

American Bowmen

April, 2004

2004 Officers

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Board of Directors

Phil Belchar
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What's New with the Club?

Outdoor Range

Wednesday night club shoots have now moved to the outdoor range. Club meetings take place after dark on the second Wednesday of each month.

Annual Awards Banquet

The annual awards banquet was held on February 21, 2004 at Bear Creek Archery. Details of the banquet and awards will be provided in the next newsletter.

2004 3-D Shoot Dates

April 25th NOTE: There is a lot of work to be done to get ready for this shoot. Please attend the work party on Saturday April 24th! Start time is 9:00 AM.

May 23rd
June 13th (Joseph's Journey Shoot)
June 20th
July 11th (AB members only shoot)
August 8th
October 10

Condensed Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2004

The secretary arrived late and explained that he had been detained by a beautiful younger woman had bought him a beer thus contributing to his tardiness. After the guffaws subsided to a dull roar, President Morgan Montgomery called for the meeting to come to order only to find that we still lacked a quorum of officers. It seemed that our meeting date coincided with Scott Martin's wife's birthday and he was not expected. For the second meeting in a row, Treasurer Jeff Fleischer was late, confirming the club member's suspicion that he is pussy whipped. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:19 pm.

The Secretary paraphrased the minutes of the December meeting and they were approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was given and the annual balance sheet for the past four years was passed out. It appears that after significant surpluses in 2000 and 2001, and a break-even year in 2002, we had a significant deficit in 2003. Cash outflow has remained relatively constant, but income from dues and shoots has declined over the past two years.

Old Business

Larry Baker moved that the existing officers be elected for another year. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

"Bugs" Baker reported that the rabbit hunt was a great success. Four or five snowshoes were seen, three arrows loosed, and nobody got blood on their fancy designer camo outfits! We are still awaiting scouting reports on cottontail bunnies in NW Colorado.

Morgan reported that Matt Potts had been contacted about the sign painting and that he had agreed to look at the job.

Morgan reported that he had nothing yet from Pedro on the web page.

The ABC annual awards (potluck) banquet scheduled for February 21 was discussed.

Morgan encouraged everyone who has an e-mail address to provide that to either Jeff, or to Jim Kemper (who sends out the newsletter). We can realize a significant savings in postage costs if we send the newsletter out by e-mail. Don't do like Troy and delete everything from Kemper assuming that it is junk e-mail!

New Business

Carol Ashurst sponsored Rose Ashurst for an associate membership. Rose recently completed her degree in wildlife management and is working for the Colorado Division of Wildlife while pursuing her dream of becoming a wildlife officer. She will be taking the wildlife officer civil service exam in Wyoming in March. Rose is the Business Member Chairman of the CBA and is in charge of Jamboree this year. She was unanimously voted in.

Troy Cunningham asked that the ABC sponsor a print for the CBA banquet in March. The usual procedure is that we the CBA can buy a print wholesale, have it framed, and put it in the CBA banquet auction. We spent \$120 sponsoring a print in 2002. Tim Lawrence motioned and Doy Curtis seconded that we authorize Troy to go ahead with this. No dollar limit was specified but Troy is to use his best judgment on this.

American Bowmen Club members are strongly encouraged to join the Colorado Bowhunters Association if they are not already members, and to be sure to renew their memberships if they are members. The ABC is fortunate to have four members on the CBA board of directors this year, Carol Ashurst, Rose Ashurst, Troy Cunningham, and Ivan James. It would be good for the ABC to have a high percentage of members in the CBA. With the 5-year season structure being developed this year, and with proposals on the table that could be very negative for bow hunting (as well as some that could be very positive), the CBA deserves your support now more than ever. A high level of membership in CBA among participating bowhunters in Colorado gives the CBA authority and credibility in negotiations over the season structure as well as other issues that affect bowhunting in Colorado. For more information or applications contact one of these directors or go to the CBA website.

Morgan has developed work statements for appointed positions in the ABC and will provide these to those in the positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

February 11, 2004

A quorum was obtained at 7:20 pm and the meeting called to order by President Morgan Montgomery. The snow had reduced attendance. In attendance were Morgan Montgomery, Phil Belchar, Scott Martin, Larry Welchlen, Tim Lawrence and Ivan James. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Old business

Jeff Fleishcer, Treasure, was unable to attend. Morgan reported for him that he had received approximately 30 member renewals and that the quarterly rent had been paid.

