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President's Report - Jim Ellis

As of June 1st the UBI has a new board in place. The only change is new board member Jason Farr. Jason replaces Jerry Gille for a 2 year term. Paul Ladner and Peter Tarcha will remain on the board for an additional 2 years. I am looking forward to working with this new board.

I want to thank Jerry Gille for his past commitment to the board and the UBI. I can always count on Jerry's straight forward thoughts and his get it done attitude, no matter the task. The UBI has greatly benefitted by having Jerry as a member.

In July the UBI board will have met to discuss a number of items but mainly the 2017 banquet. Mike Mitten will be the keynote speaker Mike was here about 6 years ago and everyone enjoyed his message and photos. Along with a day seminar from Mike Mitten, Mike Davenport will be presenting his 2015 British Columbia goat hunt. We are working on getting one more day seminar to round out the day. I see the 2017 banquet lining up to be a good one, so plan on attending.

Region 1 Rep Sunny Mooney is moving out of state in July. That leaves a void in region 1 and the UBI would like to find someone to step into Sunny's place. If you are interested please give me a call or email. I want to personally thank Sunny for his commitment to the UBI and traditional bowhunting.

The UBI sent a letter to the IDNR director on the Crossman Arrow gun named "Benjamin Pioneer Airbow". This is a CO2 powered device that shoots a cross gun bolt and it has now hit the market! The cross gun is not our only concern now, another invasive species has hit our bowhunting season.



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Director's Report - Peter Tarcha

My summer report will be short this time but as Chairman of the Conservation Committee, I want to provide information on where our donations to IDNR of field cameras went, as well as some feedback on future unmet equipment needs by the Agency. Recently, Lt. Jay Danner, Procurement Director for IDNR Enforcement sent thanks to UBI for the generous support provided to the Agency. He also indicated that the MaxSur real-time data-transmitting camera went to Region 3-District 19 and the Brownings went to Region 2-District 3, Region 4-District 13, and Region 5-District 14. He said that he is not sure if they have had to use them yet for any deer enforcement activity since they were received in February. The officers do use them in the summer, when there are incidents of theft or vandalism, in the state parks. None of our recently donated cameras have been damaged or stolen.

I usually have trouble remembering where the boundaries of the 5 regions are and certainly have not memorized the Districts. If you want to see them all on a map of Illinois go to: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/about/offices/Documents/OLERegionDistrictMap.pdf>.

Regarding equipment to consider for future donations, Lt. Danner currently has new requests for 3 more trail cameras. IDNR also

needs Lead test swabs, so a CPO can sample the wound of a deer which was reported as an archery kill but the CPO suspects it's a firearm kill. These are very useful when proving the case in court. Eight swabs cost \$26.00. If we purchased an 8-pack for each of the 14 Districts it would cost \$364. IDNR could also use new robotic deer decoy. They normally get the standing whitetail, Extra Large body with robotic head, tail and leg designed for enforcement purposes. It costs \$2140, including shipping, from Custom Robotic Wildlife, in Mosinee, WI.

Years back, with little knowledge, I used to think that decoys were set up by law enforcement to entice some poor slob, who needs to feed his family, into committing a violation. But the Robotic Wildlife website says that decoys are usually used by law enforcement in areas where there is evidence or complaints of active poaching going on. The robot increases the chances of the poacher (s), the evidence, and the CPO all coming together at the same time and place.

Please let the Conservation Committee know what you think UBI should provide IDNR next year. You can send your comments to cozzi216@comcast.net and I will relay them to the Committee.

Director's Report - Paul Ladner

I shot my second archery turkey this spring. My season lasted about an hour and a half. It was a short season, but I got a good shot and I took it. I shot a jake with a longbow made by Ken Hoehn and bought at recent PBS banquet. Next year I will get a second permit which will likely jinx me.

Carp shooting has been good and after a trip to the Illinois River recently it is apparent that the population of the jumping silvers is holding its own in spite of efforts to reduce their numbers. What a blast!

Jim is organizing a board meeting as this is written. We had quite a bit going on at the last board meeting. Refer to the minutes I assume will be in this newsletter. If there are any questions let me know.

