

American Bowmen Club Meeting of May 12, 2004

President Morgan Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. A piddly little snow storm drove these grizzled veteran outdoorsmen of the ABC into the clubhouse, drawn like a moth to a flame (literally) to the warmth of the Coleman lantern. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Jeff Fleischer reported the balances in the checking account and the money market account and a total for the two that seemed to be missing enough for a vacation for two to Aruba. He was instructed to re-add the account totals without the Aruba vacation and re-enroll in accounting 101.

Old Business

Dale Lucio reported that Scott Martin and Jerry Becay had not yet built the new bridges but that it should be done in one of the next two work parties. Targets one and two on the front range have been moved and the trail re-routed. There is now a lion at the same station as the running deer for targets one and two. On the work parties, the moose, now at the old station one will be repaired and moved to the station one on the back side. Ann Lax is having her SIDS benefit lobster dinner on Saturday, May 15, and there will be a work party that day. We will move our tables down for Ann to use for the benefit.

There was a discussion about adding an outhouse to the backside range between stations 9 and 10. This may be difficult as outhouses may no longer be allowed in Jefferson Co. and digging on the backside might be difficult. Dale will check in to this.

A number of improvements to the range are planned including changing the shooting stakes to painted capped lengths of PVC slipped over rebar. Some of our plumber members may be able to come up with the PVC, in about 12-18" lengths. About 10 bow hangers will be added at shooting stations over the summer.

The list of unpaid members will be forwarded from Jeff to Scott Martin who will ask the call-out people to call them and ask if they intend to renew their memberships. Those who are not renewing will be dropped from the rolls and taken off the newsletter mailing list.

New Business

A motion was made and approved to trade attendance at four shoots to Bob Renner in exchange for the large Pacific Bow Butts target that Renner bought at the CBA banquet. Dale will use this target at the sight-in range.

All Martin Marietta ranges have been closed down for the year. A motion was made and approved to, as a good neighbor gesture, allow any of the Martin Marietta members to become one-year members of the ABC for the regular membership fees without paying a work party deposit. If the Martin Marietta range does not reopen next year and any of their members wish to continue their membership with the ABC then they will have to pay the work party deposit next year. Morgan will make the contact on this.

A motion was approved to contribute \$200 to the benefit of the family of the cancer victim that was the beneficiary of the shoot at the ABC range put on by Bear Creek Archery.

We will need a few new targets this year. Dale will make a new inventory at the work party this Saturday and will coordinate with Morgan who will get with Ron Rockwell to order the targets.

New Members

Kevin Pollard, a Dr. of Optometry who has a bi-polar disorder, e.g. is shooting a compound when he really wants to be shooting traditional. Maybe that is a bi-focal disorder. After being run out of the Standing Rock Reservation in SD and out of southwestern Wyoming he settled in Denver about 12 years ago and has gone incognito since. Took up archery two years ago, and while he loves it, he hasn't given up his guns. Has a 10-year old son. We think that this guy has potential. Voted in.

Ed Armel is in the construction business and has lived in Bailey for the past six years. He took up bowhunting with a compound 10-12 years ago, mostly hunting whitetail and trees. He has a lot more success on trees than whitetail. He will soon learn to lie like the rest of us. Voted in.

Tommy Burnes was born and raised in Artesia, NM. He worked for quite a while in western Wyoming and now runs Burnes Backhoe Service in this area. He shoots a compound (Bowtech) and had a run of 9 or 10 elk in 13 years until he met Ed. Since then he has had so much fun watching Ed shoot trees that he hasn't had time to shoot anything himself. He brought his son with him who is a lot better looking than the old man. Likes two kinds of beer, cold and free. Voted in.

Morgan gave the new members his speech about remembering to sign in, wear their membership cards, etc. We welcome these new members to active participation in the American Bowmen Club and hope that they have as much fun here as we do.

The meeting was adjourned at an indefinite time.