#### **MARCH 2014**

**Jeanne Littleton, Editor** Ph# 541 895-2697 or Email Below

# OHEIA NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association (OHELA) is to continually strive to improve the teaching of safe, ethical and responsible hunting through the Hunter Education program.

#### **OHEIA Board of Directors**

Brian Ferry, President bferry@bendbroadband.com

David Ganskopp, President Elect David.ganskopp@oregonstate.edu

Tom Maddox, VP/Western OR chiselbit50@yahoo.com

Jeanne Littleton, Secretary OHEIASecretary@aol.com

Rich Morgan, Treasurer RWmMorgan@aol.com

Carl McGlothin, VP/Special Projects cmcglothin@aol.com

Greg Barron, NE Director gbarron@centurytel.net

Diana Bauman, SW Director chinkabirdy@juno.com

James Beck, High Desert Director jbeck@jodeco.com

Chris Friend, NW Director 00Friend@gmail.com

Dave Ganskopp, SE Director david.ganskopp@oregonstate.edu

Hedge Jarvis, Immediate Past President hnjarvis@msn.com

Ted Bork Willamette Valley Representative tedsbork@yahoo.com

### **Inside this issue:**

ODFW Regional Meetings	2
OHEIA 2014 ELECTION:	

Ballot Instructions 3

#### Autobiographies:

Chris Friend - Pres-Elect 4

Josh Bettesworth - Pres-Elect 5

Diana Ackerman — Treasurer 6

Darlene Marquardt—Secretary 7

Jeanne Littleton — Secretary 8

#### **ENCLOSED:**

Ballot

Secrecy Envelope

Return Envelope

#### **President's Message**

Fellow OHEIA Members:

It is hard to believe March is upon us! Before we know it, the Controlled Hunt Deadline will be here.

In Redmond we just survived a short, but intense, winter storm which arrived in time for our early Hunter Ed classes. Fortunately for the students (and instructors) we got a break in the weather and enjoyed a relatively warm, snow-free field day.

Time and activities are moving just as fast within OHEIA. I marvel at how quickly my term as President is winding down, and that I'll soon be "put out to pasture" as your Past President.

It seems like just yesterday I was trying to compose my first address to you, and now I already find myself doing what will be my last one.

Before I move on to the "pasture" there are still important tasks to finish. Chief among those is ensuring the continuity of OHEIA and your Board through our next election cycle.

These elections provide you the opportunity to select your future executive officers.

Elections can offer an opportunity of change, and this one does that. That you

are selecting a new person as your President-Elect is not a surprise, and is the "norm" under our Bylaws.

That has not always been the case with the Secretary and Treasurer positions, where the incumbent can be nominated and re-elected.

That will be the case with Secretary, where our incumbent, Jeanne Littleton, has indicated a desire to continue serving if reelected. However, that is not the case with Treasurer this year.

Our long time Treasurer, Rich Morgan, has decided after 9 elections, and 18 years of dedicated and excellent service to OHEIA that he is retiring. I have already thanked Rich for his unflagging loyalty and service to OHEIA.

When I was elected as Pres-Elect, then President Hedge Jarvis indicated I would undoubtedly face challenges, but he assured me none would come with Rich, or with our financial resources and records. This has been true. I have been amazed at Rich's attention to detail, his openness to change and new ideas, and his "can do" attitude.

For many of you, Rich has been the face of OHEIA as he manned our booth selling memberships and OHEIA merchandise at ODFW meetings and OHEIA banquets and functions.

Rich's presence will be missed and I hope you will personally thank him for his service and contributions.

Please review the enclosed election instructions and candidate autobiographies, vote, and return your ballot.

#### PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15.

Our next board meeting is April 26, 2014,11:00 AM, at the Santa Clara Grange in Eugene. In addition to our normal business we will count ballots and report the results. The results will also be announced via our website, email, and at the ODFW regional instructor meetings.

