



Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association, Inc.
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January 3, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA) supports legislation for a Big Bull Moose Derby to be held each fall at TVSA. We have always imagined the Big Bull Derby as consisting of two separate portions:

- 1. Big Bull Derby -** The Alaska Big Bull Derby will be conducted under TVSA's gaming permit. Members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks Rifle Team will sell tickets similar to the halibut and salmon derbies found on the coast. Tickets will be sold at select vendor locations and will be available during a pre-determined time frame (possibly the month of August) but to be stopped on the eve of September 1 of any given year. (The cutoff date may be revised to comply with State hunting regulation season dates.) During the month of September, any derby ticket purchaser who harvests a bull moose legally taken under Alaska laws will be eligible for prizes. There will be several prizes to be offered based on the greatest spread of antlers including Top 3 overall, Top Junior, Top Woman, Top Archery, etc. (Total number of prizes will be determined jointly by TVSA and the Nanooks.) TVSA will provide a measuring station and officials who will perform actual measurements. The greatest spread will be measured and witnessed by the TVSA officials who will not be eligible for prizes. Such measurements will be final. Prizes may include cash, firearms, hunting related equipment, vehicles, etc. Anyone who enters a bull, no matter what size the spread, will also be entered into a drawing for prizes under paragraph 2. below.
- 2. Big Bull Raffle -** To increase the number of people who purchase derby tickets, we could also conduct a raffle. Any purchaser of a Big Bull Derby ticket would also be entered into a raffle eligible to win prizes. These could include gift certificates, clothing, cash, etc. The derby ticket holder would not have to harvest a moose in order to be eligible for these drawings. Raffle tickets could be of a different color to differentiate from those purchased for the Derby, and could continue to be sold after September 1. (TVSA officials would be eligible to participate.)

Letter

January 3, 2014

Big Bull Moose Derby

Proceeds from this activity would benefit both TVSA and The UAF Nanooks Rifle Team and would be shared equally. Actual costs incurred by each entity would be documented and deducted from the total revenue prior to division of proceeds.

For more information, please call me at (907) 488-2884. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant L. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "L".

Grant L. Lewis
President



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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support for the legislative effort to add "Moose/Big Bull Derbies" to the gaming laws in the state of Alaska. With the success of other events in the state such as the halibut and salmon derbies in Valdez and Homer, the interior has the potential to host an event to rival others.

I began working on the idea of a "Big Bull Derby" several years ago as a way to help fund and support the UAF Rifle Team. In times of tight financial constraints, any type of fundraising option is a welcome one. After discussing it with several potential sponsors the idea proved to be solid. I believe it can and will be one of the most looked forward to events each year, much like the Nenana Ice Classic.

By having a partner like the Tanana Valley Sportsman's Association and their experience with gaming rules, regulations, and nuances, we think that we have the possibility to build a strong lasting relationship that will help both organizations become more financially sound and successful. This can only help us to continue to provide education and opportunities for the youth and competitive shooters around Alaska. Financial support such as can be gained here is also a critical part of the Alaska Nanook Rifle teams success on the national level which brings exposure to the University of Alaska, and Alaska as a state.

Thank you so much for your time and support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,

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**Representative Tammie Wilson
State Capitol Room 412
Juneau, AK 99801-1185**

January 6, 2014

Greetings Tammie,

We already know each other as fellow Goldpanner fans, but you may not know that I am a lifelong North Pole/Badger Road resident (all 31 years), second generation UAF graduate (parents: Eileen '85 and Bob '78), active community volunteer, licensed annual hunter and fisher, and registered and regular voter. I was delighted to hear from my colleague Dan Jordan '01 that you have authored, sponsored, and are preparing to introduce a bill to establish a new gaming activity to benefit the public.

A very worthy qualified educational organization to benefit from this proposed moose hunting derby is the University of Alaska. Providing a quality education enhances our state's economic, cultural, and social wellbeing, and attracts students from all over the world – including rifle student-athletes. There are no better ambassadors for hunting education, safety, and responsibility than the remarkable ten-time NCAA national champion Nanook men's and women's rifle team.

I support the establishment of this proposed moose hunting derby and its beneficiary the University of Alaska and its men's and women's collegiate rifle program.

