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SCAA Spring Meeting

April 12, 2008

Officers present at this meeting were: Jimmy Sanders (SCAA President), Bobby Flores (SCAA Vice-President), S. Dale Smith (NFAA Director), and Karen Jackson (Quiver Editor).

The only Officer not attending was Jerry Williams (SCAA Secretary/Treasurer). In Jerry's absence, Minutes were taken by Karen Jackson.

The following clubs were represented: Keowee Bowmen, Sandune Archery Club, Swamp Fox Archers, Tamassee Hills Bowmen, and Wateree Archery Club. There were no representatives from Cedar Creek Archery Club, Little Mountain Bowhunters, Three Bowmen, or Traditional American Bowmen (TAB).

In addition to the Officers present, the following individuals were also in attendance: Robert Kirchner, Brenda Smith, Wayne Sanders, Jamie Weatherford, Mark Coates, Anthony Jackson, Jimmy Renner, Dan Grinolds, Drew Davis, Kathy Davis, Franky Crawford, Russell Cooper, Sherrie Cooper, and Jamie Cooper (Russell and Sherrie's daughter).

The Spring Meeting was called to order by Jimmy Sanders. Mark Coates opened the meeting in prayer. Jimmy Sanders began the meeting by stating that this meeting would be a discussion and preparation meeting preceding the Annual SCAA Board of Directors Meeting to be held in October, 2008, and that no voting would be done during this meeting. It was noted that this was the first time an SCAA meeting was being held in the Spring, as well as in the Fall of the same year. It had been decided at the November, 2007 SCAA Annual Meeting that a Spring Meeting was necessary to allow the Clubs to discuss issues that had come up during the tournament season and would need to be voted on during the Fall Meeting.

S. Dale Smith reported on the NFAA Meeting held in Las Vegas.

Karen Jackson reported that even though she was elected to be the Editor of the Quiver at the October, 2006 SCAA Annual Meeting, she has never received any of the email addresses for the Clubs, contact information, or templates for the newsletter format. To date, she has never written a newsletter. In the interim since the October, 2006 Meeting, all editions of the Quiver have been written by Jerry Williams. It was also noted that even though the Editor of the Quiver is a paid position, Karen has not been paid any money because she has not written a Quiver.

Jimmy Sanders discussed the need to have the SCAA website updated and to have necessary corrections made. He asked for volunteers to manage the website. Mark Coates agreed to do so. Dan Grinolds called for a vote concerning Mark Coates, but Jimmy Sanders said a vote was not necessary because managing the website is not part of an Officer's responsibilities. It was agreed that an agenda item for the upcoming

October Annual Meeting would be to add a new position of Webmaster to the SCAA Board of Directors. It was mentioned that the current website address is not user friendly and a new address is also being considered.

Jimmy Renner discussed splitting the current Open Senior Class to include Seniors (ages 55 to 64) and Master Senior (ages 65+). Both Jimmy Sanders and Bobby Flores did not think there was enough competition to split the Open Senior Class. Jimmy Sanders suggested that seniors could attend the upcoming October Annual Meeting and express their opinions on splitting the Open Senior Class.

Anthony Jackson suggested that the yardage for Young Adults be reduced from 40 yards to 30 yards. He felt that having the Young Adults shoot greater yardage than adult males in the Novice Bowhunter Class was unfair and was discouraging to Young Adults, especially those who are new to archery. Jimmy Sanders indicated that reducing the yardage for Young Adults will be an agenda item at the upcoming October Annual Meeting.

Also to be discussed at the October Meeting will be whether or not the Novice Bowhunter 3-D State Champion should or should not be allowed to compete again for the State Championship in the Novice Bowhunter Class.

The group consensus was that the yardage changes made at last year's Annual Meeting regarding Novice Bowhunter – Female (reduced from 30 yards to 25 yards) and Open Senior (reduced from 50 yards to 40 yards) were both good changes.

Bobby Flores reported that the only Club that sent him completed surveys was Cedar Creek. Consequently, as things stand now, the SCAA will continue to bust cards and have shotgun starts at all State 3-D Championship Tournaments.

It had been previously voted on and approved to give all SCAA members a \$1.00 refund at the end of the year for each tournament they shot during that year. This has not been done. This needs to be addressed and bring the refunds up to date.

Jimmy Sanders brought up the issue of whether or not the SCAA should continue its mandatory member affiliation with the NFAA. He stated that the NFAA does not recognize either the Novice Bowhunter Class or the Hunter Unlimited Class. Jimmy suggested offering an SCAA Associate Membership which would allow archers to join the SCAA, but not join the NFAA. Archers with an SCAA Associate Membership would not be eligible to compete in Sectionals or Vegas Tournaments and would not be eligible to win SCAA State Championships. Offering an SCAA Associate Membership would require modifications to the current SCAA Constitution, as well as defining the responsibilities and limitations of an SCAA Associate Membership. The cost of the Associate Membership would be \$45.00, just like the current cost of joining the SCAA and the NFAA together. However, rather than paying the NFAA \$35.00 of the \$45.00 collected, with the SCAA retaining only \$10.00 from each membership, under an Associate Membership, the SCAA would retain the entire \$45.00. The SCAA Associate Membership will be an agenda item at the upcoming October Annual Meeting.

Additionally, Mark Coates pointed out that the SCAA pays a portion of the cost for S. Dale Smith to travel to the NFAA meeting in Las Vegas each year. This year the SCAA paid \$500.00. Mark questioned whether or not money from SCAA Associate Memberships (members not joining the NFAA) should be used to fund Dale's trip. Mark suggested having a different bank account for Associate Memberships and having all monies earned from Associate Memberships remain in South Carolina.

S. Dale Smith pointed out that the NFAA offers insurance to its members. Additionally, NFAA members can compete in tournaments all over the United States.

Jimmy Sanders asked for two volunteers to head a committee to research and compile a list of possible changes to the SCAA Constitution and research the benefits of being a member of only the SCAA, as well as the benefits of being a member of both the SCAA and the NFAA. Perry Burns from Keowee in the upstate and Mark Coates from Wateree in the lower state will head this committee. It was agreed that all lists and information regarding the benefits of belonging to only the SCAA versus the benefits of belonging to both the SCAA and the NFAA will **NOT** be published on the SCAA Message Board. This is an issue that pertains to SCAA members only!!

Mark and Perry are to complete their research in a timely manner so that SCAA members can vote on these issues prior to the upcoming October Annual Meeting.

The By-Laws in Article XI, Section G of the SCAA Constitution dictate that during the SCAA Annual Meeting held each year (generally in October), all tournaments are scheduled for the following year and that there cannot be two tournaments on the same day in the same geographical region. For example, no two Clubs in the upstate can schedule tournaments on the same day; however, one Club in the upstate and one Club in the lower state can schedule tournaments on the same day. Jimmy Sanders discussed the fact that Little Mountain Bowhunters violated the SCAA By-Laws in Article XI, Section G by scheduling a PAF tournament on the same weekend that Tamassee Hills Bowmen already had a tournament on the SCAA schedule. Both Little Mountain Bowhunters and Tamassee Hills Bowmen are located in the upstate. Jimmy Sanders personally requested that Little Mountain Bowhunters reschedule their PAF tournament, but they chose not to reschedule. Because of this violation of the SCAA By-Laws by Little Mountain Bowhunters, the SCAA Board of Directors will have to decide what consequences Little Mountain Bowhunters must face.

The SCAA Spring Meeting was adjourned.