

Cochrane Archery Club Annual General Meeting

December 8, 2023

Attended: Dwight Beynon, Brent Rausch, Erica Salkeld Kiezek, Jason Rioux, Rory Marshall, Jens Mehlhase, Sue Crittenden, Pat Cady, Derrick Smith

Regrets: Frank Dostaler, Greg Gerlitz

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs.

Derrick Smith elected as president by unanimous vote and proceeded to chair the meeting. He was also, Secretary for the meeting.

Membership Director

Erica Salkeld Kierzek was elected as Membership Coordinator by unanimous vote. She is happy with the membership form and will update it on the website with the new rates.

She will also provide the directors with a monthly update on the membership list so that we can keep track of members. A sign in sheet at the door will help to become familiar with all members and is a way to ensure we have current payments for their membership.

Discussion was around what Archery World and Jim-Bows charges both for general drop ins and 3D target shooting.

With those in mind new rates will be \$400.00 per year for a family and \$200.00 per year for an individual. Prices will drop to \$240/\$120 on July 1, in September to \$200/\$100, and November to \$100/50. December fees will be the same as the January rates and include coverage for December 1, 2024 through to December 31, 2025. Present rates for **December 2023** will be \$400/\$200 and cover until **December 31, 2024**.

Drop-in rates are \$20.00 per day for paper and \$30.00 per day for 3D. Bow rentals are additional fees.

Bow rentals will be \$10.00 per day for single and \$20.00 per day for a family. Yearly rates are \$60.00 which will drop to \$30.00 in July. Family bow rental rates will be \$120.00. In December the rates will be either as a drop in or \$60.00 for the rest of 2023 and include until the end of 2024.

Group rates will be a minimum of \$200.00 and \$30.00 per person for 7 or more.

Arrows can be purchased for \$5.00 per arrow and these should be bought by members once they decide to become a member or shortly thereafter.

3D Director

Brent Rausch and Frank Dostaler were elected as 3D Directors by unanimous vote.

Prices will be increased to \$130.00 for registration for the 3D League which will start on January 29th, 2024, and will run 13 weeks. One must be a member to reserve their spot in the league.

Handicaps and Raw scores will be calculated based on 10 of the highest scores obtained.

Traditional archers will have the same handicap scoring system as last year. There will not be a raw score trophy. Two arrows can be shot at each target with the last arrow being the one that is counted. One can choose to shoot only one arrow.

Non-members can shoot the 3D for \$30.00 if there is room for them on the mats. No more than 3 people per mat.

Please avoid the use of the binoculars while on the mats as you can usually check everything out while waiting off the mats.

Members can shoot the 3D course for \$10.00. Scoring can only be done the first time the course is shot and must have a second person verifying the score.

All 3D league shooters will be asked to pick either Monday or Thursday for their shooting night to avoid congestion.

Trophies will be awarded to the Highest Raw score, Highest Handicap score and Traditional Handicap score. Frank made plaques as well for special prizes which we hope he will repeat in the coming year. Monies collected from the 3D league paid for new targets, inserts and trophies and it is anticipated that this will be the same for the 2024 season.

Derrick has purchased \$15,000.00 of new targets some of which are for the Junior program introduction into the 3D world or archery.

Treasurer Report

Sue Crittenden has agreed to stay on for another year as Treasurer and was accepted with a unanimous vote. The club has done amazingly well this year with Income in the order of \$25,128.65. Insurance rates dropped significantly from last year with the new insurance agent and with much better coverage for members and executive.

Expenses were also up with the purchase of 15 new targets which were \$15,786.56. Facility rent was the same at \$5,000.00 and will likely remain the same for 2024 barring any crazy hikes in costs.

Membership fees have been increased to a small degree which will provide a little more in the new year. Last year we brought in \$12,245.00 in membership fees.

Interestingly, we made \$1200.00 in drop ins for the 3D season probably because of Calgary Archery Center closing its doors. With Archery World running two 3D leagues we are likely to see a drop in shooters.

Website Director

Jens Mehlhase was elected website director once again by unanimous vote. He commented on the activity of the website which was interesting.

He will be updating the site to a newer profile and adding more current pictures. He will also post the minutes of the meeting.

There was discussion around placing the fees on the website in a more obvious way which Jens will try and do.

Junior Program Director

Dwight Beynon was elected to take over Norm's directorship midway this year and will stay on for another year as the director. Derrick has been around to help on most nights as well.

The Wednesday evenings at present are by far the most popular with 12 to 15 shooters present. Pat has arranged for at least 2 volunteers to help with coaching and of course if someone wants to show up unannounced, we are always happy for the assistance.

Discussion around charging for the junior program with reference to the program available at Jim-Bows and the final decision was that for this year we will not charge anything extra. The membership fees will contribute to the maintenance of the targets.

Derrick has obtained a grant from Bass Pro in the order of \$3,000.00 to pay for an introduction to 3D for the junior archers should they want to try it. This money has yet to come our way. A follow up email was sent last week to see where we are in this process. The plan would be to have 5 or 6 targets set out for them each week set at different distances to be shot in two rounds, one arrow per target from specified mats.

Derrick has purchased 8 of the Block foam targets which are 22" square for the young archers to shoot which will replace the holes in the 10 yard butts. Jason Rioux mentioned that he is friends with the owner of Grizz targets and suggested we contact him to see if we could get replacement foam. Derrick has been in touch with the owner, Derek, and will try and see what they can offer the club.

We could use a 2 more of the Deputy bows for smaller children.

Maintenance Director

Dwight Beynon has agreed to stay on as Maintenance Director and was accepted with a unanimous vote. Not much has happened this year other than changing out the faces of the targets on a regular basis. We will need a volunteer day, hopefully in early January to do some work on the indoor targets.

Brent Rausch has agreed to try and do some repairs on the 3D targets with the replacement foam kit that we have. Hopefully we can do this before the 3D season starts. Brent also asked if there is a possibility of selling some of the older targets to the membership. Derrick agreed that we need to look at the targets in question and decide if that is possible.

Volunteer Coordinator

Pat Cady has agreed to another year as the volunteer coordinator and was accepted with a unanimous vote. Pat has organized the teaching schedule for the Junior Program this year with great success. We have almost double the number of volunteers which has been great especially when there is a new family joining the club.

New Business

Rory Marshall suggested we improve our social media presence and has agreed to work with Derrick and take over Facebook and Instagram for the club.

Derrick would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Directors for their volunteer time in their positions. The club cannot run without volunteers!!! Also Thank You to all those in the membership who have volunteered their time to help the club in other ways.