We, as a board, penned a letter to the IDNR opposing inclusion of the "Air-bow" in any hunting seasons, but especially bow season. This device is currently being produced by Crossman. There has been no effort thus far to include it in any hunting season in Illinois, but they claim on their website that they believe it is legal in

any states which have seasons for air guns. We just want to head off any attempts that may be made. The "bow" part of the name comes from the fact that it shoots arrows. Look it up on the internet. It looks a lot like a gun.

I look forward to serving the UBI again as a director. Please contact myself or anyone on the board with suggestions, questions or concerns.

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Director's Report - Jason Farr

Fellow Traditional Bow Hunters,

There's not a lot to report here in western Fulton County as it is a hot summer and slow time of year for the bow hunter. Good news is, by the time you read this it will be time to get geared up for Fall. The preseason process and anticipation of Fall always gets me thinking about all the knowledge and vast experience our members have. So I sat down and compiled a few random thoughts, observations and opinions I've gained over the last thirty years of bow hunting.

Have you ever noticed in a week of hunting during the rut you can let multiple deer, both does and small bucks walk well within bow range without any of them looking up? Then finally, when that old Romaned nose buck walks in, he picks you out, standing at ready in the tree at fifty yards.

Speaking of eye sight, I like blaze orange fletching's. After the shot, I've actually found several animals by spotting my arrow first. However, if the arrow passes completely through the animal the orange fletch turns brown, so I guess if you're into bright fluorescent green, that's the way to go. Another important thing about blaze orange fletching's, if you think you're going to pull a fast one over on a group of turkeys while in a tree stand you're more than likely going to be very disappointed. Turkeys have a set of 10 million dollar eyes with a 10 cent brain, they don't miss anything that stands out!

While on the topic of equipment, I've successfully used Ashby style broadheads for moose and caribou hunts. I can get single bevel broadheads razor sharp in half the time it takes for a standard double bevel. Maybe that's just me, or maybe it's because you only really have to sharpen one side? By the way, I sunk an arrow up to the fletching on a moose, and shot completely through two caribou with a 56 pound bow pushing a 534 grain arrow? Heavy arrows and sharp broadheads are a deadly combination and that's the point ain't it? For the last several years I've used two inch wide broadheads on animals the size of whitetails and smaller. The wound channels and blood trails left by these large convex style of heads are impressive. Of course accuracy and correct shot placement is far more important.

Clothing

I've never believed in the magical scent eliminating clothing but I did receive an outfit as a gift probably fifteen years ago. I've washed them regularly through each hunting season and to my surprise they still look new. Also, am I the only one who thinks that their hunting clothes have more of an order after they've hung out to dry on the clothesline, rather than being ran through the clothes dryer? Something else I've tried, is the old baking powder down the rubber boot trick to help eliminate/mask the scent. The

powder makes my feet sweat so bad I can feel the bottom of my pants getting wet from the baking powder trying to absorb the perspiration.

Another observation I've discovered over the last couple of years is my 2013 pickup truck. I could drive my old 1992 pickup through twenty miles of logging roads and across a dozen creeks without an episode. I can't even look at my 2013 without scratching it. A friend of mine tried to help out on a hunt in Iowa last Fall by reaching over the side of the truck to unload a full bed of firewood. Do you know what a zipper on a Carhartt jacket does to the side of a truck after fifty passes? I'd have less damage if it had run through a barbwire fence. They don't make 'em like they used to.

Lastly, I'd like to leave you with a tip that's been very helpful to me when putting up and even taking down ladder stands. Get a 2 x 4 approximately 12 feet long, cut a "V" notch in one end about 3" deep and you're ready to go. When putting up a ladder stand, place the bottom of the stand up against the tree. Have a friend pick up the top of the stand as high as he can. Place the "V" notched end of the 2 x 4 in a ladder rung at the top of the stand and walk the ladder stand up the tree and put it in place. Once up, adjust the bottom of the stand so the platform is level and secure the stand.

Again, I hope you have summered well and now that Fall is here, I hope you've found or got pictures of that deer of a lifetime.

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United Bowhunters of Illinois Board Meeting 4/3/16

Attendance: Jerry Gille, Peter Tarcha, Denny Hayford, Paul Ladner, Jim Ellis, Devlin Neuhaus.

