

## **American Bowmen Club meeting of December 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Montgomery at approximately 7:20 pm, the secretary arriving late owing to a plumbing problem (not his, in his house!). An unusually high turnout at the meeting may be attributed to all those attending who did not want to be elected president in absentia.

### **Old business**

The treasurer reported account balances, expenses, and income, including \$.61 interest (for the past four months). We operated at a loss of approximately \$1200 last year, an improvement over the previous year, but not nearly as good as the surpluses of three and four years ago. The treasurer reports that he has been on no extensive, expensive vacations during the past year. A subcommittee has been appointed to check on this. Shoot income increased over the past year and the food sales at shoots brought in additional money but costs for target purchases were up. Never-the-less, we need to do better on both memberships and shoots this year to return to a cash-flow positive situation. The treasure's report was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting were highlighted by the secretary and approved.

The October last shoot/benefit shoot/beast feast resulted in 9 paid shooters, approximately 50 people from Comcast for the benefit, and approximately 25 kids shooting. The auction and other activities were a success for the benefit.

### **New Business**

The CBA banquet committee has requested that each member bowhunting club donate \$35 towards the legislative fund. A motion to do so was made and approved.

Morgan will send a sympathy card to Dale and Wendy Petefish.

Shoot dates were tentatively set for Joseph's Journey benefit shoots on June 12 and August 13 or 14; Father's Day shoot June 19; members only shoot and picnic on July 10; other shoots on April 17, Aug. 7, and Oct. 9. The ABC Banquet and Awards program was set for Feb. 12.

"Buggs" Baker (dat wascally wabbit) is to schedule a rabbit hunt in early January. He had reported that the bunny population in NW Colorado is quite good this year.

Morgan will inquire about dates for a pheasant hunt in February or March at the same place where we hunted last year.

Dale will purchase a gift certificate for Ann.

An attempt to elect officers failed because most of the likely candidates for president attended the meeting and were able to successfully defend themselves as to why they shouldn't be elected. Lacking candidates, a motion was approved to table the election until the January meeting.

### **New Members**

Brian Mackey has been shooting since he was a little kid. He now works for Level-3 Communications and shoots a compound. He met Scott last spring and has attended some shoots with him this summer. Despite knowing Scott, his clean good looks prevailed and he was voted in.

Erin White has been bowhunting for 12 years. Actually he reports that he has been 'bow hiking' for 12 years. (The membership didn't let on that there are some 'bow hikers' among us too, but not by choice.) Erin works for Wells Fargo, shoots a compound, and puts meat on the table with a rifle. He also knows Scott and Brian and shoots with them but these facts shortcomings were ameliorated by the fact that he has three children, 11, 8, and 5, the two older of which shoot JOAD at Bear Creek. He will also join the CBA. After a close contest, he was voted in 27 to 0.

We welcome these new members, remind them to sign in on each trip to the outdoor range, invite their full participation in the activities of the Club, and wish them happy hunting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Come to the January meeting with nominations for officers or you may be one!