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I hope everyone has had a safe and good summer. By the time you get this, we should have our new Hunter Ed materials in hand and maybe a few classes under our belt. We are working hard on your Conference. As was mentioned in an earlier edition, we are holding it at the Country Club Hotel and Spa in Lake Ozark March 07, 08, & 09, 2014. The address is 301 Carol Road. Their phone numbers are: 573-964-2200 or 800-964-6698. Room rates will be \$69.00 plus taxes per night. It is a very nice place and hopefully everyone will be able to appreciate the move. Plan to join us if you can!

Unfortunately, we are having to address our costs. Due to the rise in costs, we most likely will have to increase Conference Registration fees to help offset this rise. We WILL do all we can to keep this increase to a very minimum!!!

On a brighter note, our gun raffle is about to be rolled out again. We have 20 all American made long guns this year. Again, \$20.00 per ticket, 20 chances to win, only 1000 tickets state wide. Please contact your regional director to get yours!!!! We'll have an early bird drawing at our January 2014 meeting for one gun and the rest to be drawn at Conference. Need not be present to win. We have this year's winners posted on our website and will post the next ones when the drawings are over. Check it out.

As many of you know by now, Tony Legg, our state coordinator is moving back to the St Louis Region to be closer to family. I want to personally thank Tony for all that he has done for Hunter Ed and for MHEIA! Good luck Tony!!!

Until next time,

Be Safe Out There!!!!!!!

**Jim Robertson**

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## DUES

There is much confusion concerning dues. At the annual conference several years ago, it was voted to change the year to **March 1st thru the end of Feb..** Dues are \$10 per year. Please join and urge others to join. We need your ideas to move into the future.

It has been Proposed and Voted for at the first Quarterly board meeting that we would **offer Membership at no cost for first time applicants.** We want our membership to grow and this is one method we hope will work. **Renewal of any membership will still be \$10.00 per year and those receiving the one year gratis membership will still need to renew in March each year at a cost of \$10.00.**

### HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR ASSOCIATIONS

**Alabama Hunter Education Association**

<http://www.huntereducation.net/>

**Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association**

<http://www.aheia.com/>

**Arkansas Hunter Education Association**

<http://hunteredu.8k.com/about.html>

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<http://www.cahuntereducation.org/>

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<http://www.ghea.net/>

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<http://www.inhea.com/>

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<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://wdfw.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/>

Northeast Region: Jim Robertson

**See page one**

## Southeast Region: Alan Koenig

News from SE Missouri District: Hello, my name is Alan Koenig, some of you already know me, I'm the new Director for the Southeast Region. To those of you I haven't met, let me introduce myself. I've been an instructor for 25+ years and teach in Perryville and Ste. Genevieve. My wife's name is Linda and she is also an instructor. We have two children, Kevin 10 and Anna 9. I work in Ste. Genevieve and own and manage A & K True Value and Radio Shack.

I want to officially thank Ron and Linda Valleroy for their involvement and leadership of our association. I know Ron will enjoy his new free time being retired from work and other obligations. He has a cabin at Kentucky Lake, hopefully he'll be able to spend some time there, not just keeping the grass mowed, but catching some fish. I recently was invited to a fish fry at Ron's and am looking forward to more invitations, the fish was delicious. Ron tells me that as Director I can have as many "Deputy Directors" as I want, and since I live on the northern edge of the SE region, I would like to get some deputies all around the region so we can stay connected. So, if you, or someone you know, is interested in being a deputy director, please let me know. I welcome and invite anyone. My first deputy is Ron Valleroy, from Perryville, and I hope some of his past deputies will remain. As far as other news from SE goes, and being new, I am not yet fully in the swing of things, but I know as time goes on, I'll get more into it. Hopefully by now everyone has been recertified, I know we picked up some new instructors at the certification class that I attended and others, so welcome to the new instructors. I look forward to working with you. We are continuing with plans for the MHEIA (Missouri Hunter Education Instructors Association) instructor conference in the spring. We are getting together speakers and other various workshops. It's been a few years since I was able to attend, but I definitely will not miss this one. I'm sure it will be very worthwhile attending as usual. Hope you will make plans to attend, actually, put it on your calendar now. The dates are March 7-9 2014 at the Country Club Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. We'll see you there, always enjoyable times at the lake.

