

**Michigan Bison Association**  
**Spring Board Meeting Minutes**  
July 13, 2015

Call to Order  
Meeting in session at 6:07pm.

Present:  
Kevin MacRitchie, President  
Corry Bala, Secretary  
Rich Sangster, Director

Not Present:  
Brad Bannon, Treasurer

Opening Remarks

None

Reports

**President:** Things are going very well. Despite the recent resignation of Big Rock Buffalo Farm, as well as those that we received in April, our membership numbers are up. Several new members have joined, and several former members have rejoined. We anticipate this pattern to continue as we reach out to producers and add value to the organization.

**Vice President:** n/a

**Secretary:** May 2015 meeting minutes were previously emailed to current board.

**Treasurer:** n/a

Old Business:

**Co-op:** Todd Hoppe recently (today) emailed several forms regarding the creation of the Co-op. Discussion took place regarding this, as it pertains to the MiBA's involvement.

**Bylaws:** MacRitchie is presently working with Todd Hoppe on cleaning up the bylaws. No new progress to report as of yet.

**Website:** The new site, as designed by Web Matters, is ready to go. We are still waiting on the previous web host to release the previous domain. Bala will communicate with Web Matters to make the site live, with intentions to replace the old site with the new one as soon as possible.

**Fundraising Ideas:** Discussion continued regarding the use of credit card processing by members as a means of fundraising/cutting costs. Sangster will continue to research this.

**National Bison Association:** MacRitchie reported that he will be unable to make the Washington DC meeting this fall. Discussion took place regarding having MiBA representation at that meeting. Additionally, NBA assistant director Jim Matheson will speak at the fall MiBA meeting, addressing issues on the national level.

**MiBA Fall Meeting/Bison Bash:** Discussion took place regarding various aspects of this event. The educational series that has become part of the event may include talks from Co-op owners/directors from other states, veterinarians, Agri-tourism representatives, etc. Discussion also took place regarding logistics of the event regarding activities, vendors, food arrangements, volunteers, etc.

New Business

None

Member Comments:

None

Guest Speaker:

None

Elections:

None

**Motion To Adjourn made by MacRitchie, seconded by Bala at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.**

Fun Auction:

None