

Cochrane Archery Club Annual General Meeting

December 10, 2022

Attendees: Derrick Smith, Greg Gerlitz, Erica Salkeld Kierzek, Jens Mehlhase, Brent Rausch, Sheldon Crittenden, Susan Crittenden, Pat Cady.

Regrets: Norm Hogg, Dwight Beynon, Frank Dostaler

Meeting called to order at 1910 hrs

Derrick thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting

Treasurer Report

Derrick made the motion to accept Susan Crittenden as the new Treasurer. Seconded by Jens Mehlhase and unanimously accepted.

Greg Gerlitz, the Treasurer from 2022, produced the Financial Summary which is attached. All seemed in order and Brent motioned to accept the Summary as introduced. Seconded by Derrick. Unanimously accepted.

The Financial Statement is sent to the Government of Alberta because we are a Non-profit organization and a summary is required on a yearly basis. General highlights of the statement are as follows. Income was about \$12,800.00. Assets including bows, targets, Sea Can and bank account were about \$5500.00 with \$2500.00 of that in the bank account. Most of the targets and bows have been written off over a 5-year period but most are still quite usable. Disbursements were about \$13,700.00. More cash flow out than in but there was excess cash left over from last year, so we still have money in the account going into 2023.

Membership Director

Derrick made the motion to keep Erica as Membership Director, Brent seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

Erica reviewed the membership list with 75 members for this year which is relatively stable over the last 5 years.

Discussion of membership fees produced a decision by the group to leave them at the present levels of \$350.00 per family, \$175.00 per single...\$250.00 family and \$125.00 single were the fees prorated after June 30th. Bow rentals will remain \$40.00 per year and \$20.00 per half year (after June 30th). Drop ins \$15 per person and a \$5.00 bow rental fee. Special events will be the same with a minimum of \$150.00 per event. Brent made a motion to keep the fees the same as last year. Seconded by Pat Cady and unanimously accepted.

Discussion around deposits for membership and 3D fees ensued and it would be nice to have the bank account set up to accept funds via e-transfer which seems to be the standard these days. Sue Crittenden will investigate this and set it up.

Insurance for the club was discussed and it seems Hub has a comprehensive fee schedule which would include hunting off premises. Drop ins are insured. Waivers are suggested for members and drop ins although not required by the insurance company. Best to have a waiver signed on a yearly basis anyways for members and the drop ins. Derrick will pull together a waiver with Brent's assistance. Sign in sheets need to be enforced for insurance purposes. Drop ins need to be made aware of all safety precautions and possible injuries before they sign the waiver, and this can also be done with an information sheet that each person should read and sign that they have read and understood it.

Insurance for equipment can also be purchased and Derrick will discuss this with Mark who is the representative of Hub Insurance and get back to the executive with some numbers. Questions arose as to whether the insurance will cover out of country shooting at other tournaments and Derrick will investigate that.

The fees will more than likely save the club over one thousand dollars going with Hub as opposed to ABA and it will provide more benefits especially for the hunting purposes.

3D Director report

Derrick motioned to keep Brent Rausch on as 3D director and add Frank Dostaler as Assistant Director, seconded by Sheldon Crittenden and accepted unanimously.

Brent and Frank spent some time together going over the 3D league. They noted that we are the only place doing 3D shoots in this area with the Calgary Archery Center closed, the Calgary Archery Club not having a facility yet and Jim-Bows not doing the 3D anymore. For our league he recommended having 36 shooters which would place 3 per matt. All agreed we can give that a try.

1. Start date recommended January 30th and run until April 27th.
2. Banquet will be held the first week of May.
3. Thirteen shoots will be set up instead of the previous 12 to give people a chance to get their minimum 10 shoots in for the competition.
4. Shooters are going to be asked to pick either Monday or Thursday and do an exchange with other individuals if they cannot make the date. Derrick has also offered to help out if necessary on an as needed basis outside the normal shooting days.
5. Fees will remain the same being \$120.00 for the league, \$10.00 for member drop ins, \$25.00 for non member drop ins. Drop ins can only shoot if there is space available.
6. Only members can be part of the league.
7. Every member must help out with 2 set ups
8. We will have rules to make sure the shooting is safe such as;
 - a. no targets within 10 yards
 - b. 30 degree shooting window
 - c. Standing boxes upstairs need to be 2 feet back of the handrail
9. Handicaps will not be used if there is a partial round. If absolutely necessary, the score will be averaged out to a full round.
10. Traditional shooters can shoot a second arrow, but the second arrow is the one that counts
11. Brent would like to see if it is possible to have a second form set up on the website which would include
 - a. Name

- b. Type of Bow
 - c. Shooting night
 - d. Method of payment
 - e. Email
 - f. Phone number
- 12.

Website Director

Derrick nominated Jens Mehlhase as the Website director, seconded by Susan Crittenden and unanimously accepted.

Jens provided a Website summary which interestingly has a very large number of phishing emails trying to get information out of the website. Fortunately, the website is set up to prevent any significant issues. There were a few changes recommended for the website:

1. Contacts icon is not working for Mac computers so needs to be fixed
2. Remove Instagram from the website
3. Change "Master Program" to "Junior Program"
4. Change the membership fees
5. Change "ABA Insurance" to "Insurance" as we don't know who will be insuring us.
6. Update the pictures of the Directors

Junior Program Director

The program is going to continue with some assistance from Dwight and Pat. Norm was unanimously elected again to the post of Director and both Dwight and Pat were unanimously voted into assistant directors.

Norm has requested a budget of \$750.00 to purchase some new target faces, Ethafoam, bow limbs and a new bow.

Because Norm was unable to attend the meeting there was not much discussion about the program.

Maintenance Director

Derrick nominated Dwight Beynon as the Maintenance Program Director, Seconded by Erica Salkeld Kierzek and unanimously accepted. Dwight has asked for about \$500.00 in materials to repair existing targets. The Ethafoam needed for repairs was asked for in the Junior Program's budget because it is the beginners that use these targets.

New Issues

There was some discussion again about getting a new logo for the club. Derrick will put this out to the club members for some designs for it. Jens would like to see some clothing orders set up with the new logo as well. Once the new logo has been developed Derrick will approach Calgary Silkscreen who has done previous orders for some prices on clothing. There was comment about the logo but all agreed that as long as it was totally designed from scratch there should be no issue with copyright.

Derrick has asked for two 6000 lumen solar powered lights to be used for the parking lot at a cost of \$250.00. They will enable safer travel to and from the cars/trucks. Everyone agreed that this would be an appropriate installment for the club.

Derrick also suggested a cell phone signal booster for the club which also would enhance the ability of the club members to access 911 which is again another safety issue. The cell signal is minimal to none for many cell phones at the range and requires users to go outside to get sufficient cell service. Again, everyone agreed that this is a reasonable purchase hopefully around \$350.00 but Derrick will check into it.

Discussion around the bow cases and bow case stands showed that the racks are virtually full this evening when no one is shooting. Derrick agreed to get patrons to take home their cases so that those that are in the building have a place to put theirs. Another bow case holder would also be a good idea.

Sheldon asked about getting a open invitation 3D shoot on a weekend and offered to help set that up. We will have to check when other clubs are running their shoots so as not to interfere with them. It would be nice to have kids shoot at them as well. The options are to do an open shoot for every archer around or even just make it a club event or even consider doing both. Derrick and Sheldon will look at some dates to put these together.

Meeting was adjourned at 2130 hrs.

Yours truly

Derrick Smith

President and Secretary!

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