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President's Column

The Board of Directors has chosen me to be the next President of our Association, I hope I can live up to the examples of those before me. I hope that I can serve the members to the level they deserve. I feel it is an honor to serve with the rest of board and look forward to the next year as an officer.

For the next year we are going to working towards many new goals. The annual meeting and workshop is going to be a tremendous task. We would like to have a program not only to satisfy all of our current members but also a program that will bring more new members into the association. To make sure it is successful, we need your constant input. Please take the time to relay to your regional directors what you want to see happening. With the changes before us, it will take the support of all of our members to make it all come together.

Other areas we are going to be focused on will include funding, member services, and most of all, new ways to pass on the tradition of safe hunting. Some of these ideas and projects we are about to expand on may require no more than some hard work, or a lot of talking, while other things we would like to do, could cost an

extreme percentage of our budget. As I have told my daughters, sometimes the things we want, we can not afford right now, but if you work hard and plan, before you know it you can have what you want.

It has been the main focus of this organization to help in educating new and experienced hunters in safe hunting/shooting practices. To do that, we must help each other to become the best instructor we can be. In the past we have shared ideas through training aids we have passed out at the conferences, we have had contest to show the teach aids we have created. We have offered training academies to broaden the knowledge of an instructor. This is an area we need to revisit, look at what we have done successfully, and see if we can do it again.

Missouri has been noted as having the best programs in years past, both on behalf of MDC and MHEIA. When I previously served on the board I can remember our Executive Officer stating he had a request to send information to another state that was forming an instructor's association, could we give them some pointers. That was some-



thing to take pride in. The board of directors is committed to doing the best job they can, and to make this association something we all can be proud of.

We all can stand in the back of the room and find fault with the plans and decisions made by those in the front of the room. Sometimes we have to back up and regroup before we get it right. The

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As MHEIA begins a new year, our organization is faced with many unanswered questions concerning how we should best proceed as an Association. If we are to develop to our fullest potential as a Hunter Education Organization, we must first stabilize our financial platform with both short term and long term ideas.

No one person has all the answers. It will take everyone working as a collective group to discover where the true answers and solutions rest. But, I believe the positive results we all wish to happen for MHEIA can be found. Our Board will need every Members support, and a main key ingredient of support in maintaining MHEIA as viable organization must be the retention of our present Membership, and the growth of future new Members.

Sometimes Instructors ask me "Why should I join or remain in MHEIA". What I tell them is this, "To Support and Enhance the Hunter Education Program in the State of Missouri". It is only through the efforts of united individuals will our voices be heard. A State wide organization of Hunter Education Instructors can make an impact on Hunter Education. People do listen to a group of informed individuals, who speak with a common theme, and with a united platform.

Our dues have remained the same for 15 years. What you have gotten for your \$10 Membership Fee is a voice in conservation issues, input in how the Hunter Education Program functions in Missouri, and chance to bring the Hunter Education message to numerous individual across this State and this Country. Let us now add in a quarterly newsletter, occasional training aide items, past educational training sessions, sponsorship of different youth and hunting activities, access to shooting equipment, and the respect of both MDC and other Organizations.

This Association has been a positive to so many things in Hunter Education. Please have faith in what MHEIA has always represented, by continuing to show your support. Please renew your membership, and allow our organization to be a voice in Missouri Hunter Education. If you can help us better this Association in any way, the entire Board would welcomes the opportunity to hear your ideas, and would like to discuss with you how we can achieve a better future.

MDC recently met with our Board, and has indicated that they wish to keep a strong relationship with MHEIA. As a Member we ask you to help us maintain our special relationship with our Hunter Education partners.

Douglas Wagganer
Editor



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MDC SPEAKS OUT....

Hunter Education Instructors:

You soon will be receiving a letter detailing the new policy regarding counting your service hours for hunter education courses. Under this new policy, your hours will be counted toward service awards just like the points were counted.

Also under this new policy, Hunter Education Volunteers may earn service hours by participating in other MDC sponsored events and shooting sports activities. It is with this in mind that I will begin sending out a list of upcoming programs and activities that would qualify under this policy.