Minutes from last meeting: Meeting was held at the banquet. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Jim delivered as best he could given the data he had. It was concluded that there needs to be some improvement in tracking and reporting. Balance in checking as of 3-21-16 was reported as \$14,648.63.

A budget needs to be developed and proposed/voted on at the next meeting. Jim is to work with Tom to get things improved and having budget developed. A brief, very general, verbal review of what a budget might look like was had in order to decide on tentative allocation of money to Conservation and Education Committees. It was voted on and approved that, with sufficient funds available after the budget is written, \$2000 each should be available to the Conservation and Education Committees. \$962 of the Education committee's money is earmarked for scholarships via the Betty and Jerry Pierce Memorial fund.

Membership Status: No update. Seems many members may have paid dues at the banquet, but is not reported separate from most other receipts that day (part of the issue with treasurers reporting) so how much more revenue is expected to come in for dues is unknown. Dues are to be paid in June and it was assumed that billing would be sent out for that.

IFOR: Seems there has been some trouble getting reports of the IFOR goings on. Rick Stillman (our IFOR rep) was phoned at the meeting and we spoke with him regarding current legislation... It was requested that in the future he keep the board up to date with any developments and write a piece for the newsletter as well. It seems this request was made in the past, but reporting to the board/membership has repeatedly been lacking.

The UBI will buy a framed print (\$100) from Jim Ellis to be donated to IFOR as a banquet auction item. Rick will be attending the upcoming IFOR banquet.

The proposed inclusion of archery hunting during the firearm season seems to be driven by the personal desire of Director Rosenthal.

There is legislation proposing unused youth tags be allowed to be used by adults in later seasons. IFOR opposes this.

2016 Banquet recap: It was agreed that it was successful and well attended. Reporting of revenue was a bit confusing (dues mixed with other revenues...), but seems that about \$3000 was raised. Donations came in even the day of the event. A bow test shooting area was set up as usual, but there were no vendors with bows and therefore it went unused. If there are not bow vendors the test area should be eliminated as it is a considerable bother.

2017 Banquet: The present venue has been booked for next year (3-3/4-17). Mike Mitten will be the speaker and he will also do program that day.

We did tour the facility of the Girl Scout camp and while the area for the banquet would be adequate there are other issues making it less than ideal for an all day/overnight venue.

Devlin floated a couple ideas about attracting youth to the banquet. Youth items at auction or youth raffle? He was aware of another event where used youth hunting gear donations were made by attendees and then youth could pick through finding items that fit them to take at no charge. Seems like a good idea to clean out hunting closets as the kids get bigger and share with a new generation of youngsters. Devlin is to look into pay-pal credit card smart phone swiper technology for UBI.

Having button down, embroidered, UBI shirts produced and purchased by board members to wear (available to general membership also) particularly at the banquet was suggested. Denny is to see if the company doing the T-shirts could do that.

Possibly inviting someone from the nature conservancy to our banquet and providing them with a table for display or even as a speaker in the future was discussed again.

T-shirts: It was decided to budget \$1100 for the purchase of UBI T-shirts. This should cover a price break minimum order of 144 shirts at \$5.90 a piece as well as cover the additional cost of some being XXL and long sleeved. Denny is in charge of the order.

Conservation Committee: No report.

Education Committee: There is \$962 in Betty and Jerry Pierce memorial fund ear marked for scholarships. Denny has applications... for the scholarships and will see that something is included in the next newsletter soliciting applications. It seems that the disbursement of scholarships has been a little sporadic over the years and the impact of the money spent may be less than desired. After the Pierce memorial funds are disbursed it may make sense to re-evaluate the use of scholarships.

Jim had some concern for our support of NASP which it seems is essentially a marketing scheme for Mathews bows. He would like to see at least the inclusion of traditional archery gear at their events.

Legislative Committee: No update from committee. Seems no changes to deer seasons or permit availability, but IWA seems confident that some changes will be made per contact Jerry had with them. What that amounts to will be seen.