We do now have the gun raffle tickets. We would like to get all of them sold before the end of the year. For those of you not familiar with this, we are selling 1000 raffle tickets for \$20 each, and that gets you 20 chances to win 20 guns. If you want a ticket or can sell some tickets let me know, we only have 125 tickets in SE region, and they usually go fast.

MHEIA is taking new members and renewals all the time, and we have several new members, (instructors) with the recertification. New instructors get their first year dues free and renewal is only \$10 per year. If you haven't paid your dues I can help you get back on track. If you know anyone who needs to join, send them my way. Membership has real benefits other than discounted room rates to attend the conference. We actually have a voice with MDC, as a group, they listen when we speak; a good example is the new "junior instructor" program that Ron Valleroy pioneered. If you're not familiar with it, basically, any young person over the age of 14 that is interested in helping with classes can help and get credit for it, then eventually roll right into full teaching. As you see, membership can give us clout that we would never have as individuals. In closing, I want thank everyone in advance for your support, confidence, and help. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything, help with ideas, comments, suggestions, etc...

Here's my contact info, Alan Koenig, 21800 Peaceful Valley Dr., St. Mary MO 63673

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Thanks again, good luck teaching, be safe.

Alan Koenig

St. Louis Region: Bill Morton

All is well in The St. Louis Region, both Henges and Bush held Hunter Education day camps with about 30 kids each week, it was touch and go with the ammo shortage but good old Bass Proshops came through with more than enough, I cant say thanks enough to them. Each day we had kids pulling triggers in the morning and in the classroom every afternoon. that was in June then along came the month of July and agent Becky Robertson had an all Girls camp at Cuiver River state park, this event drew 60 girls for a three day camp of, canoeing, fishing, shooting, and Hunter Education. We are all looking forward to Fall, there are a lot of Dove clinics around the state and this region is no exception, no less than four here. That will bring us to the 2013-2014 Gun raffle, last year all but seven tickets were sold, this year we will have not nineteen but twenty guns with an early bird drawing in January 2014 a Ruger 10/22 stainless in camo, can you say "that's what I want", get your tickets early the price is the same \$20.00 each, as a note I sell about 20 tickets to guys that make "stocking Stuffers" out of them. get them early this is a great deal. On a sadder note, life member Floyd had a stroke and lost some of his vision, please keep him in your thoughts. By the next news letter we should all be converted to the new Hunter Education system and feeling good about all the wait, and guess work, it looks to be a better product. Remember its all about the adventure not the bag limit.

Bill Morton

**Central: Kenny Claspille**  
NO REPORT

## Kansas City Region: Jerry Bryant

Greeting fellow Instructors

Has it been "HOT" this August or what?

Having gotten recertified and doing a couple of the new (hands on ) portion has been great. Since many of us in the KC Region have always done a lot of hands on training in our classes, this has been a smooth transition. We held our annual picnic on August 3rd and had a great time. We had several volunteers from around the KC region attend the picnic. A big thanks goes to Chris Capps for putting this event together. This may have been the 'coolest' one ever. Sure glad it was not the last part of August. Also a special thanks to all the instructors who worked the State fair this year. We were well represented.

Our raffle is now off and running. If you would like to purchase some raffle tickets or sell some of them, contact Jerry Bryant @816-419-0658 or E-Mail to jerrybryant@att.net. There are 20 American made firearms for just \$20.00 a ticket. That's 20 chances for \$1.00 a chance.

The 2014 Conference will be held at the Country Club Hotel and Spa on March 7th, 8th and 9th, 2014. Here are some pictures of where it will be held



I hope to see you there.

At just \$69 a night plus taxes, this is a great value. I feel everyone will really enjoy themselves in 2014.

We have some fantastic presentations planned.

Jerry

## Northwest Region : Tim Moore

Hello fellow instructors:

Hope all had a great summer. Now is the time for the on-rush of Hunter Education Classes. Our family of HED instructors has been very active this past summer. We helped with the Outdoor Skills camp for the Mo. School of the Deaf. I want to thank all the other Instructors who helped. We participated in two different JAKES events. It was great to see and visit with all the people at the State Fair.

Remember that your Regional Rep has raffle tickets to sell and pass out for you to sell. A list of the firearms are listed in this newsletter.

Try to make plans to attend our Conference in March of 2014. We will be having entertainment again this year. More on the Conference in our next newsletter.

