

Cochrane Archery Club Annual Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2025

Members Present: Derrick Smith, Greg Gerlitz, Frank Dostaler, Jens Mehlhase, Erica Kierzek, Sue Crittenden, Dwight Beynon

Regrets: Brent Rausch

Meeting called to order at 1907 hrs

1. Treasurer's Report - Sue Crittenden

- a. Income Totaled \$24,595.93 of which \$12830.00 was memberships, \$4660.00 for 3D, \$600.00 for bow rentals, \$1050.00 for drop ins, and \$840.00 for events
- b. Expenses
 - i. Rent 2025 was \$5,000.00. Motion to increase to \$6,000.00 per year passed.
 - ii. Insurance – Paid Last years and a little early for next year for a total of \$4559.00 (two years). This does include insurance to replace all targets, Director's coverage, Accidental injuries and damage to facilities.
 - iii. Purchases – targets made up the bulk at \$13968.89 which was a larger year than most. Derrick confirms that 2026 will be much less, around \$2,000.00, which would be for repairs mostly.
- c. Target values – \$17885.01 the largest portion again is the new purchased 3D targets.
- d. Bow values – This is minimal at \$86.39 with only two smaller bows purchased last year and none for a few years prior. Of the 50 or so bows they have all depreciated to virtually zero dollars.

- e. Balance – Presently only \$12.98 in the bank account. Again, related to the larger than usual target purchases and early payment of the 2026 insurance. Expected to have much more available next year without the major target order and having the insurance already paid out.

2. Membership Director – Erica Kierzek

- a. Sign in still expected – Helps with trying to remember who is present especially during the junior nights.
- b. Numbers expected for next year – Don't expect a change from just over 100 members
- c. Charges for Membership – suggested we keep the fees the same
 - i. \$200.00 for single and \$400.00 for family members
 - ii. Membership fees will drop July 1 to \$240.00 per year for family and \$120.00 per individual. They will drop again September 1 to \$200.00 for family and \$100.00 per individual.
- d. Charges for drop in – \$20.00 to shoot paper, \$10.00 bow and arrow rental. 3D drop in for members is \$10.00 and non-members is \$30.00
- e. Free director fees for their family or one significant other – this is going to remain in place for the directors.
- f. Events will increase to \$35.00 per person with a \$240.00 minimum

3. 3D Director – Frank Dostaler

- a. Fees collected from league was \$4660.00
- b. Charges for next years 3D league – will remain the same as last year
 - i. League Members \$130.00 and need to be a club member to reserve a spot
 - ii. Drop ins - \$10.00 for club members
 - iii. Non-league members drop ins is \$30.00
- c. Repairs – Major savings with the new foam repair kits which reduce the replacement costs of the inserts to about $\frac{1}{4}$
- d. Purchases – trophies run around \$350.00 and other awards around \$100.00 thanks to Franks ability to produce many awards with his engraving ability.
- e. Numbers for the league – Talk about allowing up to 48 people knowing there are 6 or more people who shoot off the normal days. Consensus was to see how the registration goes and at least allow an additional 6 on top of the usual 36.
- f. Drop Ins can only shoot 3D if there are spots available.
- g. We can have one or two stations that are rest stations
- h. Three shooters per station for compound, four for traditional
- i. Try to use binoculars off the shooting line
- j. Discussion about “Bring a friend” day to shoot a 3D round prior to the league start up date to encourage new shooters. Date to be determined.
- k. Start date expected to be January 26th, 2026 but Frank will confer with Brent prior to it being finalized.
- l. Traditional shooters suggested to show up early to check the course and make sure it is shootable for them.

