

American Bowmen Club Meeting of April 9, 2008

Egg sized puffs of agglomerated snow floated down through the darkening evening gloom into the steeply incised tributary valley in the mountains. Apparitions carrying primitive weapons from an unsuccessful hominoid hunting party drifted to the shelter of an overhang and made fire to warm their bodies and to light their countenances and scare off predators as nightfall encircled the small but intrepid party. And at 6:42 pm Morgan Montgomery called the April 2008 meeting of the American Bowmen Club to order.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved with only the dissent of newsletter editor Ken Swanson who grievously protested the injustice done to him in the past month's minutes.

The treasurer reported expenditures of \$133 in social supplies, \$900 in rent. Dues are coming in nicely with 93 total members up to date at this point. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Jeff reported that only 13 members do not have e-mail addresses. A few e-mail addresses appear to have become defunct, so Jeff will forward lists to the Veep who will forward them to the callers to have them check for updated addresses. Perhaps we will finally reach 100 percent e-mail distribution of the newsletter.

The first work party of the year was well attended and much work accomplished. A new layout on the back side between the bedded elk and the running bear was implemented. Some additional marking of this new trail still needs to be done.

New Business

Dale is providing Ron Rockwell with a list of new McKenzie targets to order. Ron reminds members that if they want any for their personal use that they need to get their orders to him soon. Someone will check with Tom Clum to see if he will be driving to get targets this year and suggested that the same consideration be provided to him as last year if this works out.

A discussion of what might happen to the range property if Ann sells and other options was held. Morgan suggested that the officers meet soon to lay out some alternatives.

New Member

Josh Aylesworth presented himself for membership. He works with Ken Swanson at Valley Crest. He grew up near Ronan, MT, went to MSU, and moved to Colorado a year ago. He shoots a Reflex Buckskin bow but mentions a reverence for wood, though it might be a hard sell to get him to give up his training wheels for truth, justice, and the American Bowmen way. He is unmarried though his girlfriend, who also moved here from Montana, is apparently intent on changing that statistic. Outside of demonstrating questionable mental capacity for leaving Montana, the membership found him to be one to raise the average quality of our club, so he was voted in.