Hunter Education Volunteers are needed for the following events:

April Events

April 14th. 8am - 3pm Saturday - State High School Trap Shoot, MTA Club Linn Creek

April 16th. 10am-11:30am Monday - St. Joseph School, Pilot Grove, Basic Shotgun Classroom

April 17th. 8am - 3pm Tuesday - South Callaway High School, Mokane, Basic Shotgun Classroom

April 18th. 8am - 3pm Wednesday - South Callaway High School, Mokane, Basic Shotgun Shoot

April 20th. 9am - 11:30am Friday - St. Joseph School, Pilot Grove, Basic Shotgun Shoot

April 25th. 8am - 11am Wednesday - St. Peter & Paul School, Boonville, Archery

May Events

May 3rd. Thursday - California 7th. Grade, Scrivner C.A., Small Bore Rifle Shoot

June Events

June 9th. Saturday - Royal Rangers Camp, Eldon, Shotgun shoot

June 10th. Sunday - Conservation Honors Camp Rocky Fork C.A. Shooting Sports

June 29th - July 1st Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Hunting Skills University

Charles at Green

Conservation Area

August Events

Aug. 24th-25th Friday & Saturday, Boy Scout Council Sporting Clays Tourney

September Events

September 1st. Saturday - Hunter Skills University Dove Hunt, Three Creeks C.A.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work for Hunter Education.

Brian D. Flowers
Outdoor Skills Specialist



Board Minutes for 3/25/07 (MEETING #1)

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Present were:

Jim Robertson and Larry Harlan from N.E., Dan Evans and Don Fosse from N.W., Frank Powers from K.C., Douglas Wag-ganer from S.L., Earl Williamson and Steve McGhee from Central, Ray Joggerst, Scott Elliott, and Dave Hoff from S.E Ron Boeddeker from Ozark, and Don Harris from S.W.

Also in attendance were Members Ralph Redstone and Sarah Smith

Meeting was called to order at 10:12am.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

President's Report: The Conference at the lake went well, there was good membership participation. At the Association meeting Bob Staton asked the membership if they would consider supporting him as a candidate as commissioner for the department. The vote by the members present was unanimous. We will try to support Bob Staton through our individual efforts, with the understanding that we as a group find him to be an acceptable candidate. Ron Boeddeker was recognized and praised for his notation to the article on squirrel hunting in Outdoor Life. There was a radio broadcast on 2/28/07 with Bob Staton. That broadcast may be found at missourioutback.com, you need to make up your own mind. An invitation was extended to the MDC for representatives to attend the board meeting.

CFM report: The Spring conference was not attended by MHEIA.

Elections for Board Officers were conducted. The results were as follows:

President: Dave Hoff
1st Vice President: Ron Boeddeker
2nd Vice President: Frank Powers
Secretary: Earl Williamson
Treasurer: Don Harris

Discussion of the check writing policy took place.

New items to be discussed were tabled to the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 3/25/07 at 12:30pm at Water's House in Columbia.

Respectfully submitted
Earl Williamson
Secretary

Board Minutes for 3/25/07 (MEETING #2)

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 12:30pm.

Present were all the Directors, Deputies, and Members from the AM meeting.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were postponed until the next board meeting.

A Financial Request Form was handed out for consideration.

Committees:

Membership – Don Harris

By-Laws – Frank Powers

Awards – Jim Robertson

Fund Raising & Funding – Dan Evans and Don Fosse

Website - Earl Williamson, Ron Boeddeker, and Steve McGhee

Newsletter – Douglas Wagganer

History – Douglas Wagganer, Don Harris and Don Fosse

Member Benefit – Frank Powers

Department Liaison – Earl Williamson and Frank Powers

Conference Committee - Douglas Wagganer, Frank Powers, Ralph Redstone, Scott

Elliott, and Earl Williamson

MDC representatives were Brian Bethel and Patti Redel. MDC is hoping to be able to provide or help with advanced training for instructors.

Both organizations are looking at recruitment and retention for hunting activities.

Missouri is finally aging out and beginning to lose numbers of hunters that are not being replaced by youngsters who know about and are interested in the game.

The motion was made and approved for Don Harris to be the CFM representative.

Motion was also made and approved for Earl Williamson and Frank Powers to be Department Liaisons.