Summer Shoot: Was proposed that the UBI purchase hotdogs, hamburgers and such for evening meal at campground following the shoot. Budget of \$100 was set. About 30 UBI members attended last year.

UBI Banners: were discussed. It seems there may be 4 in circulation. Ideally each region would have a banner.

Election: The slate of candidates is uncontested. The board will remain as it is with the exception that Jerry Gille will leave the board and Jason Farr will be a 2 year board member.



Director's Report - Denny Hayford

Education Committee Request for assistance

The call has come out again for help with the archery tent at the State Fair in Springfield. Each year the UBI assists with the second weekend of the fair. This year's second weekend is August 20 & 21st. Of course they would appreciate help any day during the fair but we generally man the tent the last weekend. Contact me if you can help this year and I will get entry and parking passes ordered for you. (stykbow2@yahoo.com) or 309-840-2327

Banners

We are getting pricing on banners for region 1 and region 2. Hope to have the new ones to hand out at the next banquet.

The Banquet

Preparations are under way for the 2017 UBI banquet. It's time to start working on those donations both personal and sponsored for our auctions.

2016 Stump Shoot

The Region 1 Stump Shoot was a great success. The weather was even better than last year which was pretty hard to beat. I have spoken with several members that intend to come and camp for the weekend next year. Thanks to all that came out and all that volunteered to help set targets. A special thanks to Chuck Brawner for arranging for the coveted port-a-potty. The number of attendees was the same as last year but I have the strong feeling that we will break it next year.

Compton Rendezvous 2016

If you haven't made it to this event you are missing a fun weekend. Four 10 target ranges, vendors everywhere, and more UBI members than you'll see at most of our events. I think we came up with over 25 and I don't know everyone so I'm sure there were some others that were there. We talked with 5 or 6 people from Illinois that hadn't even heard of the UBI and wanted to know more about it. Fortunately I carry extra newsletters in my truck so we were able to get them into the hands of these perspective members. Thanks to Ron Jack and Ron Hayford for being out there promoting our organization.

Between the Tennessee Classic, Cloverdale, and Compton events I have enough project bows to keep me busy in the cool basement during the hot summer months to come.



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I hope all of you are as excited about the 2016 hunting season as I am. I'm already moving stands and encouraging the use of shot opportunity trails. I'm starting to have some concerns about the steel climbing sticks I have out. They are poorly welded in some cases and I've had the bottom T piece break off at least one. Be careful if you've left these out for a couple years. The metal is thin to keep the weight down and it seems to be rusting badly from the inside out.

I am encouraged by the amount of deer sign and the number of deer I've seen this year. While moving one of my stands I had a fawn get up and leave but not before I had made 3 trips to the tree I was putting the stand in and while I was attaching the top section of a 4 piece set of tree sticks. It appeared that it had been bedded about 15 yards from that tree the whole time.

I have been doing a lot of mowing this year and I am constantly watching for bedded fawns. Fortunately I haven't seen any while mowing but wanted to remind everyone to watch out for them. If you've ever had the misfortune of running over one you will not want to do it again.

We did make it down to the Rinehart 100 but only got to shoot 50 so we did the Safari side. Anne took some photos of our more successful targets. It was interesting trying to judge distance on a hippo, tiger, or cape buffalo. It was fun to do once but probably won't do one again.

If anyone has a Samick Angel recurve bow they would like to part with I have someone that would be happy to pay a fair price for it. Last year at the banquet a member gave me one which I am happy to say has already been put to use by our 21 month old granddaughter. Contact me if you have one and I will put you in touch with the interested party.

Be safe, hunt hard, shoot straight.....

Best Regards,

Denny Hayford



Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

This is a busy time of the year for archery events. There have been several since the last newsletter. In May we helped with the Links to the Future, IDNR, and Central Illinois Boy Scout Council "Wolf Creek Rendezvous ". At this rendezvous there are about five hundred boy scouts camped at Wolf Creek State Park from Friday through Sunday. They participate in many outdoor activities including fire making, Dutch oven cooking, astronomy, navigation, fishing, shooting air rifles, tomahawk throwing, and archery. We had ten volunteers come out to help with the archery event. I would like to thank Ron Jack, Don Osborne, Chuck Ormsby, John Krohn, Denny and Anne Hayford, Frank Ferris, Karen Hayford, and Ashley Florey (Army Corps of Engineers employee). With this much good help, we can spread the work around and it makes the day go smoother. Many thanks to all who gave up a Saturday to help promote archery.