Awards for the banquet were discussed. To prevent early disclosure, the sealed award envelopes were being stored in Iraq along with Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

The pheasant hunt at Quint Valley was a great success. Several birds were brushed in the air by an assortment of field points, bird loops, Judo points, and home-manufactured points that would have scared the wits out of the French at Agincourt. Tim managed to put an arrow through a bird, which did not knock it down but allowed for a later recovery. Perhaps Tim's secret is that he didn't use flu-flus but regular fletching such that his arrows actually flew faster than the pheasants. Some members, names of which we don't mention anymore, were rewarded for their ground pounding activities.

New Business

Ivan James mentioned that the CBA was in discussion about a membership campaign and had discussed cross referencing CBA membership lists with bow club lists to see who might be encouraged to consider CBA membership. Though there were different views on this, it seemed that for now the ABC would assist the CBA in whatever way we could at the Club level but that there were reservations about sharing our member lists.

Phil thought that a membership survey might be in order and requested that questions for such a survey should be brought to the next meeting.

Morgan reported that Compton was going to contact us about 'sponsoring' a Compton banquet. Details were sketchy at press time. It seemed that the consensus was that the ABC is a bowhunting club and, as a club, was not interested in promoting just one segment of the bowhunting community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm at which point Scott Martin went to the range and we were reminded to never shoot against him for money.

March 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by President Morgan Montgomery. In attendance were Jeff Fleishcher, Dave Hooten, Carey Flaming, Matt Archuletta, Phil Belchar, Ken Swanson, Scott Martin, Morgan Montgomery, Mike Manning, Tim Lawrence, Larry Welchlen Troy Cunningham, Ivan James and Larry Baker. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. The treasurer reported on the Club's account balances and that we had received \$.23 in interest over the past two months. There were still 40-50 membership dues that he had received that had not yet been deposited.

Old Business

The Banquet was a great success. Thanks to all who helped out and to those who prepared the great food. Apparently we were able to refrain ourselves from any behavior

that would have gotten us kicked out of Bear Creek Archery or maybe those fine folks are just very tolerant. Thanks to them for again letting us use their facility for the Banquet. Thanks again to Hooten and Stover who trailered the tables from the clubhouse for the evening.

Dave Hooten reported that the pop and beer that had been retained in the trailer had frozen and some of the cans ruptured making a revolting mess in the coolers from which he recoiled. Now that the Rector has told Dave to repent, reform and be reborn he has renounced remission, will remonstrate resolve to renew and will rescind any retrogression towards recidivism with the realization that any rearward recession would be a reversal to repudiate. To recapitulate, Dave, as he recuperates, will renege on removing the beer at the end of the season. Troy said that he would take Regina by next October as resolute receptacle to retire the remnants.

No one brought questions for the membership questionnaire that had been approved at the February meeting. Try again for April. We are trying to get member input on what they want for shoots and other policies that affect the Club.

New Business

A motion was made and passed that members wanting to shoot for a trophy would be charged \$5 for a score card. Members not competing for a trophy would continue to shoot for free.

A discussion was held on control of nonmembers using the range. Troy reports that the fine for trespass in Jefferson County is \$176. Members are reminded to sign in for their guests and leave the full \$15 in the envelope in the cash box. Officers will have access to the cash box so that this can be checked when guests are reported to have been paid for. Jeff will supply current membership lists each month to be posted in the trailer so that anyone on the range can be checked for being a current member. Members on the range are asked to be vigilant in asking for a display of current membership cards for anyone who they suspect may be trespassing.

A discussion of having food at the shoots resulted in an approved motion to give Alan Howe free reign in trying this for a few shoots if he still had the interest in doing this. If it is successful, we may build it into the shoot price next year. Troy suggested that the donation for food should be approximately double the cost of the ingredients to make the effort worthwhile.

A motion was passed to pay for a ¼ -page add to run in the next two issues of The Colorado Bowhunter publication of the CBA to advertise our shoots and the club in general. This will cost us \$108 per issue for a total of \$216. If this results in an increase in membership of 10 members and gets a better turnout than we had at the shoots last year, we would be in a better position to have a break-even year financially for the Club.

Morgan reports that he is going to tighten up on work party credits. He has prepared short statements on Delegate duties, and Delegates are expected to fully carry them out or they will receive no or reduced work party credits.

Delegate duty for Outdoor Range Captain has been reassigned to Dale Lucio. Delegate duty for photo album and art gallery will remain with Matt Burrows. Please send your photos to Matt at 6338 W. Elmhurst Dr., Littleton, CO 80123.

Morgan will call Matt Potts on the sign painting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

April 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Montgomery at 7:40 pm. A quorum of officers was present and a good representation of club members. The secretary read the minutes and with one correction to accommodate subsequent events, they were approved as read. Jeff Fleischer, again feigning the excuse of having to work late, had provided the treasurer's report to Morgan who presented it. Interest for the month was \$.09 (Yee Haw!). Jeff expects to have new identification cards ready by the next shoot.

Old Business

Scott Martin reported that he had a bid of \$3684.01 for an automatic gate for the property. This was just for the gate as we would have to do the installation, and provide any concrete needed. Tim Lawrence noted that this would be a severe depletion of club resources unless income increased this year and made a motion to defer further consideration until after two shoots to see how much income we generated from them. The motion passed.

Dave Shickle presented a draft American Bowmen Club web page for consideration by the membership. It looked good. He had checked domain names and AmericanBowmen.org was available. He had a quote to host our web page for \$99 per year and to register our domain name for \$33 for three years. A motion was approved to go ahead with these expenditures. Dave will pay for it on his credit card and turn the bill in to Jeff. Dave asked about work party credits for developing and maintaining the web page. The consensus was that given his being crippled from where Louise hit him with the axe that we wouldn't get much work out of him at work parties anyway so that we just as well make the best of the situation and give him work party credits for the web page maintenance.

New Business

A discussion ensued on potential safety considerations if there should be a wildly deflected arrow on the practice range when someone was up pulling arrows from the moose, the first target on the front side. As outdoor range captain, Dale will review the situation and design a correction that better separates the practice range/kids range from the first target.

Noting that some of our less svelte members (names omitted to protect the corpulent) were causing some of the wooden bridges to dangerously bow, it was felt that some of the bridges made from local saplings should be replaced. Scott Martin volunteered some left over pressure treated timbers and Jerry Becay will go to Scott's place to manufacture the new bridges. Jerry and Scott will place the new bridges.

Bear Creek Archery requested to do a benefit shoot on May 7 at the ABC range. Given how much they do for us and let us use their facility for the annual banquet, we would be pleased to accommodate their request. Members are reminded that to shoot at the range on May 7 will require payment of the entry fee for this benefit shoot.

New Members

Phillip Gaines was put forward for membership. Phil comes from Canyon City, now lives in the area, hunts with the Mullins and is a friend of Larry Welchlen. He owns a plumbing and heating business. He reports that he has been bowhunting since he was born. That brought up some discussion among the membership on the draw weight of his natal bow. Phil swears that it was 70# like he has always shot, though with a somewhat shorter draw length. With this claim and the list of trophies that he claims to have shot, we can see that his veracity will be a good fit with that of most of our other members. Oh well, what is a couple of decimal places among friends. Voted in.

Jeff Mees reports that he is a bowhunter, a CBA member and also knows Morgan. He has three kids, and has taught them to shoot by not giving them their lunch money until they have drilled an arrow through it at 20 yards. He has saved a lot of money for his bowhunting extravagances by only paying \$2 for a haircut. Apparently this breaks down to \$1 for trimming up the remaining stragglers near the ears and \$1 to powder the top to keep the glint from spooking the animals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with a small contingent moving into the clubhouse where Morgan continued explaining the fine intricacies and smoothly committed cooperation of the generous and selfless folks meeting on the wolf management plan.

Classified Advertisements

Jerry Becay is looking for old Bear quivers. If you have one you wouldn't mind parting with call him at 303 220-1656.

To place an ad contact Ken Swanson - 303 238-3744

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