

American Bowmen Club Meeting of January 14, 2009

President Morgan Montgomery, responding to the scolding that he got for being late last meeting, arrived promptly at 6:29:30. This time Treasurer Fleischer was late so with a quorum **we started the meeting** without him at **6:45**.

Old Business

Jim Kerth reported on the **work party credit pilot program**. This first year it did not seem to achieve the desired result of increased participation, still the membership voted 6-4 to continue it with awards of \$800 for first and \$200 for second for a total of \$1000 (Jeff, check my math here as I am getting a bit rusty). The qualifications for the drawing will remain the same as this past year.

We had set the **April shoot date** on the same day as Easter this year. It is highly surprising, considering how religious the ABC members are, that we would have made this oversight. In deference to wives, children, and grandchildren, the date **was changed to April 19**. Of course that is Patriot's Day in Massachusetts, but most of us are neither in Massachusetts nor are we Minutemen.

Dale reports that the **targets are ordered**. Cost is exactly as we approved.

Jeff showed up looking sheepishly guilty about being late and gave the **treasurer's report** which **was approved**.

New Business

Ron Rockwell noted that some of our associate members are costing us more for plaques than we are getting from them in membership dues. A motion was made and approved to raise the **associate membership dues to \$40 starting in 2010**.

Rockwell brought up the selection of the best of a species award when we have both typical and non-typical animals entered. In the past it has been the most points over the P&Y minimum. We discussed percentages over but decided to keep to the simplicity of what we had been doing.

Rockwell is looking for **volunteers for the P&Y convention**. Please contact Ron if you can help out.

Chief rabbit meister L. O. (Buggs) Baker reported that the **rabbits in NW Colorado are gone**. It could be that they were teleported to a spaceship for some tasty treats for little green men, or the other, less likely, reason could be that the population crashed and we are at the bottom of the rabbit cycle there. The snowshoes are not any good at Jefferson either. Larry will keep looking for a place where we might find a few. If you have any suggestions, please give Larry a call.

Dale is developing a **list of callers**. If you have an interest and will faithfully perform these duties, please give Dale a call.

After much kicking and screaming, **all officers were re-elected.** You'd think that they would have better learned to stoically accept their fate by now.

New Members

Ken Dalton came forward for membership. He is an EMS copter pilot in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska, but lives in Highlands Ranch the half time when he is not on duty there. We couldn't figure out why such a clean-cut, well-presented young man would want to join this outfit, but heck, we will take just about anyone's money, even if they look like they just stepped off of a GQ cover and shoot a compound. Voted in.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51.

Don't forget that the **ABC Banquet** is at Bear Creek Archery on **February 7, 2009.** Bring a covered dish, a salad or desert. Please label you deer, elk or moose dished for CWD testing. Drinks will be provided. Setup is at 6, libations and social at 6:30 and the meal should start around 7 pm.