The day after the Boy Scout event we shot the Rinehart 100 at the Broken Arrow course near Charleston. We shot the African Safari course which included a life sized giraffe, tiger, zebra, elephant, hippopotamus, and other large African species. Shooting such different targets was fun but the wait between targets was too much. There were hundreds of shooters on the course, most of which were very slow compound shooters. We were glad to experience it once, but all agreed we would never do it again.

The next weekend was the UBI Summer Shoot. Well.....this didn't go as well. A few of us camped at Fox Ridge State Park-Joe Ather-ton, Ron Jack, and Karen and I. The camping was great on Friday and on Sunday. On Saturday we had the all traditional shoot at Broken Arrow. It rained ALL day! No, we did not have sense enough to come in out of the rain. About 10 soaking wet shooters bravely slogged through the course. The rain finally quit around 5:00pm. Some of the Common Grounds gang showed up for the campfire and evening meal, but for the most part the Summer Shoot was washed out.

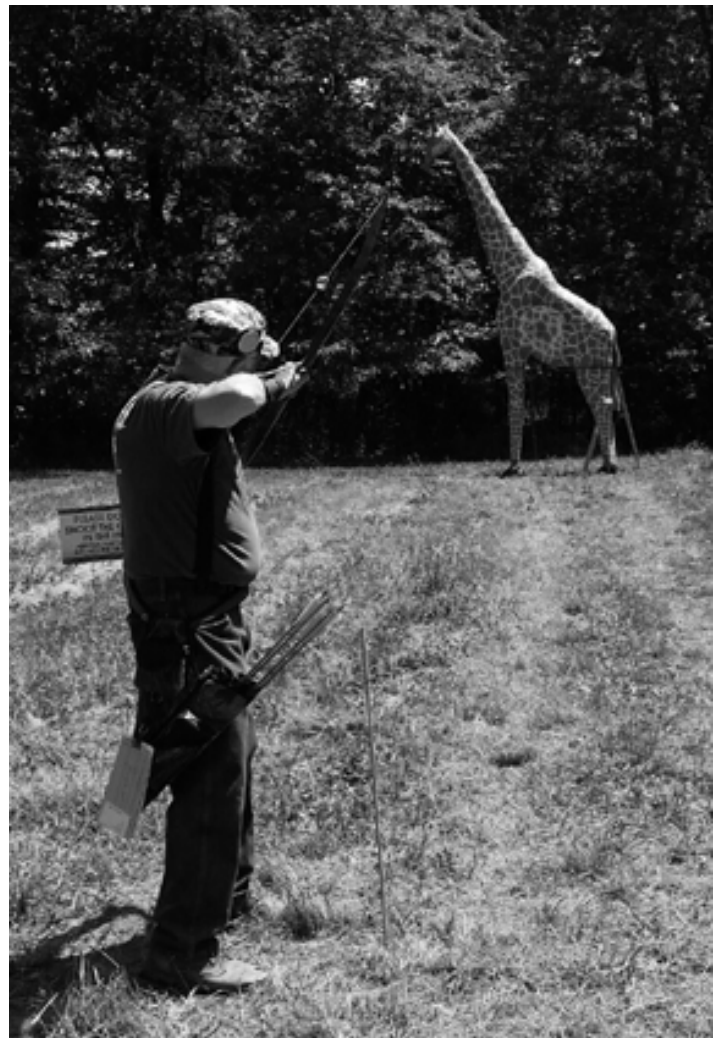
After drying out from the summer shoot, we went to Cloverdale Traditional Nationals in Indiana. The weather was pretty good for Cloverdale. There were a lot of campers, but not as many vendors as there used to be.