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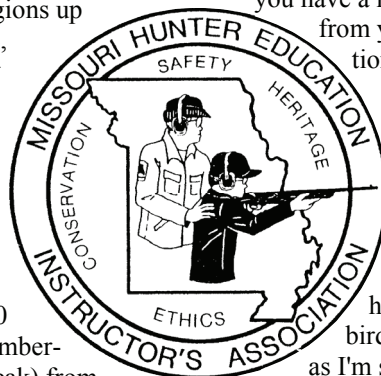
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Hunting is Safe
and Getting Safer!**

OZARK

Well there is good news. My recent allergies to cedar tells me turkey season and spring are here. The results from the conference of the election of directors for the 4 regions up for 2007 are Dave Hoff was elected from SE, Ozark Region: Well there is good news. My recent allergies to cedar tells me turkey season and spring are here. The results from the conference of the election of directors for the 4 regions up for 2007 are Dave Hoff was elected from SE, Frank Powers from KC, Dan Evans from NW, and I remain volunteered for Ozark. We had our raffle items and silent auction bring in over \$3,000 for the association, along with renewing memberships. Our cutting of the umbilical (so to speak) from the past years of MDC conference donations to MHEIA are now a thing of the past. What this means is that MHEIA will now need to find its own way to create funding. Okay? Clear as mud? Me too! (Well, not really). Our big challenge is to come up with opportunities to team up and bring ideas and some of our time together for the sake of our association. How can we do it?

We had our scheduled March 25th meeting at Waters house in Columbia. Both Brian Bethel and Patti Redel from MDC were present long enough to help us to piece together ideas for our first annual meeting of the membership under the direction of we the members. Now funding such a get together at Lodge of the Four Seasons could easily cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000!!! Since we have about \$14,000 right now, in order to have a get together of some sort (as required in our by-laws) for our members, we may have to lease a great big tent, or whatever. But we are working on this right now. By our next meeting we should have a better idea of what we intend to do. We also have listened to some of the folks from the Indiana HE Association, and the idea of creating a Sportsman's Calendar and tee shirts are possible ways to create funding. Of course, at the annual get together we can have raffle items. If only we'd have known more completely, we'd have had more raffle items at the last conference. But that is in the past. For those who could not or did not attend the conference at the Four Seasons, it was a very nice affair. As many of you know, MDC awarded the 1,000,000th Hunter Ed student some very fine gifts. In looking back at our past conferences, it may be awhile before we can live so, large as we have become accustomed to. I am confident that our new president, Mr. Dave Hoff, along with our now unified board of directors will be able to work together to keep this association functioning. Our friends in MDC are now with us in this effort as the strife that this board had to contend with is behind us.

As your re-elected and Senior Vice President, along with VP Frank Powers, Secretary Earl Williamson, and Treasurer Don Harris, we will make every effort to keep this association together. The fellowship we share with our MDC partners/



members has been expressed and renewed. The fact that decisions have been made in regard to our receiving funds from MDC should not change our mission, which we volunteers know, is to support and enhance hunter education in Missouri. Therefore, if you have a money making idea for the association, let's hear from you. If you have some means of gathering a donation, bye golly, come on down.

Of course our regular spring Hunter Ed classes are going on all around. Many of us posted our classes the week/weekend before the youth turkey hunt, as did I. There has been a good turnout for spring classes. Now to watch as the hunters come home with their harvests. I saw a very happy young lady and her dad come home with her bird the first day of the hunt. It's so rewarding to see, as I'm sure so many of the rest of you can also say. I'm proud to be one of us. Safe hunting!

Ron Boeddeker
Ozark Region

NORTHEAST

Things are busy in the Northeast Region with all of the Hunter Ed classes going on. I as well as my deputy director had the opportunity to help with a field day in Kirksville recently as part of the new Internet Hunter Ed pilot program. It was quite different from the normal class setting. There is more time spent on actual skill demonstration and more knowledge testing of the students. I think with a little more fine tuning which is being worked on, this will be a very good program. I urge everyone to try to attend one of these field days so you can make up your own minds. I was always taught that you can't judge something if you don't know anything about it.