It has been a privilege to have served as your President. Hunter education instructors and OHEIA members are special, and I look forward to continuing my efforts with OHEIA by embracing my new role as "Past-President".

You have my best wishes for successful classes, and positive controlled hunt results!

Brian Ferry
OHEIA President.

### **ODFW REGIONAL MEETING DATES**

# Insert page from Hunter Ed News sent by ODFW On regional meeting dates

Page 3 MARCH 2014

#### **BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2014 OHEIA Ballot Instructions**

### Enclosed you will find:

- 1. Ballot Instructions
- 2. Each Candidate's Autobiography
- 3. A Ballot
- 4. A secrecy envelope
- 5. A pre-addressed return envelope

#### **Ballot Instructions:**

- · Read Candidate's autobiography.
- Select the candidate of your choice and mark your ballot accordingly.
- · Place the ballot in the Secrecy envelope and seal.
- · Place the Secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed return envelope and seal.
- · Stamp and return the pre-addressed envelope.

Ballot must be <u>postmarked</u> no later than <u>April 15</u> to be counted.

Thank you for your participation in your OHEIA election process.

MARCH 2014 Page 4

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

## CHRIS FRIEND CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

My name is Chris Friend and I am running for President-Elect.

This is a position that the successful candidate becomes President in two years. I feel this position requires a vision for our Association's projects and efforts required to keep us focused on our mission. The President-Elect should be involved in all aspects of OHEIA before moving into the presidency. To that end, let me share my experiences, both personal and with OHEIA, that support my election to this office.

I was appointed to the OHEIA Board of Directors in 2008 for a 3-year term, with my appointment being renewed in 2012. I am a life member of OHEIA. I am serving as the NW Area Director, as well as, the Assistant Area Coordinator for Washington County. This past year, I served on the OHEIA planning committee for our annual statewide meeting, charged with the fundraising efforts that support OHEIA's grant funds. We had the second most successful fundraising event since the inception of OHEIA. I have also been appointed to the Executive V-P position on the board responsible to carry out special assignments. For example, the board asked me to chair the Ways & Means Committee, charged with auditing OHEIA's financial records and procedures. This has allowed the board to reevaluate our recordkeeping procedures resulting in an upgrade of software and computer to keep us current with our digital age.

In addition to my service on the OHEIA board, I bring to the table the experience of owning/operating a contracting business, employing 35-50 full time people in two states. I fully understand successful business operations and the need for organization and good management.

I have a family of six and we are very involved in our community and volunteer our time to just about anything outdoors related. We are avid hunters and fishermen. It is a vital part of our family to stay active in the future of the outdoors so our children will have the outdoor traditions to pass down to their children, as I did from my parents and grandparents. OHEIA is a key part of my life because I see the importance of OHEIA and the Hunter Education Program and ODFW working together to support the Hunter Ed instructors through training and supplying the best tools available to conduct successful classes in their communities that further our outdoor experiences.

Recently I was appointed as the Hunter Ed representative on the board of our local gun club which is the largest in the region. Through joint efforts with ODFW Statewide Coordinator and gun club representatives, we were able to negotiate continued support of the hunter education program which had been denied, use of action sets in the classroom, and secured classroom facilities. Through my personal efforts to build trust and support with the board regarding our program, Hunter Ed has been given a piece of land within the gun club boundaries and approval to build a new classroom with the aid of ODFW grant funds. This is but one example of the importance to be involved in our communities and willing to put in the extra time and effort to secure our program for the future.

I have come to know many of you and truly appreciate your time and efforts given to a common interest. I ask you to continue to be involved and to exercise your vote for your incoming officers. I ask for your vote for President-Elect.

......

Page 5 MARCH 2014

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

# JOSH BETTESWORTH CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

My name is Josh Bettesworth and I have strong ties with the local and statewide Oregon Hunter's Association chapters. I am an avid hunter and want to be involved in all things outdoors, especially if my wife and two sons are involved. I have a strong background in education and a degree in business and have a very determined mindset to do a good job in all of my endeavors. I feel that I am very approachable and enjoy working with people on a multitude of projects. I feel that a collaborative community allows for the generation of new and well-rounded ideas.