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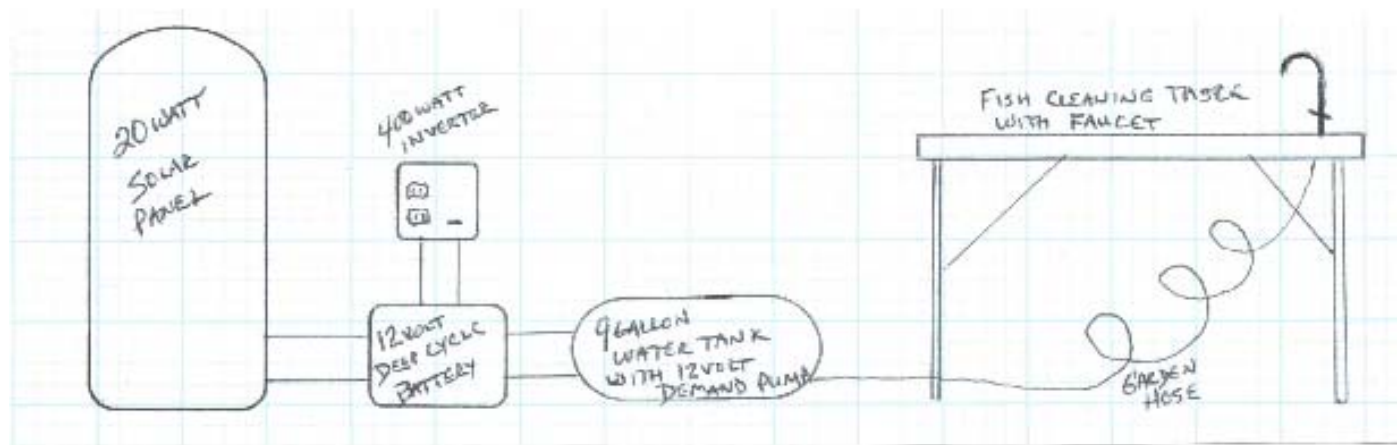
Finally the Compton Traditional Rendezvous in Berrien Springs Michigan is the culmination of four weekends in a row of archery activities. Many UBI members and their families attend this event. It is now billed as the largest traditional rendezvous in North America if not the world. I counted at least 25 members; many were there with their entire families. So much to see and do, it is overwhelming.

Be sure to mark the Region 3 Fall Rendezvous on your calendar. It will be the first weekend after Columbus Day which is October 13, 14, 15, 16 2016. For more details see the flier or call me at 217-493-5960. Hope to see you there!



Ron Jack Hunting'a giraffe at the Rinehart 100

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This has lots of possible applications. I am sure you can think of many more uses and modifications.

Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

Hello from Region 4! As usual, not much is going on. IT IS HOT. Even the deer seem to be hiding, but I understand why. It is hot!

A big thanks to the UBI and to Jim Reynolds, for the "Thunder Stick III" bow. It came in the mail last month and I love it. I have been practicing with it and can't wait till the fall season to use it.

The newest addition to the Best family is a little yellow Labrador named Mazy Mae. With in four months she up to over 30 pounds, and has given most of our furniture "character." I am hoping she finds the deer antler prize to hunt for as much as she loves the wood in our home. She is smart .She dug up a mole- preventing-stake that took me an hour to put in the hard summer ground on one of those hot steamy mornings. She came bounding over to me today saying with her puppy-dog eyes, "Look what I found"! I know she loves to hunt.

This past spring, I chased turkeys in Brown County. I felt very fortunate and eager to be in Brown County since the turkey numbers were up since last year. I felt confident that my calling and patience was as good as they could be, but my shooting ability was sub par. The arrow flew but an inch from the huge bird, and another hunt was over. I let myself down not spending more time with my bow and the craft. As the saying goes you can't get better unless you practice.

