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Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings all,

April 2020 is almost in the books as I write this, and some changes have occurred:

- 1.) Hanging target posts are up to the 70-yard spot.
- 2.) The offset bale targets have been repositioned in its orientation (angle) to now have safer retrieval of your arrows downrange. This new line of targets is also a 20- to 60-yard array of bale backstops.



HATS OFF TO THE CREW THAT DID ALL OF THIS; Debbie, Keith and Louie, and to Debbie and her hubby, Jerry, for painting the concession cover facia. Their donation of the materials is much appreciated as well as their time.

Ok, now my take on club ops:

This COVID-19 virus has us believing that everybody is a potential carrier of it. I'm not naive to think differently BUT with some common sense I manage to get around town to shop and do other things. So far, so good.

With May approaching, let's begin by opening up our range cautiously. Pillow targets only. They will be up. No trail shooting yet. Social distancing will be monitored by all. NO small children please. Keep your pet leashed at all times! Please maintain your distance from others and wear protective items should you feel the need to.

It's a trial run so I don't expect perfection, but I do expect everyone to use their common sense.

Range will be open tomorrow (Sunday), and close up at 1:00pm sharp!

Regards,
Rick Bielke

March Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

In Attendance: Rick Bielke, Ken Conway, Ebb Dierdorf, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Adam (Kahn) Foreman, Rick Gaudet, Uschi House, Bob

Officers

President:

Rick Bielke

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Kelley, Glenn Kneller, Butch Lacey, Keith Parsels, Bruce Riggins, Zach Slette, Kal Wilson, Brian Herndon, Heather Redden, Tom Davis, Joshua Arnold, Syd Muzzy.

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Rick Bielke at 9:01 a.m.
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Motion to accept the February minutes as read was made by Kelvin Drapeau; Seconded by Heather Riggins. Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** As of today, we have **\$5,734.69**. (Walk The Trails generated \$2,796 after expenses). Payment for Website - check to be written today for \$380.33.
- IV. **Open issues/Old business**
 - a) Blythe Bowmen shoot on March 7-8. Dry camping on their range will be available. Let's support their club!
 - b) Field Archery Round on our range will be on March 15th. Keith will be in charge of setting up 14 paper targets on the Field Range. Shotgun start at 9:00; Registration from 7:30 - 8:45 am and will cost \$10/shooter.
 - c) YVR&GC Youth Fishing Clinic/Outdoor Experience, March 21st at Mitty Lake, 5:00am - 12 Noon: Butch Lacey is leading our support for this event. Volunteers are needed to help set up our archery stations with targets, hay bales, and if anyone has a pop-up awning, please bring it. Rick is bringing his awning. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, please see Butch.
 - d) Last month, we discussed hosting another "Fun Shoot", April 19th; Registration from 7:30 - 8:45am, Shotgun start at 9:00am. Eighteen targets. The cost: \$10/shooter. Zach is in charge and will need volunteers to help set up and take down targets.
 - e) Last year, Louie Tevis (who donated materials), Keith Parsels, & Debbie Elliott worked to construct target frames from which to hang bag targets from 20, 30 and 70 yards. There has been interest in completing the 40-, 50-, & 60-yard hanger frames. Debbie was asked to price materials to complete the task.

Bill of Materials

Qty	Description	Price	Total
6 ea	- Pressure treated 4" x 4" x 8' - - -	\$11.57	
		\$69.42	
1 pkg	- 1 1/2" S-hooks (25/pkg) - - - - -	19.99	19.99
4 ea	- 50 lb bags of Quikrete quick set -	5.48	21.92
	concrete		
			Subtotal:\$111.33
			Tax: 9.36
			Total \$120.69

Discussion: Rick wanted to know when and who okayed it to put up the 20, 30, and 70 yard target. Keith explained that Louie wanted to do this for the club to make the club appear more professional. Rick then asked why we would want to put in the 40, 50 and 60-yard frames. Zach explained that it would make the range look more uniform. Keith said he has more Quikrete he could donate to save money. Motion was made by Butch Lacey to authorize the completion of the rest of the target frames; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. New business