Stay safe and hunt hard.

Tim

## Southwest Region: Don Harris

### Southwest Region

About the only thing happening in Southwest now is the new Skills sessions we are having. They are going very good. I have attended two and they went very smooth. The students liked the opportunity to physically handle the firearms. The only hitch was the 835 Mossberg shotgun failed to operate properly. The students could not load and operate the action. The new NRA Sporting Firearms Museum is now open at Bass Pro in Springfield. The experts all agree it is worth spending the time to tour. Many very interesting firearms are on display. The best part, the admission is free. Dove season is just around the corner. Hunt Safe, Don

## Ozark Region : Ron Boedekker

NO REPORT

# MHEIA TREASURER'S REPORT

(APRIL 13, 2013 TO JULY 27, 2013)

	General Fund	SBYF
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 13,584.37</b>	<b>\$2,655.55</b>
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 240.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$240.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
NEWSLETTER PRINTING	\$237.60	
CFM MEMBERSHIP	\$214.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$16.13	
CFM SHARE THE HARVEST GRANT	\$500.00	
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	\$78.00	
YHEC	\$450.00	
POSTAGE PO BOX RENT	\$224.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,719.73</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$12,104.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,655.55</u></b>

SUBMITTED & PRESENTED BY: DONALD HARRIS, TREASURER



## MHEIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10:30AM JULY 28, 2013

### Meeting held at Bass Pro, Columbia, MO

**Director's present:** Jim Robertson, NE Region; Don Harris, SW Region, Tim Moore, KC Region; Jerry Bryant, Northwest Region;

**Deputy Director's** Alan Koenig; Southeast Region Larry Harlen; Northeast Region , Bill Morton, St. Louis Region, Delmar Croka; Central Region

**Guest(s) present:** Tony Legg

Meeting called to order by President Jim Robertson.

Welcome extended to guest(s).

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda for July 28th, 2013 read.

A motion to approve was made Tim Moore, seconded by Bill Morton

Voted on an approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting minutes from Board Meeting of April 14th , 2013 were read by Jerry Bryant.

A motion to approve was made by Tim Moore, seconded by Delmar Croka.

Voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report was given by Don Harris, Treasurer. This report was from April 13,, 2013 thru July 27, 2013 General Fund was \$13,584.37, 2013- Smittybear Fund balance was \$2,655.55 on April 13, 2013. Balance in General fund on July 27, 2013 was \$12,104.64. Smitty Bear fund was \$2,655.55 on July 27, 2013.

Motion to accept as read was made by Jerry Bryant, seconded Tim Moore..

Voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

#### COMMITTEES:

##### Conference

A discussion was held about the upcoming conference. **The Conference will be held at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at Lake of the Ozarks.** Room rates will be just \$2.00 more per room. **It looks like we may have to raise the registration just a bit to help cover the increased costs of having a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. We plan to keep it a low as possible.**

We have been searching for some speakers and have lined up Three toes to show everyone how to build a Longbow and Jerry Bryant to present a program on effective communication. We are checking on entertainment for Saturday night. **The Conference will be March 7th, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

##### B. Membership

Don Harris reported that our membership at 196 members that are paid up Through 2014. We show close to 100 members past due. Don is also working on updating our application for membership to reflect e-mail addresses and the new Junior membership.



**C. Newsletter**

Jerry Bryant stated that we have cut costs by not sending newsletters to anyone that has been expired more than two years. This newsletter will be sent to active members and those that expired in March 2013 with a reminder that they are expired. Printing on thinner paper and starting an E-Mail list for delivery has cut down on our costs as well.

Anyone can send articles to [jerrybryant@att.net](mailto:jerrybryant@att.net).

**D. Awards**

If anyone has won an award or knows who has won awards since 2005, please let Jim Robertson or Jerry Bryant know so we can update awards page on our web site.

**E. CFM Report**

Don reported that our resolution introduced to create a Junior hunter education membership with the Missouri Department of Conservation for youth age 15 through 18 was well received by CFM. This would help recruit new instructors for MDC. They would not be able to teach, but assist the Instructors during classes. The resolution was passed by CFM and forwarded to MDC. MDC has received the resolution and has adopted it. CFM is still looking for a replacement to head the Organization since Dave Murphy retired.

