

## **American Bowmen Club Meeting of February 13, 2008**

### **Old Business**

Newly-elected President Morgan Montgomery, returning from a three-year hiatus, called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 pm, starting the education process that 'If you aren't there, we may do something stupid without you.' The minutes from the January meeting were read by newly-elected Secretary, Ivan James (who also is becoming educated to the fact that you never want to miss an ABC election or you might return after only a two-year hiatus) and approved.

Nine-year veteran treasurer Jeff Fleischer read a bunch of numbers for different accounts which, because they were not in scientific notation, the secretary could not understand. It does appear that we have enough money to continue in operation and that he hadn't totally depleted our funds on his Aruba trip.

Jim Kerth reported that we had bought flowers for Bob Renner's funeral. We all deeply feel the loss of this outstanding gentleman, great bowhunter, close friend and treasured member of the ABC.

### **New Business**

Jim Kerth reported on the member **work-party incentive program**. This will begin with work parties in 2008. Each member that participates in four work parties will be entered into a drawing for a prize the following year. Example prizes discussed were an outfitted pronghorn hunt in Wyoming, a hog hunt in Texas, a gift certificate to Cabela's, etc., to be determined by a committee at the end of this calendar year. First year funding would come out of existing funds. In future years the work party credit would go up to \$125 with the first work party being \$50 and the next three \$25 each. The extra \$25 from each of the missed first work parties would go towards funding future incentives. Remember, the purpose of the incentive program is to get more people out for work parties. Because associate members do not have access to the range and do not pay for missed work parties, they are ineligible to participate.

A motion to implement the work-party incentive program was made and seconded. An amendment was added to the motion to give officers and delegates only, the first two work party credits towards the incentive program. The motion overwhelmingly passed with a couple of lazy bums (your secretary included) vehemently voting against it.

A reminder that the **banquet** is to be on Feb. 23 was given. The banquet will be dedicated to Bob Renner.

Daylight savings starts on March 16. We will have the first work party to set up the range on March 29 with **outdoor shooting** there starting the following Wednesday, April 2.

Rabbit meister, Larry (Buggs) Baker reported that there is too much snow to rabbit hunt NW Colorado. Because he is 'unretired' again, someone else will have to plan a snowshoe trip if there is to be one.

Mike Manning will be the shoot coordinator.

### **New Members**

Jason Stergios (pronounced like the name of that motorcycle rally town in South Dakota) came forward for membership. Originally from Ohio, he has spent nine years in Colorado, is a CBA member and other than shooting a Matthews bow, seems like a fairly decent sort. Still, we think that he might be corruptible so we voted him in.

Robert Edson presented himself for membership. Apparently he is related to the notorious Edsons, but did appear to be a lot better looking. He has been hunting since he was 12, killed a bull elk at 14 with a rifle, and raises and trains Labradors. His in-laws are outfitters in the Steamboat Springs area (Backcountry). He is a CBA member and his son just got a bow. After he swore that the Edson relationship was very distant, he was voted in.

After one hour and five minutes of scintillating debate, close votes, and the efficient dispatch of business, the meeting was adjourned. If you have an alternate interpretation of the meeting, next time you get to be secretary.