

**Traditional Archers of Oregon
Winter Business Meeting
Silverton, OR
January 24, 2015**

President	Kevin Thompson	
Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Bob McMahan	
Field Governor	Mike Treat	
Treasurer	Nancy Doran	
Directors	Bob Marshall Jeremy DePiero Ralph Turnbaugh Chase Brown Rich Thompson Riley Savage	Walt Miller Mark Penninger Ed Cushman Dave Treat Fred Cliff

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Kevin.

Secretary Report....Bob McMahan

- Determine quorum to conduct business:
 - Current paid members
 - New Members 1
 - lifetime 148
 - Annual 54
 - Total 202
 - Required to conduct business 20

Bob took a head count and we had enough members present to conduct business.
Bob announced a new lifetime member, Sean Welch!

Treasurer's Report...Nancy Doran

CHECKING BALANCE (As of: 1/25/2015) \$ 39, 304.87

All TAO monetary assets currently reside in our checking account.

2014 Pope Young Shoot

Attendees	107
Income	\$4,309.00
Expenses	<u>\$2,280.03</u>
Net Income	\$2,028.97

TAO Bylaws Article VI, Section 5

The treasurer will also chair a board level committee to review bank statements (including debit 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 Bylaws Article VI, Section 5.

Results: On January 5th, 2015 Nancy met with Bob McMahan and Fred Cliff. Action: Walk through of QuickBooks account for TAO and they were sufficiently satisfied at the results of the accounting and were confident that I had not taken any trips to Tahiti at TAO expense. Fred, Nancy and Bob will recommend any process improvement techniques for this annual event.

There was a discussion of itemized income and expense accounts. Those pertinent numbers will be posted on the TAO website with the minutes.

Vice President Report...Kevin Thompson

We are currently at our maximum 15 Board members.

Two current nominees for summer meeting voting (assuming positions open)

- Seth Reimer
- Andy Ponce

Field Governor's Report...Mike Treat

ODFW Hunting

2015 Big Game Regulations adopted, Archery Changes:

- Add three controlled archery deer hunts in Walla Walla, Mt Emily and Wenaha, where hunters are currently required to have a controlled elk archery tag to deer hunt. Tag would also be valid during the general archery season.
- New November controlled archery white-tailed deer hunt Wenaha unit (estimate 30 tags, would be only archery deer opportunity).
- Sever link between archery deer and elk tags in Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Maury, Warner units; archery elk tag would no longer be required to hunt deer.
- New Maury and Warner unit controlled archery elk hunts; tags would also be valid during the general archery season.
- Return Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, and Steens Mtn to the general archery deer season.
- Stott Mt. general season elk is bull only and Keating is one elk for the 2015 season.

October Commission meeting, TAO provided testimony on 3 Items.

1. Tag Portability (2015 BG Regs- basically, thanks for listening to the recommendations of the Archery Review Public Action Committee (ARPAC))
2. NO ELECTRONICS – Restatement of our position, specifically prepared for Lighted Nock

testimony from public testimony

3. Wolf Conservation Management Plan – TAO support of Oregon’s Wolf Conservation Management Plan (delisting)

Note: Expectations that Oregon will reach breeding pair requirements in spring count satisfying the ODFW Wolf Plan gate to begin delisting process.

- **Lighted Nocks: OHA Supports Lighted Nocks** - In the past OHA has opposed the introduction of technology and electronic devices that enhance and increase the effective range of archery equipment. Following a recent survey of OHA members and the ruling by Pope & Young to accept lighted nocks, OHA reconsidered its position, sent a letter to ODFW outlining its new position and asked ODFW to adopt their use in Oregon.

E. E. Wilson Archery Park Status:

Phase 2: raised platform to simulate tree stand, add ground blind below, add broad head pits (potential donation of EOL targets) –

Approved from July: \$1,000 earmarked + Donate used Deer/Elk target. Waiting for the ODFW \$15K raised signal, and OHA lead prior to transfer of funds.