My main focus is provide recruitment and retention opportunities to new and past hunters as I feel that we need to meet the needs of this demographic and remain forward-looking for the future of our sport. The face of the hunting community is ever changing as we endure an ever transforming world. With these changes we need to secure the future of our sport by being proactive in the endeavor of recruiting new hunters and seeking new venues for recruitment.

My project for new recruitments has been exceedingly successful. It is a vision that I wish to continually pursue and maintain. I have been working with ODFW and with schools to offer hunter education training to students. Since the beginning of the school year we have graduated three classes of hunter safety trained students. Furthermore, we have recruited six new hunter education instructors that have been actively involved in setting our new hunters on the correct path.

The school setting is prime for capturing the interests of new hunters. Over 70% of the students recruited through the school setting had no prior knowledge of hunting or the outdoors. These students are now actively engaged in learning about gun and bow safety, trapping and tracking, and archery education through our bow hunter education program. Out of all of these students who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to learn about all things outdoors, 93% of these new recruits have obtained their first hunting license and are now active hunters involved in the hunting community.

The vision that I have for the future of the OHEIA and the hunting community involves upping the efforts to recruit and maintain quality hunter education instructors through the use of quality professional development. It is also paramount to continue the recruitment of the future generations of hunters and wildlife conservationists for the preservation of the tradition of our sport.

If I am elected I want to use my connections with the Oregon Hunter's Association and OHEIA for a combined influence on the decisions arrived at in Salem. I retain close ties with the ODFW and their Statewide Hunter Education Coordinator, Hunter Recruitment and Retention Specialist, and Outdoor Skills Education Coordinator. I feel that our collaborative efforts will allow us to arrive at the best decisions for the hunting community, hunter education, and the preservation of our sport.

Page 6 MARCH 2014

#### **TREASURER**

# DIANA ACKERMAN CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Diana Ackerman and I live in Prineville, Oregon.

I am with Crook County Hunter Education instructors, and my area coordinator is Stu Butts. I became acquainted with Hunter Education in 2001. I lived in Silver Lake at the time and they needed a hunter education instructor in the North Lake County area. I held my first class at the end of summer 2001 with Mary Jo Hedricks. It has been a wonderful experience, and I would like to thank everyone that I have met and worked with over the years, you are what makes this a great organization to be with. Thank you.

With the announcement of the retirement of outgoing treasurer, Rich Morgan, my interest was once again raised in my desire to serve as Treasurer of OHEIA. Rich leaves a very large pair of shoes to fill, but I believe my qualifications will make me a good choice for treasurer.

I have worked with accounting in many different aspects, some of which include owning my own business, keeping the daily books for a grocery store, a quick change oil company, and a newly opened produce company. This past year I was instrumental in assisting the Farmers Market set up their books and to establish more efficient ways of handling money and paying the vendors.

In 2004 I obtained my Tax Preparer License and was employed with H&R Block. In 2006 I became a Tax Consultant with the State of Oregon, and in 2007 became an Enrolled Agent with the IRS. My work experience includes doing personal and businesses taxes including nonprofits for the last ten years. Having worked for a number of years with H&R Block, I most likely have experienced every tax problem you can imagine. I also have served on the board for the Crook County Rotarians, and I do volunteer work for the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners.

My education includes attending Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon, where I received my Microcomputer Operator certification plus some management course work. In 2013, I completed my accounting certificate from Central Oregon Community College. Currently I am focused on finishing my accounting degree, which will assist me in my career with H&R Block to work closer with corporations and partnership tax clients.

I am excited about this opportunity to showcase my skills. I look forward to having the opportunity to become more involved with the dedicated and talented volunteer instructors through OHEIA. I feel I can help our Association continue to grow, to continue the top-notch recordkeeping of Rich, and bring the Association into the digital world of accounting.

