

Traditional Archers of Oregon  
Winter Business Meeting  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2014

Meeting opened by Kevin Thompson

VP and Director: Kevin Thompson

Field Governor and Director: Mike Treat

Directors: Bob Marshall, Bob McMahan, Bob Voss, Ed Cushman, Walt Miller, Jeremy Depiero, Ralph Turnbaugh, Mark Penninger, Chase Brown

**First Order Of Business, Bob McMahan counted active members present at the meeting:**

- Quorum for official business meeting? (Yes/No) Yes.
- Membership: Life time 147, Annual 73, New 7, **total 227**
- **23** required in attendance, count: 27

**Nancy Doran made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 7/27/13, second by Walt Miller**

**Vice Presidents Report**

- In a written letter to the BOD, Rich Thompson resigned as TAO President, effective at the July 2014 business meeting.
- Rich volunteered to remain an active Board of Director member unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the Voting Members.
- Mentor the new President between now and July.
- Continue to provide leadership and mentorship for TAO with focus on protecting Oregon's traditional archery interest.

**There is currently one vacant director position that may be filled at the discretion of the voting members at the annual meeting in July 2014.**

- Mike Treat nominated Fred Cliff
- There were no other nominations.

**The following topics from the Bylaws were reviewed:**

**ARTICLE IV. BOARD Of DIRECTORS, Section 3.**

- Number of directors 5 to 15.

**ARTICLE IV. BOARD Of DIRECTORS, Section 5. Selection of Directors.**

- Nominations throughout year, elections @ annual summer meeting
- Section 1. Duties of the Board.

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSON, AND STAFF**

**It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to elect officers:**

## Section 2. Election and Term of Office.

### The duties of the President are:

- Section 5. President.

## Treasurer's report, Nancy Doran

Checking Balance, as of 01/01/2014

\$29,863.55

Financial Summary, 2013 Pope Young Shoot

- **Attendees** 176
- **Income** \$4,227.00
- **Expenses** \$1520.03
- **Net Income** \$2,984.67

## Field Governor Report: Mike T. Big Game Hunting: Changes & Highlights:

### E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area: Archery Park Status

- Fencing Project with OHA & OBH, tentative schedule for March. A side benefit to participating in this project is to create better relationships with both of these organizations.

### ODFW Hunting

- 2014 Big Games Regs & Archery Changes
  1. Elk bag limits for Alsea & Trask, one bull
- Metolius Late Season Deer cut by one week. (Gives deer one week to "rest").
- Lighted Nocks were brought up at the October 2013 commission meeting. No action by the committee
- OBH Late Deer hunt proposed in N.E. Oregon, not considered for 2014 season.

### Crossbow Status

The commission heard final arguments to allow crossbow use for disabled persons at the January 10th 2014 meeting.

- OHA & PBS both joined OBH & TAO against the use of crossbows for all hunting in Oregon
- Commissioners were divided on the support for/against crossbows.
- A representative from USFWS testified on ADA ramifications of not allowing accommodations for the disabled.
- Public testimony was once again given by a Bowtech rep as well as disabled hunters one of which stated the crossbow would allow him to take 85 yard shots like his son and 100 yard shots as crossbows promise.

### Bottom Line

- Director Elicker sensed the commissioners were not all on the same page and recommended ODFW drop the crossbow issue but followed with the comment that it will return in some form from the Oregon Legislative process.

**Archery Review Public Advisory Committee (ARPAC) begins with three meetings scheduled for, January 25<sup>th</sup> (Rich is there!), February 15<sup>th</sup> (Tom Vanashe will be there), and March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Problem & Situation Description:

- In response to public criticism, ODFW has identified the need to review the structure of archery deer and elk hunts across the state. As such, ODFW is inviting stakeholders from Oregon's bowhunting community to participate.

#### **Goal of Archery Review**

- ODFW would like to work collaboratively with ARPAC to review archery bag limits and season structures for deer and elk. ODFW has four main objectives for this process
  1. Listen to stakeholders.
  2. Identify and prioritize issues raised by the ODFW and other stakeholders.
  3. Collaboratively identify management options to address these issues.
  4. Seek stakeholder agreement and support for these potential management options.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Oregon Archery Heritage Museum.**

- Is planning to display at NALS

#### **TAO Merchandise, Nancy Doran**

- TAO Outerwear
  1. 2012 historic P-Y shirts, **sold out.**
  2. New Moon "T" shirts & ball caps now on sale.
  3. New fleece pullover with TAO logo now on sale
- Nancy is open to ideas for new products, colors, (seems grey and brown for the avante guare TAO members. Most merchandise is sold at cost plus a little bit.

