

American Bowmen Club Meeting of December 10, 2008

Boy, this club could do with some better officers. The current ones are beyond the pale. First off, President Morgan Montgomery shows up a half-hour late professing that no one had given him a wake-up call. Of course this gave the assembled gang plenty of time to spin lies about the past hunting season. Scott Martin didn't start out with lies. He just drug in a Missouri whitetail rack that looked liked the results of some mad scientist's genetic engineering. It appeared that this mad scientist had crossed a whitetail with a mulie with some elephant genes thrown in for growth.

We did start the meeting at 7 pm, though saying that the meeting was brought to order would be quite a stretch of the imagination. Someone shook the secretary out of his stupor to mumble the minutes, which the assembled minions quickly approved, all the while being thankful that they aren't secretary.

We had to pass on the treasurer's report the first time around as Jeff was too busy writing himself a check and seeing if he could actually do the subtraction without a calculator. When we did get around to him again we learned that he had not yet purchased the CD approved at the June meeting. He claimed that he was just a 'slacker' but I think that he was just keeping funds available in case he wanted to get in on the auction of Obama's vacated Illinois senate seat. During the interim, interest rates on CDs have dropped so far that the membership went along with Jeff's recommendation that we put the money in a money market. The essence of the rest of his report is that we have enough money to pay rent, buy targets, and (most importantly) buy beer for the banquet. At which time moola flowing in from a membership crowding to get in before the membership ceiling is reached refreshes our coffers, hopefully to provide liquidity for another year without a bailout from our buddy Hank Paulson. Somehow, the treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

After approving \$3500 for targets at the last meeting, Dale asked for \$1500 more. In fact he provided us with an order for \$5052.18. This would provide us with 18 new targets, which with a few new ones left over from last year and some good used ones should get us through 2009. We approved the new amount after some scientific discussion of the proper Linnaean classification of the whateverasaurus that he was ordering for the kids range.

New Business

We discussed dates for the banquet. Jerry said that he couldn't make it on February 28 because of Valentines Day (boy, does Jeannie have a long way to go with training him yet!). We selected February 7 and that works with Bear Creek Archery, so put it on your calendars. Morgan is to call Doy and Larry to get the ball rolling on their end. Ron say that new entries to his harvest spreadsheet have dwindled to about one a week so he will cut it off when the data are needed for the plaques.

A discussion of the work party credit-swap bonus system was postponed until January with instructions to Jeff and Jim K. to see if it had any apparent effect on work-party turnout.

There were motions approved to pay for flowers for Ann as she recovers from her stroke and for Christmas present for Ann and Sandy.

Shoots were set up for April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9 with work parties the preceding day. In addition there will be an end-of-season work party on October 10. Morgan is to contact Joseph's Journey to schedule their benefit shoot.

After the abysmal performance record of the officers this year, a motion was made to nominate them for 2009 officers, the thought being that the worst punishment that could be given to them was to make them do it again and again until they get it right.

Ron Rockwell is looking for volunteers for the Pope and Young Club biennial convention to be held in Denver on April 23-26. Areas where help is needed are: security, uncrating and setting up mounts, (mounting animals is reserved for Barry Smith, after all, he is a taxidermist) construction of landscape, re-crating and shipping of mounts. In addition some help will be needed with the mounts for the earlier panel measuring.

New Members

If there were any prospective new members in attendance, they were too embarrassed to come forward after seeing how the ABC had operated for the past 45 minutes so we adjourned at 7:45 pm to continue lies and shooting.