- a) “Ladies Night Out” sponsored by Sportsman’s Warehouse, April 9th. John Sneed, the Sportsman’s Warehouse manager, has asked if we would like to man a table to promote the club. Debbie has volunteered to man the table and has made up a Brochure for the club to be handed out at the event. She would like to have a few others to volunteer to help man the table from 6:00 - 8:30pm. See Debbie if you’d like to help.
- b) It has been brought to our attention that the “odd” bales on the range create a hazard, as those who are shooting on one of the two ranges sometimes ignore the fact that others are shooting on the other. We need to create a safety zone between the two ranges by moving the “odd” bales from where they are to an angle that mimics that of the main range. Discussion: instead of moving just moving the “odd” targets to a different location, why not just make another range at 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, and 70 yards. Zach moved that we take up this item at a future meeting; Bob Kelley seconded. Motion carried. This topic has been continued to the next meeting, however, for the sake of safety, the “odd” bales will be taken down for the time being.

VI. Items from the floor:

- a) Rick reminded everyone that we are a Family-oriented club. It has been noted that several people use language which is not conducive to Family Values, and asked members to “watch their mouths”.
- b) Zach asked that we explore adding more LED lights on the roof of the range shooting area in order to brighten up the more distant bales at night. Butch said he would look into it.

VII. Adjournment: Rick moved that the meeting be adjourned; Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary

(Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and shelter in place orders, there was no April meeting.)

Storms Slam Archery Course - Again

Once again, Mother Nature has unleashed her wrath on the Adair Park Archery Range. Due to this unwelcomed deluge, the Field Round that was scheduled for March 15th, has been postponed TENTATIVELY to March 29th. I say TENTATIVELY because there is so much water on the course that it will take a very long time for it to dry out enough to walk on without sinking up to your ankles! Here are a few photos of our flooded range courtesy of Keith Parsels:



Looking at the Field Range from Adair Park



Another look at the Field Range from Adair Park Road.



Right: Covered picnic area next to entrance to the range.

For those brave souls who still want to shoot and don't mind muddy boots, the Canyon Course will be open for 3D shooting on Sundays until everything else dries out. Please check the website's Home Page and Calendar often for updates!

Range Improvements Made - In Spite of Covid-19

Covid-19 has played havoc with Adair Archery Range activities. When the government put in place the "Stay at Home" mandate in March, Southwest Bowhunters had to cancel all of our weekly shoots and monthly meetings.



Debbie Elliott

However, in the early morning hours on Friday, April 24th, a small band of brave club members gathered at the range to attend to some much-needed maintenance projects. Rick Bielke, Louie Tevis, Keith Parsels, Debbie Elliott and Jerry Galiley were at the break of dawn (before it got too hot!) and began planning who would work on what projects. Debbie and Jerry had earlier in the week already

power washed, primed and put one coat of paint on the concession stand cover's fascia, and Jerry wanted to put on a second coat. Keith, Rick, Debbie and Louie dug holes and set posts for the 40-, 50- and 60-yard bag targets.



Jerry Galiley



Rick, Louie and Keith lifting wet (and REALLY) heavy bales.

When the posts were set, it was time to reposition the bags on the north side of the range such that there will be ample distance between the two ranges to allow for safe arrow retrieval when both sides were being used. Rick and Debbie located where the bales were to be set, then Louie, Keith, and Rick loaded the bales onto Louie's ATV trailer, and moved the bales to their new positions.

Now there are two sides to the range, both with bales at 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 yards. The south half of the range still has a 70-



Balancing act - moving bales.



Repositioning the bales on north range.

yard bale and hanging bag target. As of Sunday, May 3rd, the range will be open to shooting again, and the Canyon Trail will have 3-D targets set up. We will again be requesting a \$5.00 donation to shoot the Canyon Trail, but we are asking that everyone practice social distancing. Be safe and shoot straight!

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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