#### **TAO Targets, Rich Thompson**

- Pope Young target plan, African targets loaded into trailer for 2014 NALS.
- Ed Cushman, African targets could be mixed with N.A. targets.
- Nancy Doran brought up the Reinharts vs. McKenzie question of cost vs. long life and target weight.

### **Old Business**

#### **Bringing Back the Bow, Jack Holthaus**

- 2014 Encampment Plans and Needs
  - August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Grand Ronde
    - Wednesday, Arrival and Dinner
    - Thursday, Bow Building
    - Friday, Finishing touches, closing ceremonies around noon.

#### **TAO can support these efforts**

- Staves by black Rose and Stott Mountain.
- Monetary donation, \$100.00, string, paint, leather and other misc. items.
- TAO volunteers, no real skill required.

Ed Cushman noted that TAO contribution of \$100.00 was rather small. It was pointed out that the Grand Ronde tribes are making a significant contribution.

Also it was interesting to note there was a drumming show with harvested deer and elk skin drums.

Thanks for sharing with TAO membership today! Brian Krehbiel, Bobby Mercier, Travis Stewart

## **Oregon Outdoor Council Updates.**

In general the OOC has stumbled quite badly, internal conflicts and accusations of financial misconduct and game violations by members has by and large crippled the organization. TAO has taken a passive stance with OOC. No action at this time.

They are attempting to rebound by

- The Board has revitalized itself and will be moving forward.
- Domenic Aiello has been named OOC President
- Formed a Sportsman Defense Fund, a P.A.C. with the goal to make a difference in next year's elections.
- Newsletter updating TFO trapping ban fails, Wolf update, support for Sen. Wyden's O & C Lands legislation, 2014 plans.

## **TAO Policy Manual Revisions, Events Section, Bob Marshall, Jon McCoy**

- Currently does not address certain venter activities for banquets and shooting events
- Sell and or donate products which fall under IRS, FET requirements
- Does not address sponsorships of TAO events.

Lots of conversation on this concern, basically about vendors needing to meet FET requirements, those who don't comply with the law have a price advantage over those that do. Also, discussion about the related concern of sponsors, in this case, Cabelas who require their logo on various promotional pieces in order for TAO to receive items purchased from them to receive a discount. All in all this is part of TAO "growing up" and meeting new challenges on issues that are starting to become major concerns for the organization. And learning to be more respectful of our vendors that for years have given the club "freebees" and discounts. It was decided that:

- Bob Marshall would create a draft of a TAO form for all vendors to fill out to attend our events. This draft would ask for the FET number. BOD to approve this form at a unspecified future date.
- TAO would not "audit" or otherwise check for accuracy. It's the honor system.

## **TAO Policy Manual Revisions, Events Section, Rich T.**

It was brought up by last year's host club that it was really difficult to get the targets into the trailer at a reasonable time on Sunday and there was not a good opportunity to inventory/repair targets at that time. It was decided, to try for one year, starting the trail shoot on Saturday at noon. The Clout and Wand could be shot either Saturday or Sunday at the shooters discretion. This change necessitates the following to be addressed.

- Policy Manual, change
- Flyer, change
- Information Handout, changes for registered shooter.

### **New Business**

- **2014 conservation Project/ Golf Shoot, Happy Ridge, Tygh Valley.** **April 12,13, Stott Mt.**
  - a. Lay out and connect new pipe in upper portion of McCorkle Ditch.
- **ODFW Archery Park Fencing Project, Camp Adair, Corvallis** **March, With OHA & OBH**
- **Western States, New Meadows, ID** **May 24,25**
- **Longbow Safari, Hoodoo Ski Area** **July 5,6**
  - a. Preliminary Planning
  - b. TAO members needed to help.