4. Maintenance Director – Dwight Beynon

- a. Repairs needed - numerous targets need to be repaired. There are two spider web targets in the back corner that can replace at least one of the 20 yard butts. We need to put together a workday which would include repairing some of the 3D target inserts.
- b. Purchases expected – materials in the order of \$1500.00 for repairs
- c. If sufficient funds are available near the end of the year painting the last 10 yards of the floor would cost around \$2000.00. This needs to be done in the summer when our numbers are low and we can move items outside while painting
- d. Coffee bean bags were suggested as a possible target face. Frank will investigate getting one for a trial basis

5. Junior program – Brent Rausch (see attached sheet from Brent)

- a. Numbers in the program – Seems to be busier than other falls in the past
- b. Expected numbers for the new year - expected to continue to be busier through the winter and spring.
- c. Bow and arrow rental – charges will remain the same at \$10.00 for drop in and max of \$20.00 for a family. \$60.00 for the year and \$30.00 after July for the rest of the year. Members are expected to purchase their own arrows.
- d. Name tags may be a good idea so we can remember who the shooters are
- e. Erica suggested we do a “Bring a friend for free day” to encourage new archers

6. Volunteer Director – Greg Gerlitz

- a. Participation – a select group of people always seem to be the ones helping despite the request to do 4 hours of volunteer work for the club
- b. Ways to improve? – This item wasn't discussed other than Greg's request to make some formal workdays and provide him with enough notice to arrange volunteers well ahead of time
- c. Budget expected to be \$150.00 for 2026

7. Website Director – Jens Mehlhas

- a. Changes- Put the pictures of the directors back up on the website.
- b. Add a “Dudz” icon to the website to access for clothing sales
- c. Ralph Koterwa helped with the redesign of the website which seems to function better. No known down time this year.
- d. Jens has agreed to run the Instagram. Derrick will contact Rory who was running it for the club last year to get the password.

8. Election of Directors - Simply put... all those directors from last year are happy to remain in their position for another year. All voted unanimously in favour.

- a. President – Derrick Smith
- b. Treasurer – Sue Crittenden
- c. Maintenance Director – Dwight Beynon
- d. Junior Program Director – Brent Rausch
- e. Volunteer Director – Greg Gerlitz

- f. 3D Director- Frank Dostaler
 - g. Membership Director – Erica Kierzek
 - h. Website Director- Jens Mehlhas
9. Other Business – Dwight suggested we supply Davin Spence with a shirt with the club logo for him to wear in support of the club. He may not be able to wear it while in competition. We have a clothing supplier that can put logos on garments called “Dudz”. Purchases actually provide a small amount of revenue for the club.

A note from Brent on the Junior Archery Program:

In 2025 we have 37 shooters registered in the Beginners Awards Program, 22 Juniors and 15 Adults. All are enthusiastic Archers who enjoy receiving their awards for completing each step as they move through the 4 levels of the Awards Program.

- 19 of our Archers are in Level 1, working on scores between 60 and 120 on large and then small targets at 10 yds.
- 10 are in Level 2 and shoot scores between 140 and 200 on the small target at 10 yards and then the larger 60 cm target at 20 yds.
- 2 are in Level 3 shooting scores between 180 and 230 on the small 40 cm target at 20 yds.
- And, 6 of our Archers are in the Level 4 - Olympian Class which includes Archers with scores between 240 and the perfect score of 300. Our 6 Olympian Archers are currently working on scores of: 240, 250, 255, 2@265 and 1@285.

In addition to the personal satisfaction of developing skills and progressing through the program, some of our archers move into competitions, like our 3D League, 3D Tournaments and Target Tournaments. This year we have one of our 15 year old Junior Club Members (Davin Spence) who will be representing Zone 3 - Calgary and Area in the 2026 Alberta Games, and who is also training to earn a position on the Alberta Archery Team for the Canada Winter Games in 2027.

None of this would be possible without the Volunteers who assist with the program. Special thanks to all those who have volunteered their time organizing volunteers and serving as; Instructors, Coaches and Range Officers running the line to keep everyone safe - Thank You - We could not do it without your support. We encourage all members of the Cochrane Archery Club to step up and volunteer to help the Beginner Program in the coming year. And remember, each week is an opportunity for you to earn 4 hours towards your volunteer time obligation.

See you next year.....Brent