

American Bowmen Club meeting of January 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Montgomery at 7:07 pm. A continuing extremely-high interest in electoral politics again brought out a large crowd of members who considered attending the best defense against being elected President in Absentia.

Old business

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

Treasurer Jeff Fleischer **reported** income of \$.09 in interest and a couple of bills that were paid during the month. Cash flow for the calendar year amounted to a NEGATIVE \$1600, an improvement over the past two years but still not meeting our objective of at least breaking even. Apparently the increase in work party fees several years ago has reduced work party income as more people are actually making their work parties. Target costs were higher than the previous but Dale Lucio reports that the target supply is in good shape and we may not have to buy any more this year. Membership is currently at 112. The treasurer's report was approved.

As requested at the December meeting, Morgan sent a sympathy card to the Petefishes and Regina had flowers sent for the funeral.

As requested by the CBA Banquet Committee, \$35 was contributed for the March CBA Banquet.

Dale Lucio purchased a gift certificate for Ann as a Christmas gift.

Two changes were made to the **shoot dates** established at the December meeting. The second Joseph's Journey shoot was changed from August 13 or 14 to August 21 in accordance with what is posted on the CBA web site and the April 17 shoot was changed to April 24 so as to not conflict with the Golden High-Country Archers shoot on April 17. Shoot dates are now:

April 21	ABC open shoot
June 12	Joseph's Journey shoot
June 19	Father's Day shoot
July 10	Members only picnic and shoot
Aug. 7	ABC open shoot
Aug. 21	Joseph's Journey shoot
Oct. 9	ABC open shoot

Please remember that members do not pay for any shoots except for the Joseph's Journey fund raising shoots, but please support the Joseph's Journey shoots as these proceeds provide a wonderful opportunities for seriously ill children and youth.

The first **rabbit hunt** of the season, held on January 8, was a huge success. Five intrepid hunters, attired in rabbit-confusing camo complete with snowshoes and traditional bows, crowded into Chief Rabbit Guide, Larry (a.k.a. "Buggs") Baker's SUV, for the trip to South Park. Though many tracks were seen, only one snowshoe was spotted and it met its timely demise from the sterling true shafts of the heroic members of the ABC. Consumption reports are that it was tasty but a bit tough.

New Business

Reminder, the **ABC Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12 at Bear Creek Archery. A few volunteers are needed to assist with setup at 6 pm. Social hour starts at 6:30 and the banquet at 7 pm. Volunteers to stay afterward to help clean up would also be appreciated. Members with the 'largest animal of a species' plaques are reminded to return them to Bear Creek Archery so that they may be prepared for the banquet. Let Records Chairman Ron Rockwell know about any animals taken ASAP. Any animals entered for the 'largest animal of a species' must be officially measured by a Pope and Young Club certified measurer [Rockwell (303 660-6879) or Barry Smith (303 919-2755-cell) for example]. Ivan is to invite Rob Musser to the ABC Banquet (done).

Doy Curtis showed the new ABC shield **lapel pins** and **cloth patches** that had been produced. Both are for sale at the Banquet and shoots for \$3 each or two for \$5. A motion to give one pin to each membership attending the 2005 Banquet (e.g. one per family) was approved. Thanks to Doy taking this on and producing such fine products.

Morgan reported on a **rezoning meeting** that he attended for the property that the range is on. Ann is attempting to rezone her property to A2 which would allow her property to be divided into 6 eight acre lots. This zoning has advantages for security from being taken over the open-space zoning that now exists and would allow her daughter to build near Ann's place.

Reminder, the **CBA Banquet** will be held at the Marriott in Ft. Collins on March 11 and 12. Tim Lawrence will check to see who is taking reservations for tables so that the ABC can have several tables reserved. Last year Carol Ashurst handled this.

Our Rabbit Meister and Chief Rabbit Guide, "Buggs" Baker has scheduled another South Park **snowshoe hunt** on January 15. Call "Buggs" at 303 753-1143 to reserve a place and get the carpool arrangements. He has also scheduled a **cottontail hunt** near Craig, CO for Jan. 21-23. The plan is to leave Friday afternoon for the ~5 hour drive up there, stay in Baggs, WY, hunt all day Saturday and Sunday morning and drive home Sunday afternoon. Again contact "Buggs" at the above phone number for more information and reservations.

Morgan will schedule a **pheasant hunt** for either Feb. 5 or 19 at Quail Valley. We will drive out in the a.m., fling some arrows at clays in the morning, have lunch, and hunt birds in the p.m. After the archers have thoroughly embarrassed themselves, a few

shotgunners will try to mop up some of the remaining birds. Ken will bring clays.
Contact Morgan at 303 420-1639 for more information and reservations.

Tim Lawrence, while distracted into a conversation about his deer hunting experiences this fall, **was elected President** of ABC for 2005. Scott Martin, Jeff Fleischer, and Ivan James, having found no one gullible enough to run for their positions, agreed to remain as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively.

Former President Morgan Montgomery was given a rousing hand of applause and a standing ovation for his past two years of swinging the baton of leadership in our most important position. (Hopefully the accolades were sufficient to bring him back for an encore sometime.)

As his first official duty, the newly elected President, Tim Lawrence, adjourned the meeting.