- **Pope Young Shoot, Brownsville, OR**

**July 26,27**

**Assist Lafayette family with cemetery fence**

**Most likely July 26,27**

**Meeting adjourned and directors need to attend Corporate Actions Meeting.**

## **Corporate Actions**

**Board members Present,** Bob Marshall, Jeremy DePiero, Ralph Turnbaugh, Chase Brown, Walt Miller, Ed Cushman, Dave Treat

- a. Approve Minutes**
- b. Election of Officer, President.**
  - a. Nancy Doran nominated Kevin Thompson, second by Bob Marshall, unanimous vote in favor.
  - b. Discussion about filling the VP position, no conclusion.
- c. Future support for “Bring Back the Bow”**
  - a. Request for \$100.00 donation.
  - b. Request for staves.
- d. TAO 2014 Events, Banquet, golf Shoot, NALS and Pope Young Shoot**
  - a. NALS
  - b. Raffle Prizes
- e. Token of appreciation, NALS Graphic artist support for Jill Marshall.**
  - a. Nancy Doran made a motion to pay Jill Marshall \$100.00 for logo design, second by Walt Miller, unanimous vote in favor.
- f. TAO Policy Manual Revisions Events**

### **Pope Young Trail Shoot schedule changes**

Steve Savage and David Lawson came up with the idea to try, for one year, having the trail shoot on Saturday, starting at noon. This allows the host club more time to gather targets and load them in the trailer. The BOD decided that this idea has merit and will give it a try.

1. Policy, changes needed reflecting this.
2. Flyers & Handouts need to be updated accordingly.
3. Additional efforts required inform members and shooters of this change.

### **2. Events.**

Bob Marshall & John McCoy are leading efforts to bring more clarity to vendors who sell products that fall under IRS FET requirements. The problem occurs when TAO has vendors, some who do obey FET requirements while others do not. It puts TAO in an awkward situation where we may have to referee disputes between vendors. It was decided that Bob Marshall shall create a new policy form to reflect that all vendors must fill out and include their FET number.

### **Sponsorship of TAO events.**

Recently Cabelas offered to give TAO a reduced price/free “raffle” items provided TAO put their logo on a promotional piece to be distributed to all who attend a TAO event. This opened lively discussion about many long term vendors who have support TAO for many years. And about how TAO should show appreciation to vendors. A committee will be formed and prior to the Pope Young shoot will propose recommendations to resolve this situation.

**Membership**

Bob McMahan

1. Say what we do, do what we say.
2. Is any of this proposed policy being used?

This is a reflection of TAO's efforts to make sure that our Policy Manual, in fact is the way we choose to operate our organization. Part of the problem stems from the fact that the person who is in a corporate position writes the policy as he or she sees it should be. This caters to that person's individual strengths and weaknesses. Policy should be determined as to what best suits our organization, not the individual in the position of responsibility. Procedure is the manner in which we choose to execute our policy. Bob is currently writing a revised policy on membership and how and when to contact members, and the benefit of joining TAO. To be reviewed and changed as necessary by the Board of Directors.

**g. Refresh Audits and Reports (from Policies & Practices)**

The Secretary is responsible for reports and record keeping as required in the By Laws, Article IV, Section 7. The Secretary has the additional responsibility to file the following reports with appropriate agencies.

- ✓ IRS Form, 990-N, annually, May
- ✓ Annual Corporate Report, annually, July\*
- ✓ Registered Agent, Annually July\*

\*Filed by corporate counsel

The Treasurer is responsible to produce reports and record keeping prior to all business and board meetings as required in the By Laws, Article IV, Section 8. The Treasurer shall supply financial data required by the Secretary to prepare and file required state and federal reports. Additionally, the Treasurer is responsible to ensure that adequate controls are employed to safeguard the corporate coffers at all events where money is collected.

The Treasurer will also chair a board level committee to review bank statements (including debits cards, investments and returns), checks and event income/expenses at least once annually and provide a copy for inclusion in the July Business Meeting Minutes in accordance with TAO By Laws, Article VI, Section 5.

- h.** The Secretary shall audit the "books". The treasurer shall supply all check registers, bank statements, paid invoices and any accounting materials necessary for a "check-up". Audit to be done before the July business meeting.

**North American Longbow Safari**

**Hosted by TAO**

- Conversation about NALS shooter gift, Hydro Flask or Ball Target. It was decided to go with the Hydro Flask, less money, much, much easier to store, count, handle and takes far less room. Given that its July and most likely hot...it will immediately be more useful.
- Jill Marshall is working on a NALS logo and requires a \$100.00 deposit. Nancy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Walt Miller.
- TACO to assemble shooter's packet prior to the event.
- Rich and Wes to manage the running deer.
- Targets
  - ❖ 1-15, placed by Stott Mountain
  - ❖ 16-30, placed by TACO
  - ❖ 31-45, placed by Black Rose
  - ❖ 46-60, placed by Ralph Turnbaugh and friends?
- Bob McMahan, to line up Saturday nights entertainment, Jason Bowerman and the Pitchfork Revolution.

- Dinner and Guide volunteers will be needed.

Meeting adjourned