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The Broken Arrow

President's Message



Greetings to you all,

Well, Fall is almost upon us. I think we held together nicely through the Covid-19 Summer. Now though, our club has planned some upcoming event shoots starting in October. Debbie has added all the information in our southwestbowhunters.net website under "Our Shoots".

Club officers Butch, Ebb and I are working on getting more lighting installed for night *range* shooting at the 10- to 70-yard targets. A Yuma business is helping with this and will be contributing in a very generous manner.

So, the hunting season is here along with cooler weather! Time to flex those shoulder muscles and enjoy your club activities we have planned for you.

New Members-WELCOME! Any assistance that you or a family member may need in setting up a bow, or shooting in general, there is always help from our officers and members. Safety is paramount at our range.

I look forward to seeing all of you this upcoming fall/winter/spring.

Thank you.

Rick Bielke

SWBH President



September Meeting Minutes

Date: September 6, 2020

Time: 8:42 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

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Attendees: Kelvin Drapeau, Zach Slette, Dustin Covey, Tiana Redger, Debbie Elliott, Rick Bielke, Usche House, Ebb Dierdorff, Heather Redden.

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.
 - II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** No meeting minutes were available, as we have not had any meetings for a couple of months.
 - III. **Treasurer's Report:** We have \$5,125.33 available in the checking account after we paid the May/June utilities bill of \$138.38.
- IV. **Open issues/Old Business:**
- a. **Membership Dues:** Rick reminded everyone how important it is to pay your club dues, as they account for a large part of our revenue.
 - b. **Target Set up for Sunday Shoots:** Rick asked that there be more communication between target captain and helpers. Zach recommended that we put one short piece of rebar at each target site in order to facilitate target setup. It was also noted that we need more "T-stands". Kelvin volunteered to make some. Zach moved that we have Kelvin make more T-stands; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - c. **Target Inventory/Maintenance** - How much to spend on inserts and/or new targets: The inventory of targets and needs for repairs was completed.
 - d. **T-Shirts & Ball Caps:** Discussion about what styles, color and sizes of t-shirts we should purchase. Rick knows a man who can do the screening and purchase the shirts, if that's what we want him to do. It was settled on to purchase light gray shirts with the existing logos, front and back, as follows: Women's Shirts- 5 Lg and 5 XL; Men's Crew Neck 10 XL & 10 XXL w/short sleeves; 5 XL & 5 XXL w/long sleeves. There was also a request for one (1) men's size Small.
 - e. **Report on Quad Repairs:** The quad is still in for repairs, so we won't know how much parts and labor will be until it's finished. Rick stated that we will also have to purchase 4 new tires soon. Zack moved to put some money aside - approx. \$200 - to purchase 4 new tires when the need arises; Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. New business:

- a. **October 24th Night Shoot "Haunted Canyon":** We will be hosting a Night Shoot on October 24th. Registration will begin at 4:00 pm and end at 5:30 pm. Shotgun start; Shooting will begin at dusk (sunset is at 5:55 that evening). Safety talk at 5:40 pm. Horn will start the shoot. Prizes for 1st Place in men's, women's; Youth will

be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Participants bring their own flashlights, head lamps, flood lights to light up targets. See flyer for more details.

- b. **Range Maintenance Work Party:** October 17-18, 9:00am - 12 noon
 - *Toilets need maintenance - Valves/Flappers?
 - *Set up targets for October night shoot
 - *Cleaning concession stand
 - *Bathrooms
 - *Clubhouse
- c. **We need volunteers to work Concession Stand for night shoot:** Debbie will put up a Google Form with a link from the home page for signups as the event gets closer.
- d. **Painting of the Concession Stand Cover:** Rick has contacted Ronny twice about getting the underside of the concessions cover prepped and painted but hasn't heard anything in return. Kelvin and Rick power washed the old paint; half came off and the other half didn't and will take either sand blasting or scraping to prep it for paint.
Rick asked if anyone knows of a painting contractor, or has sand blasting and painting equipment, just in case? Kelvin said he might have a line on a power sprayer for painting, but we still need to prep it for paint.
- e. **More lighting for the range:** Ebb is asking his contact for a quote.
- f. **Crossbows:** People are shooting crossbows during the week using the tables as benches from which to shoot. Discussion: Zach recommended that we create signage that indicates that Crossbows may ONLY be shot on the North Range.

VI. Items from the floor:

- a. Some of the traditional shooters want a 20-yard bale added to the North Range. Discussion: Rick questioned why they cannot use the one on the South Range. Debbie moved to place a bale at the 20 yd bale. Kelvin seconded; Motion failed.

VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Upcoming Event: Haunted Canyon (3D Night) Shoot

The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are moderating (a little), and the ghoulies are returning the Adair Archery Range Canyon

Course! In celebration of the end of Summer, SWBH is hosting a “Haunted Canyon (3D Night) Shoot on October 24th, 2020.

