."

You have not commented on this decision but have chosen to totally ignore it.

Your letter of April 26 also states: "This is the final time the Council will review this issue. If not handled by the deadline, the next step, according to the NFAA Constitution, will be taken."

Although you do not so state, it is assumed that "... the next step ... will be taken" prior to VBA's meeting on une 26, 1988, since the "deadline" for compliance will have passed. If VBA's affiliation with NFAA is terminated, I would appreciate a prompt phone call to that effect. I can mostly easily be reached after 5:00 p.m., EDST, at (703) 890-3072, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely. C. J. Mestern

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May 19, 1988

Mr. G. C. "Butch" Herold Executive Secretary, NFAA 31407 Outer I-10 Redlands, CA 92373

Dear Mr. Herold:

This supplements my letter of May 16, 1988, concerning alleged violations by Virginia Bowhunters Association of the National Field Archery Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

A further review of this matter reveals under Article III, Membership, Section B., Paragraph 6., subparagraph a), that: "Expulsion or suspension of association membership may occur as a result of any of the failures as listed in subsection 5 of this section."

VBA was cited under subsection 5 for their alleged: "a) Failure to pay membership fees and dues within the deadline established by the NFAA." In addition to information requested in my letter of May 16, 1988, I would appreciate your advising what is meant by this allegation. I am unaware of any failure on VBA's part to pay membership fees and dues promptly. What is the deadline established by NFAA in connection with the payment of membership fees and dues that we have violated? We have never received so much as a warning that we were violating this subparagraph.

In connection with 5.b), in what manner has VBA failed to ". . . abide by, or enforce, the rules, regulations and policies of the NFAA."? There are no *rules* that say States are not permitted to require club membership as a prerequisite for joining the State and NFAA. There also are no *regulations* concerning this matter. Certainly there is nothing in Article V, Officers and their Duties, that gives any officer of NFAA such broad dictatorial powers that would permit them to establish a policy of such magnitude and of such far-reaching consequences. It would appear from Article V, Section 3, a) that policies are established by the Board of Directors. Regardless of the foregoing, membership requirements are not a matter of policy. Membership requirements and everything associated with membership is spelled out in great detail under Article III, Membership. Nothing may be added to or taken from those requirements, conditions, etc., without altering or amending the Constitution in accordance with the provisions of Article XV.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, VBA's defense in connection with this matter was presented to you by registered mail in our letter dated September 8, 1987, which was within the 30-day time limit set forth in the Constitution. Under the provisions of Article III, Membership, Section B., Paragraph 6, b), 3), our defense had to have been ' immediately presented to the Board of Directors along with a motion for expulsion or suspension. This motion must be presented to the Board of Directors within 90 days of the time the evidence was first presented to any member of the Board of Directors Council." (Emphasis added). Although the Constitution is not clear as to just when the clock starts ticking on the 90 days time limit restriction, it would certainly be no later than the day you, as a member of the Board of Directors Council, received VBA's defense. Consequently, the motion would have to have been presented to the Board of Directors at least on or before December 13, 1987. According to VBA's Director to NFAA, Mr. John Stockman, this was not done and the matter should be considered dead.

In closing, it is significant that none of VBA's arguments or positions have been responded to or challenged. Instead, you continue to blindly insist that VBA is in violation of the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws. Our defense in this case is dictated by your allegations and we feel quite strongly that our position would be upheld in a court of law.

Sincerely,

C. J. Mestern

Clinton F. Western, President

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C. F. Western President Virginia Bowhunters Association 110 Dogwood Lane Vinton, Va. 24179

May 25, 1988

Mr. Western:

Regarding your letters to Executive Secretary Butch Herold.

As your councilman Paul Double, and I have had several decisions regarding your state and he is totally familiar with the situation I have asked him to work with you thru this issue and to respond to your letter rather than Butch. Butch is simply following directions given him by both the directors and council.

The articles you mention all support the idea a state cannot restrict membership in the N.F.A.A. by imposing additional requirements such as higher dues or required club membership to become a N.F.A.A. member. A specific article not mentioned in your communication is: Article III, B, 2, f.

If I may offer a suggestion, instead of driving a person to join a club why not make them want to join. One possible way would be a rebate system. Raise your dues \$5.00 or \$10.00 with an advertised rebate of the amount you raised dues refunded upon request through the club. You could also offer, if the person didn't want their rebate, to put it into a hunting defense or scholarship fund in the person's name. You could also include a note from you, or whoever, thanking that person for supporting their local club.

