

American Bowmen Club meeting of February 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order by newly-elected President Tim Lawrence at 7:02 pm. (Someone needs to check on this guy's stress level, what with taking a new job in December and being elected to the Presidency in January.) A very good turnout for the third month in a row prompted someone to pass around a sign-in sheet. Somewhere we have this on record.

Old business

The **minutes** of the last meeting were highlighted by Secretary Ivan James and approved.

Treasurer Jeff Fleischer **reported** income of \$.08 in interest, down a cent from last month. Balances reflect the payment of a couple of bills and the quarterly rent but do not reflect about 40 membership renewals that have been received but not posted.

The first **cottontail rabbit hunt** of the year was held near Baggs, WY on January 18-20. Treasurer Jeff Fleischer finally killed something after losing an arrow with rabbit attached down a rabbit hole. In fact, he got on a hot streak and took 5 bunnies out of a total of 14 taken, more than any of the other hunters. A motion was approved to limit him to his recurve on the next outing.

The **pheasant hunt** at Quail Valley held on February 5 was an outstanding success with five pheasants falling from the air to the many barrages of arrows (or perhaps some died from heart attacks). In total, 21 of 24 birds were taken.

Last minute plans for the **ABC Banquet** on February 12 were reviewed. Everyone is reminded to bring chairs and tables if they have them, and to remember to label dishes and whether or not the animals were tested for CWD and the results.

New Business

If a **rabbit hunt** interests you in any way, be advised that there is another one planned for the 18, 19, and 20th of February. We will leave Denver between 5 and 6 pm. on Friday the 18th. We will stay in Baggs, WY, that night and Saturday night. Breakfast and dinner can be eaten at the motel but you will have to bring food and drink for Saturday noon and Sunday. This is an archery only hunt. Bring warm clothes, boots, plenty of arrows and something to carry the rabbits in. In order to set up transportation and motel reservations please contact Larry (Bugs) Baker at 303-753-1143 prior to February 17th to make reservations.

Scott Martin offered to move to **shoot coordinator position**, to replace Tim Lawrence who was elected President. Jeff Meese (you remember, the guy with the cheap haircut) agreed to stand for election to the position of **Vice President** (I have always liked the ring of that title.) that Scott had held. A motion to elect Jeff to the V.P. was approved.

The US Sportsmen Alliance, (<http://www.ussportsmen.org/>) as a **fund raiser** to combat the HSUS attacks on hunting in the USA, sent us a letter announcing a raffle of a gun (or such) a week for a year for a cost of \$50 per ticket with a maximum of 1000 tickets. The ABC club normally contributes \$250 yearly to The Sportsmen Alliance. The consensus seemed to be to continue our yearly contribution to The Sportsmen Alliance but to publicize the raffle for our members. Apparently the tickets can be purchased on The Sportsmen Alliance web site, or you can see Jeff for more information.

New Members

Charlie Ooley came forward to be considered for membership. He made the big mistake of saying that he had hunted with C.J. Pearson (Does anyone remember that blind 'ole hog that couldn't find an acorn, who has now become a real 'ole southern-boy redneck coon hunter?) and was a friend of Brian's. He has been shooting for about 7 years, shoots a long bow, recurve, and a compound but hunts only with the compound. He had formerly been a member of the CBA and promised, with a blood oath, to return to grace shortly. After a hotly contested vote with ballot box stuffing that would have done Viktor Yanukovich and his Ukrainian cronies proud, Ooley was overwhelmingly elected to membership and all of the rights, privileges, and work parties that said membership entails. As far as I know, Charlie is our only member whose last name starts with a double letter, and a vowel at that!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.