Thank you, again, for your support. I look very forward to the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of OHEIA.

•••••

Page 7 MARCH 2014

#### **SECRETARY**

# DARLENE MARQUARDT CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Hi - I'm Darlene Marquardt.

I have been involved with Hunter Education for quite a few years now. My husband began teaching several years before I joined him. But I always attended the classes to help, so when there was an opening for an instructor, I was the logical choice. I am your very own OHEIA webmaster and enjoy working with this wonderful group of people.

I am a teacher by profession. I teach Music and have also taught Computer/Business Technology and Careers for Morrow County School District. I have been a teacher since 1970, teaching in both public and private schools. I was also in an administrative position when teaching at private schools.

I have a B.A. in Music Education from Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University), a Masters in Education from Oregon State University and a Masters in Business Administration from National University. I was honored to spend a year as President of the Oregon Business Education Association a couple of years ago. I was secretary of that group before becoming President-Elect and then President, and currently am representative between my Oregon group and the regional and national groups.

I am currently the Telecommunications Director/webmaster of the Western Business Education Association. I belong to Toastmasters International and have achieved Competent Toastmaster and Advanced Toastmaster bronze. I live in Athena with my husband and kitty cats. I have two grown children and two grandchildren.

If elected, I would do the best job I am able. I have been secretary of a number of different committees and groups over my lifetime and am thorough in my note taking and transcription of the minutes. I would like to serve OHEIA because it is a crucial and essential group that truly keeps the Education of our young hunters a priority for our DFW people and keeps our curriculum current and rigorous.

Thank you for the opportunity to run for this office.

DARLENE MARQUARDT B.A. M.Ed. M.B.A. CTM, ACB

••••••

MARCH 2014 Page 8

#### **SECRETARY**

# JEANNE LITTLETON CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Hello members -

As election time is upon us, I am again asking for your support of my desire to remain in the position of Secretary for OHEIA for another term.

Many of you I know as friends, many of you I have met at Hunter Education functions, and many of you have worked with me on projects with common goals. As our membership grows there are some of you that don't know me at all, and so I write this summary to help you to get to know me better. I hope you will approach me and let's get acquainted.

I was raised in southeastern Colorado and attended Oklahoma State University and Colorado State University, graduating with a degree in Business Education. While my goal was to be an business educator, life provided other challenges and rewards for me in the business world. My employment history reflects a background of employment as an Executive Assistant/Executive Secretary for many top executives. I have worked in the automobile, education, timber and retail industries, and presently own and operate the leading secretarial service located in Eugene.

Most recently, my volunteer activities have included serving on the Board of Directors in both the capacity of secretary and treasurer for a local gun club and statewide skeet shooting association. I am presently serving as the secretary of OHEIA, and I keep in touch with you through the newsletter which I write for the OHEIA membership in addition to my board duties as secretary. I work with other board members in activities involving OHEIA that represents our membership and fosters solid relationships with many agencies dedicated to preserving our hunting privileges in Oregon. I firmly believe an active member is an asset to any organization.

In my fun time you will likely find me on the gun range with either my shotgun or my muzzleloader with a youth shooter or lady shooter in tow. I am an international gold medal shooter, a nationally certified Skeet Referee, a certified NRA Shotgun coach, as well as being certified as a range safety officer for NMLRA and NRA. I have been a Hunter Education Instructor in Lane County since 2001, actively teaching a number of traditional classes each year as lead instructor and have attained my Platinum Award. Recently I became an avid supporter of our new online program as an active instructor.

I would describe myself as an outgoing personality, with complementing attributes of a diplomatic, dedicated and organized team player. I would also describe myself as being articulate, as I believe good communications come from being a good listener.

My experience level qualifies me to perform a diverse range of tasks with a high level of competency and ability to handle multiple tasks with efficiency and thoroughness. I believe I bring to the OHEIA Board the qualifications it needs in a secretary. I stand on my past performance and I ask for your vote to remain in this position.

. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .