

Nebraska Traditional Archers Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 Mar 2010

Meeting Location: Izaak Walton League, Fremont NE

Board Members in Attendance:

Mr. Rob Brooks—President
Mr. Ken Oberschulte—Vice President
Mr. Randy Nielsen—Secretary
Rick Saar—Treasurer

Other Members in Attendance:

Mr. David Manwarren, Mr Brian Shea
Mr. Eric Wellman, Mr. Wade Phillips
Mr. Jeremy Bennett, Mr. Frank Hicken
Mr. Zach Hicken

Proceedings:

1. President Rob Brooks called the meeting to order at 0930L.
2. Minutes of the last meeting reviewed by members and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. President Brooks asked if the account has been transferred to Current Treasurer. Mr. Saar said it has not happened yet due to scheduling difficulties between him and Mr. Clark.
 - b. The balance remains unchanged at \$2880.57
 - c. Mr. Nielsen informed the board that he needs to be reimbursed \$107.43 for the website re-host fee.
 - d. Mr. Nielsen also asked the board for remittance of \$300.00 to pay web-designer, Mr. Kevin Chelton.
 - e. Mr. Saar informed the meeting that we need to re-instated our Non-Profit Status with Nebraska. The cost to complete this is \$70.00. One of the benefits of this is protection for the club and its members during club sponsored events from frivolous lawsuits.
 - f. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips for the club to obtain a P.O box to provide a central mail point for all club mail. This will also provide a place for members that don't attend rendezvous to mail in their dues.
 - 1.The motion was approved
 - 2.President Smith will obtain a box at the Valley Post Office.
 - g. The Treasurer's report was approved by members.
4. Bent Stick Bulletin
 - a. Mr. Smith asked President Brooks to have newsletter contributors get their information back to him as soon as possible. Publication date is 15 Mar 2010.
5. Webpage
 - a. Vice President Oberschulte asked that we correct his contact information on the webpage. He provided Mr. Nielsen with the proper contact information.
 - b. The website will have Paypal links added to for registrants and sponsors to pay directly to the club account after it has transferred to the new Treasurer.
 - c. Mr. Phillips brought the idea of selling club merchandise through our website.
 - 1.This will require an inventory of all merchandise and applicable sizes.
 - 2.The only way to make this work will be to appoint someone as merchandise chair. The chair will be the one having to keep inventory and ship the merchandise out.

3. Sales would be paid through PayPal to the club account.
 - d. The website Officers page has alias emails listed that forward back to the Officers actual accounts.
 - e. Mr. Chelton and Mr. Nielsen will continue to work on the website.
6. Spring String Shoot
- a. Hormel Park is currently suffering from the aftermath of the Elkhorn River flooding. Ice chunks still litter the woods.
 - b. The club will go to the park after our 3 April meeting to scout and police the shoot course.
 - c. Will also need to get with the Fremont Parks and Recreation to verify permission to hold the shoot. President Brooks will ask Mr. Smith to call them.
 - d. The after meeting work party will also accomplish target repair and prep.
 1. The targets obtained through craigslist need centers repaired and touchup painting.
 2. Mr. Smith and Rod were able to purchase an additional five targets from Prairie Bowman's Archery Club for \$80.00. They also need to be touched up. The targets are:
 - i. Mule Deer
 - ii. Whitetail
 - iii. Mountain Goat
 - iv. Bighorn Ram
 - v. Leopard
 3. The club will need to get core repair kits. Will contact Dale Karch at 3 Rivers Archery for a club price.
 - e. Brian Shea volunteered to contact the Omaha World Herald to see about getting the event added to the outdoor section.
7. Bow Building
- a. President Brooks asked attendees if there was something new they would like to see taught at the class.
 - b. Arrow building from start to scratch was proposed.
 1. This would include straightening techniques through fletching.
 2. Mr. Brian Shea recommended that this actually be held in January and not at the bow building class.
 3. This suggestion will be tabled for know.
8. Rendezvous, Sep 4-5 2010
- a. Advertising
 1. Vice President Brooks asked if there were other places we need to advertise. He will contact Traditional Bowhunter Magazine to reserve a quarter-page add.
 2. Attendees said we need to get our advertisement out into the electronic media such as Tradgang, Leatherwall etc. We need to post the events there.
 3. Mr. Brian Shea will contact the Omaha World Herald, Lincoln Herald Star and other local news papers to advertise locally.
 4. Vice President Oberschulte asked that we advertise with the Nebraska Bowhunter's Association.
 - b. Raffle. We had not contacted Shiloh Ranch yet to book the hog hunt.

9. The Boy Scouts have contacted Mr. Vince Smith to see if we would put on some sort of demonstration for their Annual Jubilee at Mahoney State Park in October. We will need to contact the Boy Scout Council to see exactly what they want. This is tabled until the next meeting.
10. Open Floor
 - a. Mr. Saar has researched and is starting into the process to re-instate our Non-Profit status with the Nebraska Secretary of State.
 - b. The main discussion point that came up at the meeting is we need to better advertise the club.
 1. Vice President Oberschutte said there are a lot of traditional shooters in the western part of the state that don't know we exist. Mr. Philips reiterated this. At the Annual Nebraska Bowhunters Association's (NBA) convention, most of the participants were unaware of the club. The NTA was the biggest draw there with participants streaming by to inspect, touch and sample our display.
 2. Mr. Wellman re-iterated this. When shooting at Prairie Bowman Archery Club events, many there are un-aware of the club.
 - c. Vice President Oberschulte brought the idea of participating in the Ash Hollow Pageant near Ogallala. He said this event draws a lot of the folks from the western Nebraska community. He will check into this more.
 - d. Vice President Oberschulte and Mr. Phillips suggested we become a Nebraska Bowhunter Association member club.
 1. Member club fee is \$30.00. It also gets you one free ¼ page ad in their newsletter. Normally a \$150.00 value.
 2. Member club status reduces a full or ½ page ad by \$55.00.
 3. A suggestion was made to contact the NBA newsletter editor, Lois Lambley to see about getting an ad in their newsletter.
 - e. Vice President Oberschutte presented the idea of the club hosting a small bow-building event at the NBA. This may just consist of a stages of bow development display.
11. Next meeting will be 0900L at the Izaak Walton League, Fremont on 3 Apr 2010.
12. Meeting adjourned at 1120L.