**F. Membership Benefits**

Our goal at this time is to do a bag similar to last year. We will check into this with Bass Pro.

**G. Website**

The website was discussed. There have been improvements and we will work to try and get it better. We are going to try to update the different pages. Jerry will work with Robin to accomplish. If anyone knows who won awards since 2005, please contact Jerry or Jim with the names so we can update the web page.

**H. Gun Raffle**

Alan Koenig is going to run the gun auction this year. Ron will be available to assist, and we are grateful for this. We will have a twenty gun raffle this year ( see list in newsletter) All twenty firearms are American made. Tickets are being printed and then mailed to the regional directors. Contact your director for tickets. We will have an early bird drawing at our January meeting.

**I. Smitty Bear Fund**

Jerry Bryant and Mike Mansell are still working on our hunt protocol and should have this done by the October meeting. Jim reported that the Missouri Waterfowl organization has disbanded. They have donated \$700.00 to the Smitty Bear fund. We appreciate the donation, but are sad that they had to disband.

**J. State Fair**

Ken sent a report of who is working the state fair. We still need some volunteers. Shirts will be given to those who have not worked the fair before. We will have several different items to hand out this year. We have a iron on transfer the youth can color then put on a shirt. Packets will be mailed the first week of August.

**K. September event in St. Louis**

We have a chance to buy back a CVA Optima Muzzleloader kit that we gave away last year for only \$200.00 . A motion to purchase the muzzle loader for the St. Louis event was made by Delmar Croka and seconded by Tim Moore. Motion was voted on and approved by unanimous vote. Tim made a motion to sell raffle tickets for this firearm at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Motion seconded by Delmar Croka. Motion was voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Accept resignation of Southeast Region Director.**

Linda Valleroy turned in a resignation letter. Tim Moore made a motion to accept and was seconded by Bill Morton.



**Elect new Director for Southeast Region.**

A motion to appoint Alan Koenig to fill the unexpired term as Director for the Southeast region was made by Tim Moore seconded by Jerry Bryant. Motion was voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ Bass Pro in Columbia, Mo. At 10:30AM.

A motion to adjourn meeting was made Tim Moore and seconded by Jerry Bryant.  
Voted on approved by unanimous vote.

**Subject to amendment and Board approval**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jerry Bryant, Board Secretary

Anyone who that has obtained a  
**Thompson/Center Arms**  
**ICON, VENTURE or DIMENSION** rifle  
manufactured before June 13, 2013 should  
**STOP**  
its use because they "**have identified a**  
**condition where the**  
**safety lever in certain rifles**  
**may bind preventing the safety**  
**from being fully engaged."**  
Anyone having one of  
these rifles should call  
Thompson/ Center at 1-877-318-0644.

Once again we will be holding a gun raffle this year to help us cover our expenses in the MHEIA.

Your regional Directors should have the tickets to sell and hopefully you will help in those sell's by the third week of August. We only print 1,000 tickets and are giving away 20 firearms. That is only ONE Dollar a chance!!! Here is this years list and when they will be drawn for.

#### Early Bird Drawing January 2014 Meeting

Ruger 10/22 Camo S/S 22 Cal

At Conference.....

Friday March 07, 2014

Ruger American 270 Cal

Remington 870 Express Super Mag 12 Ga

Mossberg 500 All-Purpose 12 Ga

Saturday March 08, 2014

Remington 700 SPS Syn 270 Cal

Remington 1187 Sportsman SM 12 Ga

Marlin 336W 30/30 Cal

Remington 770White Tail Pro 270 Cal

Thompson/Center Impact Combo 50 Cal Muzzle Loader

Remington 1187 Sportsman 12 Ga

Remington White Tail Pro 30/06 Cal

Henry Golden Boy 22 Cal

Mossberg 835 Ultra-Mag 12 Ga

Ruger American 7mm08 Cal

Sunday March 09, 2014

Mossberg Mariner 12 Ga

Remington 870 Express 12 Ga

Remington 870 Nitro-Mag 12 Ga

Henry 22 Cal Blued

Savage 110 30/06 Cal w/ Nikon Scope

Ruger American 270 Cal

# MISSOURI HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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*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

Jr. (non-voting, non member) \$0

*Board of Director's approval required for:*

Auxiliary Non-Certified (non-voting) \$10

**Auxiliary Life (non-voting) \$200**

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