We now have new directors on our Board as well as new officers and I want to welcome them and hope you do the same. At the last Board meeting we committed ourselves to do whatever it takes to make this Association whole again and to work closely with MDC to do all we can to make sure our Hunter Ed program is successful and moves into the future smoothly. Also, we talked about mentoring, as a way to enlist and retain future hunters. We can all be involved in this movement. Take someone hunting!!!

I am chair of the Awards Committee again this year. So, if anyone wants to nominate someone for any one of our awards please contact me. The awards will given at the annual business meeting that is in the planning stage right now. Safe Hunting!

Jim Robertson
Northeast Director

Regional Reports Continued...

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SOUTHWEST

By now everyone will have finished the spring Turkey hunt and been very successful with fresh turkey in the freezer. And of course as hunter education instructors we do not expect any incidents involving us or our students.

Last month (March) SW Region held the first “*Internet Hunter Education Field Day*”. The event was held at the Andy Dalton Range and Training Center. The activities were coordinated by Mike Brooks, Range Supervisor. Bryan Bethel and Regina Knauer were also in attendance. I believe there were 15 students that went through the course. The students arrived at 9:00am were registered and divided into two groups. First thing they took a warm up test, of which everyone passed. Then a review of the on line material and the hands-on testing which consisted of four separate stations with ten specific activities they had to perform without any help from the instructors. The students were individually escorted through the stations where they demonstrated the following: The proper and safe way to cross a fence with a firearm, zones of fire, field carries, firearms actions and matching ammunition to the proper firearm. Finally they were given a final written test. All the students passed. The day went smoothly without any glitches. Everyone in attendance seemed pleased with the performance of the students and the instructors.

My personal opinion is, this program is more involved requiring more hands on instructions than just setting in the classroom and passing a 25 question final test. I believe the students going through the Internet course and field day will get more extensive instructions than the current method, of course the key is the field day activities. This is where the *rubber meets the road* and the students actually get the opportunity to be involved in a hands-on learning experience. As the day came to a close I saw first hand the advantages of the program and I support 100% the program as it is being tested in the various regions this year. Have a good summer. Hunt safely and, Support Bob Staton for Commissioner.

Don Harris
Southwest Director

CENTRAL

It is shaping up to be busy in the Central Region. The first "Field Day" went well. I believe those instructors involved agreed that it was a good course. Note: This will be VERY labor intensive when it gets going. Hunter Ed Instructors are going to be needed for not just regular classes but the field day events as well. There are going to be a number of events in the region where hunter Ed instructors can receive hourly credits as if they were teaching in a class. For more information contact Brian Flowers in the Central Region office. He can fill you in on the details.

Events include: June 9th from 9am to 3pm a Shotgun clinic at the Royal Rangers Camp in Eldon. June 10th from 10am to 3 pm Archery, Shotgun, and .22 Rifle Clinic for the Conservation Honors program. June 22-24th YHEC at the United Sportsman Club in Jefferson City. June 29th to July 1st the Hunter Skills University with setups occurring on the 26th, 27th and 28th. On July 23rd there will be a NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) certification class followed on the 24th by an extension of this class for graduate credit.

Yikes! This is really getting busy. Please contact Brian if you are interested in any of these events.

Earl Williamson
Central Director

SOUTHEAST

Greetings to all of the Southeast Region, I am happy to be back on the board, representing all of you. We have many new challenges before us this year, and I know I can count on you. MDC has announced that the workshop this spring was the last one we may see at the state level. We are moving toward more activity on the regional level. With that in mind, please think of things we can do to stay in touch, share ideas and maybe even come up with a new project or two.

Anyone that would like to help with organizing a sight in clinic this fall at the Apple Creek Range please contact me. We have set some of these up in the past and really had a good time. If any of you have other locations that could host a similar event, let me know what we need to do make it an annual thing.

During our March board meeting, it was mentioned that MDC has some new programs that we may be able to lend a helping hand and share the work load. Please watch for activities being held in your area and let Dee Dee know if you can help.

June 9th is scheduled to be the Skeet and Eat at the Apple Creek range, I have volunteered to bring the smoker. I don't have a good BBQ recipe for skeet, but some brats and pork steaks might find their way into pit. I look forward to a chance to talk to all of you there, maybe even recruit a few new members. It has been awhile since we have had the chance to get together in warm weather, bring the lawn chairs and let's have a good time.

