



Mississippi Wildlife Federation and their support.

The negative – We have not made all the progress we would like to and there’s lots of work to do! The financial aspect of producing a high-quality magazine requires a growing and thriving membership, we need you! We need members to renew and new membership sign-up. Our magazine needs fresh new contributors, I know you are getting tired of seeing the face of the same people. As in any organization, free labor (volunteers) get used and abused. Two years is about all it takes for people to start to get burned out, we need fresh directors that will take the baton to another level. The key to steady growth is enthusiasm. When people are enthused and excited they go above and beyond (our directors have done just that) but I can see how

**REALITY** – Reality is defined as “the world or state of things as they actually exist”, it’s the truth! In this summer edition of OnPoint I want to discuss the “Reality” of the Mississippi Bowhunters Association (MBA). We all have perceptions and assumption of how things are or how we, individually, want things to be but how they really are can sometimes be avoided or slightly adjusted. I want you, the membership to be made aware of our reality.

The positive – This summer issue is our fourth publication since we started it back up last fall and the organization has received tons of compliments on the quality of the material and the content. With help from many great contributors and Melanie Starnes, our Editorial Assistant, it has been a glaring success. Over the past year we have had a banquet where Jim Burnworth attended and we gave away some great prizes and good time was had by all, thanks to sponsors and volunteers that stepped up in a big way! The MBA has lobbied Mississippi Wildlife Commission for equal treatment for bowhunters as it relates to supplemental feeding, hoping to see a change there in 2018 regulations, thanks to a welcoming Commission. The MBA 3D tournament archery is back up and running, thanks to volunteers and participants. There was a great opportunity for the MBA to promote archery and bowhunting at last year’s Wildlife Ganza with a really cool 3D shoot, thanks to



with MBA President, Brian Montgomery

important it is about to become to bring on another new and fresh batch of leaders to go forward, we need you.

There is always going to be a negative reality, the fun is overcoming those negatives with positives and

I’m here to encourage you that the Mississippi Bowhunters Association is in a great position to prosper like never before, come join us for the fun to come.