

## Vertical Response Dec 18 2016

Most of the hunting seasons are over and hopefully you all have had some degree of success this year (as always send your pics and stories to Gord@albertabowhunters.com). Weather and snow levels are not bad thus far and this may be the third year in a row where we have had a wildlife friendly winter. Keep the fingers crossed. Santa is only days away and everyone is super busy getting ready for the holidays. Enjoy this time with family and friends!!

The latest **ABA Raffle** is launching as we speak. We have an awesome rifle package put together - a Browning X Bolt in .243 (thumbhole stock) topped with a 3-15x Steiner scope. Comes with a sling and Boyt hard case. Included is a FOX Pro Fusion electronic call. Beauty of a gun and very versatile - the caliber is great for predators/deer/antelope and would fit young and old alike. Tickets are available on the ABA online store ([www.bowhunters.ca](http://www.bowhunters.ca)) starting at midnight tonight and we have spread some tickets out through ABA executive members. Contact Brent for their info if you are not able to get them online OR would like to take a few books and sell them for the ABA. Ticket price is \$10 each. Raffle license #453046. We will do the draw at the next ABA Banquet March 25/17 in Nisku. GOOD LUCK!!

Brent has been attending the **Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council** meetings and is on the **Allocation Policy Review Committee**. Two days of meetings with FW and other stakeholders/committee members wrapped up Dec 6/7. FW outlined the changes for 2017 that they are proposing and it is a very short list:

### **2017 Hunting Regulation proposed changes**

- create antlered and antlerless elk hunting seasons in WMUs 501, 502, 514, 110.
- change the elk season in WMU 500 to a standalone hunting season.
- add WMUs 206, 208, 228, 240 and 242 to the list of areas to mandatory submit heads of harvested deer for CWD testing. Follows a recent positive in 242.
- remove the requirement for designated pheasant release sites to be closed at 2pm during the pheasant season

The Allocation Policy Review committee met on the second day and we have another meeting scheduled for Jan 12/17. Once the work of this committee is done, its recommendations will be taken to AGPAC general, internal FW people and then the draft "policy" will be open to the public and organizations for their feedback and comments. This policy review is looking at how the big game harvest/tags will be divided up among the residents, non-residents, bowhunters, landowners etc.

Things are coming together for the **2017 Banquet**. We will announce when tickets are available etc after New Years - look for the news on the mass emails and will be in the next newsletter out in your mailboxes by the first part of Feb. A twist for the AGM this year is a draw from all those who attend the AGM for a custom knife made and donated by member Dale Johnson - the hope is this draw will increase attendance for the AGM.

At the AGM we will be voting on a couple of **constitution changes** - official notification will appear in the next newsletter but here it is as well. If anyone has comments or questions contact Brent or any of the executive.

### ARTICLE FOUR - MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS -- Point 2

Quorums - in discussion with Alberta Government Society Act people, they advised that there is nothing in the Society rules that say you need to have a certain number of people/executive for any meeting. Most

organizations that have a quorum clause have wording to the effect "if after \_\_\_\_ minutes of the meeting starting, those present will be deemed to be the quorum."

Our constitution indicates at meetings of the Executive Committee, the quorum shall be three (3) voting members, at each Annual General Meeting, the quorum shall be twenty five (25) voting members and at Special General Meetings, the quorum shall be thirty five (35) voting members.

To follow the Society rules, we will be putting forth a motion to add the wording "if after 10 minutes of the meeting starting, those present will be deemed to be the quorum" for each of the three types of meetings listed.

#### ARTICLE 2 Membership -- Point 6.

Eliminate Associate club level - this level offered a discount to any club who affiliated with the ABA and had a different insurance provider/broker. Over the years, only one club has used this level. To make things simpler and streamline things administratively, it was discussed at several executive meetings and a motion was passed to bring it forward to the membership at the 2017 AGM for a motion to eliminate the Associate Club level.

We will also be **voting for the following executive positions** (President, Regulations Director, Secretary, North Director, Traditional Director, Newsletter) at the 2017 AGM. If anyone is interested in running for any of these positions, would like more information as to the job descriptions, what is all involved, don't hesitate to contact any of the current executive (email contact info on page 2). The job descriptions are outlined in our constitution (available to any member) and current executives can explain some more of the hows and whys of the organization. Elections will take place at the 2017 AGM at the Nisku Inn and Convention Center.

Candidates for election to any position may make their names known to the Vice-President in writing, at any time prior to the vote being called, or nominations from the floor will be accepted. Candidates for election need not be present, but if they are not, a signed notice of intent to stand for office must be in the hands of the Vice-President (Dale@albertabowhunters.com) prior to the vote being called.

Hope you all got the last **newsletter** and what an awesome product now in FULL COLOR. With our printers new equipment it is now actually a bit cheaper than the old BW version. Hats off to our editor Gord (Gord@albertabowhunters.com) and to everyone who submits articles and pictures.

Look for the next issue coming to your mail boxes the first part of February.

It is getting time to **renew** memberships again and check the mailing label on this next issue for your expiry date. Or contact Brent (Brent@albertabowhnters.com) or Mike (Mike@albertabowhunters.com) and we can check the database as well.

If anyone thinks they qualify for the **Master Bowhunter buckle or the Grandmaster Bowhunter portrait**, you need to get a hold of Ryk (ryk@ryk.ca) or Brent right away so we can get the ball rolling with the engraving and the portrait artist. When you submit any of your Game Award entry forms to Ryk (by mail, email or fax) make sure you follow up with him and make sure he got them. When you email him pictures make sure the file size is not too big - we have had some end up in his junk mail folder and they have been missed.

As always, if you have any questions or thoughts/comments on the ABA, do not hesitate to contact any of the executive or myself at any time.

Merry Christmas and all the best over the holiday season and into the New Year!!!

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