David Hoff
Southeast Director

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KANSAS CITY

This is my first report as your regional director from the KC region. I thought I'd introduce myself to those who might know me. I am Frank Powers and have been teaching Hunter Ed since 1999. I teach most of my classes north of the river (Maplewoods, Gladstone and Platte City).

There are a lot of activities going on in KC. On Feb. 24th MDC held a youth Pheasant hunt for 10 youth at James A. Reed with help from Pheasants Forever and a number of Hunter Ed. Instructors helped out. Everyone had a great time, especially the young people. (Congratulations to Barb Green's daughter Brandy whose beagle took ribbons at a showing that was being held while we were hunting).

MDC is sponsoring a turkey hunt for 11 young people at Burr Oaks on April 14th and 15th. On May 5th and 6th they are also hosting another Turkey hunt at Smithville for 10 youth and 10 wheel chair bound adults. I know instructors are helping at the April hunt and David Wyatt should be seeking assistance for the Smithville hunt also.

We are having an overnight fishing trip (catching our own fish for the picnic) May 25th and 26th. Mike Mansell or David Wyatt should have the details if interested. The Instructor picnic will be held June 2nd this year. David will be getting info to us.

We were to have our first pilot Internet Hunter Ed. Class on 3/24 but have been rescheduled for April 15th. A number of instructors are assisting with the field-testing that day. I will try to let everyone know how it turns out.

Jefferson City should be sending out info asking for input for our new manuals.

The first combined board meeting went well. Seems a lot will be happening in a short period of time for us. Brian and Patti were there for MDC to speak with us. I think discussions went well.

We need to start increasing membership somehow in the Association. As director I am asking your input as to the direction we need to travel. One of my appointments on the board is member benefits. As such I am to work with the board and as a liaison with Brian in Jeff City. It is going to take all of us to make this work. One thing we have discussed is multiple deputy directors. How do you feel about this? Our regions cover such area it is hard to get everywhere needed. It might be nice to see someone in the Sedalia Area and Clinton Area that would like to become involved. Let me know how you feel?

I have spoken with a number of instructors about membership. What is it you feel the association needs to do for you the member? I have heard a number of things but no real defini-

tive answer. Let me know.

My address is 8116 E. 81st St., Kansas City, Missouri 64138. My home phone is 816-356-6884 and cell is 816-564-4954. My e-mail is fpowers1@kc.rr.com. Feel free to drop me a line about your thoughts. If anyone would like me to keep them posted via e-mail let me know your address and whether you care if another member sees it on a memo. I will not give out the e-mails to anyone and I only use BCC: for those who want their e-mails kept private. If you know someone not a member of the Association but they would like to be kept informed, have them contact me. Thanks for your support and any ideas you can help with.

Frank Powers
Kansas City Director

ST. LOUIS

The 2007 Conference come and went so quickly. I thought the Business Meeting on Sunday afternoon ended in a very positive manner. Our Membership elected four (4) good individuals, who will bring some valuable support and leadership to the Board for the next three (3) years. I feel confident that our organization will be able to now get many things done, and will settle into a hard working unit without further delay.

After the Conference I met with the Saint Louis Region's 2006 Instructor of the Year, Dennis Arnold at a Hunter Education Class he was running at the High Ridge Civic Center. Dennis was presented his MHEIA Award in front of his Students, Co-Instructors, and Family, and Friends. He is an outstanding Instructor and a great supporter of MHEIA and the Hunter Education endeavor. "Thank you" again Dennis for all your dedication and hard work.

Our Region remains busy. With so many classes going on throughout our entire area, I hope everyone will try to take some personal time off, to enjoy the Spring Hunting Season. There is always some wonder activity going on at one of our area's MDC Ranges. Please contact your OSS to find out how you can help. Due to limited available space in this edition of the newsletter, I will have to limit this Director's Report. Please read my fellow Director's articles with an open mind, and I believe you too will see that MHEA has a promising future ahead. Be Safe!

Douglas Wagganer
Saint Louis Director

NORTHWEST

No Report Submitted.