Crossbow Plan Update

Rich Thompson

TAO Baseline (starting point) for Crossbow Plan

The following concepts were developed by OBH V.P. of Legislation, Craig Starr, following defeat of a crossbow proposal by ODFW Staff to the ODFW Commission. **This is not an OBH Proposal at this time.** The idea is intended to recognize that handling disabled use of crossbows for hunting administratively through ODFW rather than leaving to chance that it will come from the Oregon legislature in 2015 or worse, be forced on ODFW through a USF&WS-ADA suit. The plan begins with the requirement that it be limited to severely disabled unable to hunt using a vertical bow or adaptive archery equipment.

- Separate and distinct tags.
- Limited number of tags for deer and elk.
- Overlap general archery season.
- Modify mandatory reporting system to gather harvest data.
- Program to “Sun Set” after three years.
- Invoke “lesser weapons rule” for more able bodied hunters.

This crossbow plan update brought on lots of discussion. Everything from even being at the “ODFW table” at all vs. sitting home. Some comments:

- Fred Cliff pointed out that requirements listed above are the same as those listed in July 2014. During the discussion at the P&Y general meeting there were multiple other proposals made in regard to addressing the possibility of using crossbows in Oregon. Some of those proposals made it on the minutes for the July 2014 meeting. I believe that there was agreement at that meeting to continue to be involved with the statewide discussion regarding crossbow use, and to consider addressing this matter with different proposals than those listed above.

- It was also pointed out in both the July 2014 and present meeting that some of the requirements listed were contradictory to each other (separate season overlap archery season / limited to severely disabled limited number of tags for deer and elk) or questionable in the likelihood that they could be effectively implemented.
- He also questioned how appropriate it is to call the above plan the "TAO Baseline" if there has not been agreement within TAO on appropriate requirements for legalization of crossbow use.
- Chuck Lynde & Ralph Turnbaugh bothered by the overlap of "Overlap of general archery seasons vs. a separate season that is outside the archery season. (TAO baseline paragraph) Discussion recognized that "separate season" is a separate and distinct season, however, given the current season structures for all "users", it is likely there will be overlap with user groups.
- Todd Howard...we are best served by being "at the table", instead of ignoring the process.
- Walt Miller and others, "Can the ODFW limit the number of tags?"
- Dave Doran, "tags are issued on biology, not politics" Recommendation to get ODFW's view of effort and potential to implement TAG limitations/drawing similar to other controlled hunts.
- Craig Starr, bullet points are his personal proposal, not that of OBH
- General agreement, that it's best we approach this "administratively" through the ODFW than take other paths.

Rich T and Craig Starr are meeting with the ODFW Wildlife Administrator, Ron Anglin, 1/27/2015, Tuesday morning to continue discussions about the merits of and what ODFW will support as noted in Craig's proposal and in other suggestions made by brought forth is subsequent discussions such as TAO business meetings.

Committee Reports

TAO Targets

Jon McCoy/Kevin T

\$5K replacement and repair budget to be divided between McKenzie and Reinhardt NA

- Jon/Kevin + Volunteers to develop order in winter/spring (following unload target trailer, refresh inventory list)
- Target trailer registration due 1/10/2015, \$86
- (\$5K approved @ 2104 P&Y)

Kevin and Jon to communicate a spring time for this project. Location will be at Kevin's place. Bow shooting and barbeque will be additional events. Volunteers?

Oregon Archery Heritage Museum:

Dave D./Kevin T

Display opportunity:

Communication with Cabela's Marketing Manager regarding Cabela's Spring Great Outdoor Days Celebration.

- Date: March 28 – 29, Cabela's Tualatin (Indoors)
- BRTA volunteers (several)
- Display C.C. Arrow Collection, Shadow Boxes
- BRTA to arrange for transfer from Bend to valley

- Other participation/ideas: Copies of scroll, registration info, local club create sheets, kid-bow, BBTB poster.....??
- Archery tackle making “How to” sessions
 - Strings, arrows, leather...