In your letter you mentioned the subject of compliance will be on your June 26th agenda "for possible consideration." I would hope a situation as important as this would be thoroughly discussed. I was somewhat surprised by your letter as during a May 4th conversation with Paul he assured me your situation would be resolved by the deadline. (As you have perceived your deadline has been "slipped" several times in an effort to give your state every opportunity to resolve the issue).

You need to understand neither Butch Herold, myself, or the council have anything to gain personally in this, in fact, frankly, it is quite time consuming. We have been charged with the upholding and enforcement of the N.F.A.A. Constitution by the Board of Directors.

I will have Butch contact you regarding deadlines, Paul will work with you on the rest. I am looking forward to having V.B.A. a member of the N.F.A.A. for many years to come.

Regards,

John E. Slack President N.F.A.A.

cc: Double Herold

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May 31, 1988

Mr. G. C. "Butch" Herold Executive Secretary, NFAA 31407 Outer I-10 Redlands, CA 92373

Dear Mr. Herold:

This refers to your letter of May 25, 1988, received by me on May 28, concerning VBA's alleged violation of the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws.

It is noted you now state that, "As determined by the council, the rule covering the violation is article III, paragraph B, Sub-paragraph 2, Section F, which says 'NFAA membership will not be mandatory below the state level." Does this mean that the previous charges are no longer applicable and have been dropped? You go on to say that at the annual meeting the Council reviewed all the material concerning this subject and determined there was still a conflict.

Just for the record, this is the first correspondence I have seen alleging that VBA is in violation of Section F quoted above. If the Council discussed Section F at the annual meeting, they did so without any input from VBA because at that time we had not been advised that we were charged with this violation.

VBA's response to this latest charge is that there is no basis for same. There is nothing in either VBA's Constitution or Bylaws that even remotely suggests that NFAA membership is mandatory at any level. Support for this position is found in all of our "Compliance Affidavit for State Association Membership in the National Field Archery Association," a copy of the latest is attached hereto. You will note from this particular copy that VBA had 1,702 members when this fo was prepared and mailed to you a that only 1,105 of the 1,702 were NFAA members.

Support is also found in VBA's Constitution and Bylaws which show a complete lack of any such membership requirement.

I, as well as other VBA representatives, plan to meet with Mr. Double prior to VBA's quarterly meeting which is scheduled to be held June 26. I quite frankly do not know what this meeting can possibly resolve since VBA is not violating the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws as alleged. Assuming you do not take our word on the foregoing statement, be advised that the records of Virginia Bowhunters Association are open for your review at a mutually convenient time, date and place.

Sincerely,

C. J. Mestern

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June 3, 1988

Mr. John Slack, President National Field Archery Association 11658 Mulhall El Monte, CA 91732

Dear Mr. Slack:

This refers to your letter of May 25, 1988, concerning allegations that Virginia Bowhunters Association is violating the National Field Archery Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

I note initially that you have asked Mr. Double to work with VBA on this matter. I have talked with Mr. Double² and we have agreed to discuss this mat¹ ter during the Mid-Atlantic Sectional Tournament at Newport News, Va. the weekend of June 18-19.

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With regard to the subject of comince being on our June 26 agenda or possible discussion," I am unable to state positively that this matter will be considered because the subject matter was not proposed at the previous VBA meeting in accordance with VBA's Constitution and Bylaws. Regardless of the impropriety of the agenda item, our club presidents and directors have been informed of the allegations and I feel confident that they will reach a decision.

With regard to the "deadline" having been "slipped" several times, when we received no response from VBA Corresponding Secretary N. L. Western's letter of September 8, 1987, we assumed the matter was closed. Also, our Director, John Stockman, said he did not hear the matter mentioned at the annual meeting in February, 1988.

The next correspondence we received was a letter from Executive Secretary Herold, dated March 17, 1988, stating that we were still in violation by requiring members to join a club before they can join the NFAA. Feeling that Mr. Herold was not aware that the words "and membership in the NFAA" had been removed from Article V, Section G, paragraph 5, (the paragraph we were riginally charged with violating),

FAA Director Stockman, wrote to m on March 31 and brought this change to his attention.