Daniel Evans
Northwest Director

Board Meeting Minutes Continued....

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Board Meeting Minutes for 3/25/07 (MEETING #2)

Heather Wright from Holiday Inn Select in Columbia came and talked to the board about the possibility of having the annual meeting there. Ms Wright provided timely and important information for the board to consider.

Motion was made and approved to support the YHEC hunter safety trail for \$450.

Motion was made and approved to help with worker needs at the State Fair for \$500.

Directors are to inventory Association resources in their areas.

Motion made and approved to make 50 dummy ammo packs for the association.

Motion made and approved to that all fundraisers be brought to the board. Fundraising was discussed.

Next meeting will be 5/20/07 at 10am at the Water's house in Columbia.

The June meeting will be at Sat Eve June 23 (during YHEC) time and place TBA.

Tentative August dates are either the 19th or 26th.

Meeting adjourned @ 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted
Earl Williamson
Secretary

The Deputy's Corner

I have been asked to write a column on the progress of our association and where we think it is headed after attending our first board meeting with our new officers, Directors and Deputy Directors, and I have some ideas of what we need to do.

First of all, we are in a reconstruction mode, rebuilding our reputation as well as our accountability to our members and state department. This process is going to need all of our members pulling together to right the wrongs created in the past. The board is well on it's way with it's reconstruction through appointments of committees and organizing a conference for next year. You will hear more about the conference later on.

All of you who are reading this are current members, and I am going to ask for your help. John F Kennedy once said "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country". With this thought in mind, I am asking all of you to increase our association membership. When I am asked about our association by out of state folks I am always proud to say I am past president of our association. I have met many hunter education instructors throughout the country and they notice my name and logo on my jacket and hat as well as stickers on my truck's windows.

I really enjoy giving something to young people that I did not have as a boy, learning the safety rules of hunting at a young age. People are proud to say that they belong to NRA, NWF, Whitetail Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited etc. All of our instructors should be just as proud to say that they are members of MHEIA. The association dues are only \$10.00 a year. A small sum when you think about it compared to other associations that you might be affiliated with.

When you are at your next class ask your fellow instructors if they belong to the association that they represent. If they say no, then ask, why not? Then ask them how many other organizations they support with dues and how much. They might be surprised when they stop and think about it! See if you can get them interested in attending our next conference. From there they will be on the ground floor to see our association grow to be bigger and stronger than it was before.

None of this can be accomplished without the help of our members. Your association is calling on you for help, ideas and your ability to speak up! The board of directors can't do it alone. We need all of our instructors in the entire state to get on board and help develop the strongest hunter education association in the country. Membership applications are available on the back cover of the newsletter. Feel free to make copies and pass them out. They can be completed and mailed in. Get on board and help us help you!

Don Fosse
Deputy Director Northwest Region
Life Member #1

board asks that you, as individual members, look at what will solve the problem, not just that you see a problem. Take the time to get involved. Always remember before you say, "I am only one person," "I am only a volunteer," or "I have a real job and have to work" that the directors you are finding fault with, come from the same place you do and they did not use those excuses.

I have taught hunter education in the southeast region for the last 19 years, and I see great potential in the internet portion of the classes of the future. We all have faced the classroom nightmares of students with learning disabilities. If the new delivery system can help to let parents spend time in preparing the student for what they will encounter in the classroom, then we are on the right track. We have all watched many things change in the program over the years, and we are still here teaching. Let's give it a chance to work, we can always work out the kinks as go along.

As a reminder, MHEIA has always supported YHEC and the State Fair, if you have time, please contact Jan Morris for YHEC and Jim Ragland for the fair. Your help means so much and I can say from experience, you will always enjoy the work.

We should all look forward to a bright new year, many new challenges, many new students, spending time teaching the things we love to do, and lots of safe hunting.

David Hoff
President



MHEIA TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2007 TO MARCH 24, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE	14,955.73
MEMBERSHIP	\$1,485.00
RAFFLE	\$810.00
SILENT AUCTION	\$851.00
MEMORABILIA	\$118.85
PETTY CASH	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,470.65
NEWSLETTER (FALL & WINTER)	\$468.85
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,412.13
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