I hope this report find all of you well and preparing for any hunt. Please fell free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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January 1, 2016 - January 29, 2016

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
			\$ 8,787.32
1/7/2016	Check # 633 Sunny Mooney	\$ 150.00	\$ 8,637.32
1/6/2016	Check #634 Devlin Newhaus	\$ 139.00	\$ 8,498.32
1/26/2016	Check #635 Maxur (Conservation Committee)	\$ 364.98	\$ 8,133.34
1/28/2016	Check #1002 Michael Wiltse (Newsletter)	\$ 661.98	\$ 7,471.36
1/7/2016	Deposit	\$ 200.00	\$ 7,671.36
1/13/2016	Deposit	\$ 35.00	\$ 7,706.36
1/25/2016	Deposit	\$ 90.00	\$ 7,796.36
1/22/2016	Ordered Checks	\$ 38.18	\$ 7,758.18

January 30, 2016 - February 29, 2016

			\$ 7,758.18
2/4/2016	Cash Withdrawal (Banquet Change)	\$ 300.00	\$ 7,458.18
2/5/2016	Check #632 Gilbert Best	\$ 200.00	\$ 7,258.18
2/2/2016	Check #1001 Jim Ellis (Hatchet)	\$ 128.95	\$ 7,129.23
2/11/2016	Check 1003 JP Enterprises	\$ 230.00	\$ 6,899.23
2/11/2016	Check #1004 Michael Wiltse	\$ 77.50	\$ 6,821.73
2/16/2016	Check #1005 Peter Tarcha (Trail Cameras)	\$ 602.98	\$ 6,218.75
2/9/2016	Check 1006 Jerry Ghille	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,188.75
2/9/2016	Check #1008 Northfield Inn	\$ 266.80	\$ 5,921.95
2/9/2016	Check #1009 Tom Bartolomucci (Hotel Rooms)	\$ 463.18	\$ 5,458.77
2/16/2016	Check #1010 Northfield Inn (Banquet)	\$ 3,398.77	\$ 2,060.00
2/17/2016	Check #1011 Gene Wensel	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,010.00
2/9/2016	Deposit	\$ 9,625.00	\$ 11,635.00
2/11/2016	Deposit	\$ 1,907.17	\$ 13,542.17
2/22/2016	Deposit	\$ 120.00	\$ 13,662.17

March 01, 2016 - March 31, 2016

3/28/2016	IFOR Membership	\$ 238.50	\$ 13,423.67
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April 01, 2016 - April 29, 2016

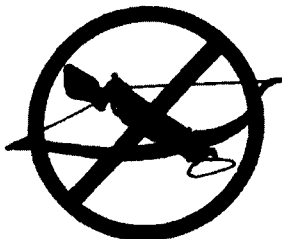
4/29/2016	St. Mathews School (NASP Ed Committee)	\$ 785.00	\$ 12,638.67
4/28/2016	Michael Wiltse (Web Hosting)	\$ 143.40	\$ 12,495.27

April 30, 2016 - May 31, 2016

5/4/2016	Jim Ellis (IFOR Donation)	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,395.27
5/16/2016	Cusack Gilfillan & O'Day LLC (Insurance)	\$ 75.00	\$ 12,320.27
5/13/2016	Michael Wiltse (Newsletter Spring 2016)	\$ 669.00	\$ 11,651.27

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UBI Crossbow Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois is adamantly opposed to the inclusion of any weapon that is not hand drawn and hand held in Illinois' archery season. Specifically, we are opposed to the use of the crossbow and the drawlock device, as well as any other weapon that does not require the shooter to draw by hand, hold by hand, and release by hand. Such weapons have the potential to negatively alter the primitive weapon status originally designated for archery seasons in Illinois

We are not opposed to the use of such devices by the truly handicapped, but we do question the legitimacy of some of these cases. Therefore we support all efforts by the IDNR to maintain the integrity in issuing handicap permits so as to minimize abuse in this practice

UBI Archery Season Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois is opposed to the creation of any new hunting season, or the extension of any existing hunting season which will decrease the length of the archery only season or displace the season into less favorable dates. While the United Bowhunters of Illinois recognizes the rights of hunters who choose to use other weapons in separate hunting seasons, we will oppose all efforts to include such users in Illinois' archery season

UBI Big Game Shooting Enclosure Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois opposes any big game hunting where the animal is within the confines of game proof enclosures. We oppose this despicable practice on the grounds of fair chase hunting, the threat of disease spreading from captive cervids to our wild deer populations, and the fact that privatizing wildlife is contrary to the North American model of game management. It is our position that the selling of hunts for big game animals that have been raised within an enclosure, or animals that currently are confined within an enclosure should be illegal in Illinois