On April 26, 1988, Mr. Herold sent a letter to former VBA President Richard Hall, and greatly expanded the charge by citing a host of new sections of the Constitution and Bylaws VBA had allegedly violated. In my opinion, based on the language of Article III, Section A, paragraph 8, subparagraph a), this would start a new 30-day time limit running. I did not receive this letter until May 9, 1988. We, of course, had to prepare another letter defending our position. This letter went out on May 16 followed by a supplemental letter on May 19.

On May 26, I received another letter from Mr. Herold dated May 25, citing yet another new rule violation, Article III, paragraph B, subparagraph 2, section F, which says that "NFAA membership will not be mandatory below the state level." In my opinion, another new 30-day time limit would start running because of the new charge (this made No. 3) and the need for a new defense. VBA's position regarding this charge is set forth in my letter to Mr. Herold of May 31, 1988, with copy to you and others.

I read with considerable interest your statement concerning upholding and enforcement of the NFAA Constitution. A review of the correspondence I have received reveals the following:

- 1. On August 27, 1987, Mr. Herold's letter, charged VBA with violating Article V, Section G, paragraph 5, because we required members to join a club before they join NFAA.
- 2. VBA responded on September 8, 1987, proving beyond question that the matter had been settled in VBA's favor by a *unanimous* decision of the Rules Interpretation Committee *and* the Board of Directors Council. This fact has been totally and completely ignored.
- 3. Not until March 17, 1983, over 6 months after our letter of defense, did we hear anything concerning the charge. VBA's defense is completely ignored. It is as if we had offered no defense at all. How can this happen and who is responsible?
- 4. Mr. Stockman responded under letter dated March 31, 1988, and advised that Article V, Section G, paragraph 5, that we were charged with violating had been amended. (How could Mr. Herold not have known this?)
- 5. On April 26, 1988, Mr. Herold wrote advising that VBA was now in violation of the following:
 - Page 1.—Article II, Sections A and D.

Page 5.—Article III, Section B. paragraph 2, sub-paragraph G

Page 6.—Article III, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph j) and paragraph 5, sub-paragraphs a) and b).

Page 54.—Article V, Section G, paragraphs 5 and 7.

- 6. VBA responded with an additional defense by letter dated May 16 and a supplemental letter dated May 19. Again, our defenses have been totally ignored.
- 7. On May 19, Mr. Herold wrote Director Stockman advising that the situation had to be resolved by May 26.
- 8. On May 25, Mr. Herold wrote me advising that VBA is now in violation of Article III, paragraph B, sub-paragraph f). A new and completely different charge.
- 9. On May 31, VBA forwarded to Mr. Herold its defense in connection with this latest charge.

We have asked some perfectly legitimate questions in some of our foregoing letters. Not one has been answered.

In my opinion, it doesn't take a great mind to determine that the literal language of the cited portions of the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws does not support the charges. In addition, there is nothing in VBA's Constitution and Bylaws to lend support to the charges.

If VBA's membership requirements are causing problems to NFAA, it would be my suggestion that an appropriate agenda item be placed before the proper NFAA body for consideration at the next NFAA meeting. I don't know what kind of decision will be reached by the Directors from each club at VBA's June meeting but I can assure you that if VBA's affiliation with NFAA is dissolved, it will not be because VBA has violated NFAA's Constitution and Bylaws based on the charges made thus far. In addition, if either NFAA's Constitution or Bylaws are changed to the point where VBA is in obvious violation, we will either take whatever steps are necessary to correct the violation or we will voluntarily give up our charter.

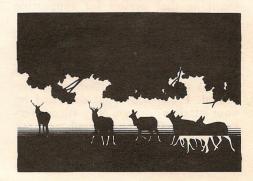
This is not to be taken as a threat, however, I am sure you are aware that if VBA should become disassociated with NFAA for whatever reason and reestablish their own handicap system, there will be a significant drop in NFAA membership from the Commonwealth of Virginia. I hope you feel as I do that this is not desired and would not be beneficial to either party.

Sincerely,

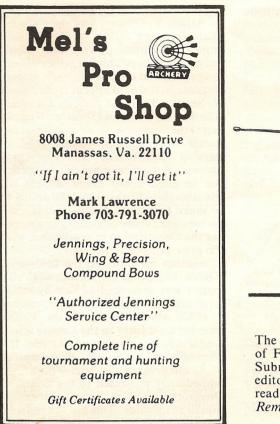
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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the July-Aug. issue of FLIGHT will be July 15, 1988. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. *Remember*, this is your newsletter.

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