Very appreciative of your service and consideration,

**Sheena Cummings '10
PO Box 58535
Fairbanks, AK 99711
nopo_she@hotmail.com
(907) 378-0257**

November 26, 2013

Re: Letter of Support for Big Bull Moose Derby

To Whom It May Concern:

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This derby is similar to other derbies conducted throughout the State such as the salmon and halibut fishing derbies that have been established for quite some time.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



David Hillberry
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Tammie Wilson < tammie.k.wilson@gmail.com >

Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

1 message

Eileen Dubowski < emdubo@gmail.com >

Mon, Jan 20, 2014 at 9:30 PM

To: "Rep. Doug Isaacson" <Rep.Doug.Isaacson@akleg.gov>, "Rep. Scott Kawasaki" <Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>, "Sen. Click Bishop" <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>, "Sen. Pete Kelly" <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>, "Rep. Tammie Wilson" <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>, "Rep. David Guttenberg" <Rep.David.Guttenberg@akleg.gov>, "Rep. Steve Thompson" <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>, "Sen. John Coghill" <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>

Thank you for your past support of the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA). I'm writing to ask that you support us further in our efforts to finish the ventilation system in the north range bay of our new facility.

As you know, we lost the historic TVSA Clubhouse/Range to a fire in March of 2007. Since that time we constructed a new building with one 8-lane firing range (south range) capable of handling .22 rifles and all non-magnum handguns. In order to achieve the same capability in the north range, a second 8-lane firing range, we need to provide a state of the art ventilation system. The system is necessary to remove any lead residue from the range air. This is especially important since the main focus of TVSA in recent years has been youth education. We serve three local high school rifle teams as well as several other youth groups. In all, TVSA provides a safe facility for well over 150 youth shooters each year.

The system is designed and we have begun purchasing what equipment we can afford, but we need to raise over \$150,000 to finish the system. We are excited that the NCAA National Rifle Championships will be held in Fairbanks in 2015. TVSA has made a commitment to have our range available should UAF and NCAA decide to conduct the smallbore portion of the championships at TVSA. This is where we need your support.

We have applied for a State grant to finish the ventilation system. The request for the grant is in CAPSIS. Please note that the grant is for construction funding only—we do not anticipate coming back in the future asking for funds to maintain the facility. Our income and other fundraising efforts will cover those costs.

We, in conjunction with the UAF Rifle Team, are also working to get legislation passed to allow a "Big Bull Moose" Derby similar to some of the fishing derbies held throughout the State. Proceeds from this activity will be split between the UAF Rifle Team and TVSA. Representative Wilson is spearheading the legislation for us. Your support and/or co-sponsorship will be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your past efforts, and please support our current activities.

Sincerely,
Mike and Eileen Dubowski
Life Members TVSA

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This derby is similar to other derbies conducted throughout the State and has the potential to inspire the same community involvement, support, camaraderie, and other positive social effects that occur in other parts of the State thanks to the salmon and halibut derbies. In these times anything that brings the interior communities together in a positive way should be supported and rallied behind.

Moose hunting in general is a test of skill given the vast terrain moose cover, the marksmanship skills needed to take the animal down cleanly and quickly, the physical stamina required to follow a moose through any manner of topographical obstacles, and knowledge of the sequence of events involved in salvaging the meat properly. My family depends on moose meat each year and will continue to hunt moose as we always have. It is my hope that the "Big Bull Moose Derby" will be successfully developed and both TVSA and the UAF Rifle Team will benefit each year from this derby for years to come.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Amanda Hillberry
449 Hillside Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712

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**Big Bull Moose Derby
Support Letter**

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Rifle team members will conduct the ticket sales and TVSA will provide the measuring station and official judge. The "Big Bull Moose Derby" will be conducted under TVSA's Gaming permit. My contact information is 907-488-5861(h) or 907-361-5673(w) or 907-590-8613(cell) or by e-mail at lkappel@mosquitonet.com.

Thank you for your support.

Larry Kappel

**Big Bull Moose Derby
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Thank you for your support.
Richard M Tate

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6139 Chena Hot Springs Road
Fairbanks, AK 99712
November 23, 2013

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Layne Lewis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Layne K. Lewis

1406 23rd Avenue

Fairbanks, AK 99701

November 24, 2013

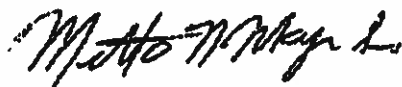
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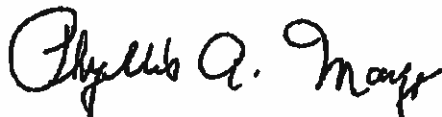
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You may contact us at (907)457-3994. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Milton N. Mayr, Sr.



Phyllis A. Mayr

6101 Chena Hot Springs Road
Fairbanks, AK 99712
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Pamela A. Lewis

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