This will be a 20-target night shoot with a novelty target, and look out for Un-dead Fred, and his buddies! There are no lighting restrictions, so bring your brightest headlamps, flashlights and spotlights and LIGHT IT UP!! Rangefinders will NOT be allowed.

Registration will begin at 4:00 and end at 5:30, and a shotgun start will begin right after sunset (5:55) at 6:00 pm. There will be refreshments, hot dogs and nachos available for purchase. The range will be lit up for practice/warm up shots. There is also dry camping onsite, free of charge.

So, come on out, bring your family & friends, and roam with the spirits, ghouls, and zombies at the Adair Park Archery Range!



Work Party to be Held in October: Volunteers Needed

The long, hot summer will be ending soon, but range maintenance never ends. We will be hosting a two-day work party, October 17 & 18 from 9:00 to 12 noon, in preparation for the upcoming “Haunted Canyon (Night) 3D Shoot”. There will be several tasks that need to be completed such as bail repair and replacement, replacing the flappers on the toilets in both men’s and women’s restrooms, trail marking, 3D target repair, course set up, concession stand prep... the list goes on and on!



A Brief History of Archery

Reprinted from < <https://worldarchery.org/History-Archery> >

Archery is one of the oldest arts still practiced today. The evolution of archery began at the start of mankind’s history, and evidence of ancient archers has been found around the world.



Although archery probably dates back to the Stone Age – around 20,000BC – the earliest people known to have regularly used bows and arrows were the Ancient Egyptians, who adopted archery around 3,000BC for hunting and warfare.

In China, the earliest evidence of archery dates to the Shang Dynasty – 1766-1027BC. A war chariot of that time carried a three-man team, a driver, a lancer and an archer. During the Zhou (Chou) Dynasty that followed – 1027-256BC – nobles at court attended archery tournaments that were accompanied by music and interspersed with entertainment.

When Chinese people introduced Japan to archery in the sixth century it had an overwhelming influence on culture.



One of Japan's most well-known martial arts, originally known as "kyujutsu" (the art of the bow), is known as "kyudo" (the way of the bow). Modern kyudo is practiced primarily for physical, moral and spiritual development. After certain ritual movements, a kyudo archer

steps onto the shooting line to shoot at a target 36cm in diameter, 28 meters away, set in a roofed bank of sand. The kyudo bow is 2.21 meters long and made of laminated strips of bamboo.

In the Greco-Roman period, archers in both warfare and hunting settings were frequently shown on pottery.

Middle Eastern superiority in archery equipment and technique reigned for centuries. With bows like those of the Assyrians and Parthians, who were probably the first to master archery from horseback, Attila the Hun and his Mongols conquered much of Europe and Asia, and Turkish archers threw back the Crusaders.

The English longbow became a force in the middle ages and was used in many famous European battles such as Crécy and Agincourt. A law in England that forced every man of adult age to practice archery every Sunday was never repealed, though it is presently ignored.

The first-known archery competition relating to modern times was held in Finsbury, England in 1583 and had 3,000 participants.

Since the advent of gunpowder, archery's importance in warfare decreased – and it instead developed into a recreational and competitive sport.

MYTHOLOGY AND POP CULTURE

Archery is featured in folklore around the world, Robin Hood being probably the most famous. Based in Nottingham forest, he used his bow to steal from the rich and give to the poor, while combating the evil Sheriff of Nottingham.



Image: Nottingham's official Robin Hood, Tim Pollard.

Odysseus, who returned home to Ithaca after 20 years at war in the Greek epic **The Odyssey**, was also an excellent archer. He was the only one to be able to draw his bow and shoot an arrow through 12 rings to claim back his wife, Penelope, and fend off a host of suitors.

In modern literature and films, elf Legolas in **The Lord of the Rings** and **The Hobbit**, the Green Arrow in TV series **Archer** and Katniss Everdeen in **The Hunger Games** series have all been credited with boosting archery's popularity, especially with younger generations.

ARCHERY AT THE OLYMPICS

Archery was first included in the Olympic Games in 1900. It was also featured on the program in 1904, 1908 and 1920 before a 52-year hiatus until 1972, when it returned. It has remained on the Olympic Program ever since, with competition in men's and women's, individual and team, recurve archery.

ARCHERY AT THE PARALYMPICS

Para archery was one of the original sports at the Paralympic Games in 1960, and has been featured on the program ever since, with men's and women's individual competitions. Three-athlete team events were replaced by mixed team competitions at Rio 2016.



American archer Matt Stutzman won the Silver medal in the compound open division at his first Paralympic Games in 2012, a feat he accomplished despite being born without arms.



Volunteers Always Needed

The Southwest Bowhunters Archery Range at Adair Shooting Park would not exist if it weren't for the efforts of our member volunteers. Range upkeep and improvements are made possible by the generosity of several of our club members and many local businesses who donate time, money, and materials.

Please consider volunteering to help maintain and improve our facility, and we can *ALWAYS* use help with setting up and running our tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Rick at (928) 750-6279.



Reminder: Alcohol is NOT permitted on the range at any time. Your safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation!



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