Shadow boxes will require some repair and upkeep to be done prior to displaying.

A possible business opportunity for vendors to make contacts and create business if they are helping/assisting in the TAO booth.

TAO Merchandise:

Nancy D.

TAO Outerwear:

- Polo shirts, sweatshirts, fleece pullovers and remaining NALS items are on sale to sell out.
 - New items:
 - Hydro Flasks with TAO logo
 - Denim shirts - due to popularity and limited availability last year
 - New t-shirt for PY – suggestions for design are welcome (historic or modern photo?)

Bob McMahan requested Tee shirts have pockets.

Merchandise Financial Summary, 2014:

Income	\$2,034.40
Expenses	<u>\$1,019.83</u>
Net Income	\$ 1,014.57

Old Business

2015 Encampment Plans and Needs

Date: Arrival July 29th, Bow Camp July 30th

Where: Grande Ronde

Schedule Arrival and Dinner

Bow building

Finishing touches, closing ceremonies around noon

TAO support:

- Black Rose delivered five dozen staves to Jack at the banquet for immediate use.
- Cutting 2016 Staves (let them dry) – Black Rose (01/31/15) and Stott Mountain
- TAO Volunteers always welcome for 2015 encampment

BBTB growing encampments in 2015:

- February 1st: first bow camp for the Assiniboin Sioux in Popular Montana
- TBD: Eagle Butte S.D. and Pine Ridge, S.D.

Jack thanks TAO for really helping with the Bringing Back the bow program. He very much appreciates Black Rose, Stott Mountain and TAO for all the work they do.

The July 29th is a “squishy” date and will be firmed up.

He has four bow camps this summer.

Jack has communicated that one of the original intents of this wonderful program is the passing down of acquired skills to the younger tribe members at each new bow camp. Continued TAO event participation is of welcomed and he always needs more help.

Oregon Outdoor Council Update

Kevin T.

Organization changes:

- Stan Steele – Chairman of the Board, retired Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trooper
- Dominic Aiello – President
- Value for sportsman and TAO
- OOC is formed in such a way that they can be politically active – most all other sportsman’s groups are not.

Latest news from OOC.

- October commission meeting – Voiced support for ODFW Wolf plan and delisting in conjunction with TAO, OBH, OHA.
- 2016 Ballot Measure: Constitutional Amendment for the Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wildlife
- Very active in gathering research to support sportsman values, defend against anti-hunter and promotion of predation!

Time for TAO to recognize OOC value with monetary support?

- TAO Partnership: \$250-\$500 annual?

General discussion of the fact that OOC leadership has changed, Stan Steele is a retired Oregon state police trooper and Dominic Aiello seems to be well thought of as a stand up guy. They are apparently the only (one of the few) organizations that they can be politically active. Once again they want to use our logo. Andy Ponce noted that their mission seems to be the same and their leadership has changed. Todd Howard asked if we could have a TAO member on their Board of Directors.

We concluded that we would engage with OOC, have more specific conversation about the use of our logo. See if TAO’s BOD wants to make a donation and, if so, how much. In general TAO members seemed to be in favor of working with OCC, and we appreciate their 2016 ballot measure to have a constitutional amendment for the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife.

New Business

Sage Grouse:

Kevin T

- Examining Greater Sage-Grouse Ecology in Relation to Large Scale Wildfire: A Prospectus, Prepared by C. A. Hagen, Ph.D., Oregon State University 13 August 2014
- Southeast Oregon is part of one of the largest contiguous sage-brush steppe habitats remaining within the extant range of greater sage-grouse. A series of very large fires occurred in SE Oregon in 2012, which affords the opportunity to increase our understanding of sage-grouse response to these fire-altered landscapes.
- The Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) Trout Creek Mountains (NBR-11) is a high priority for TAO as we enjoy this Traditional Archery hunt.
- \$30,000 to purchase 6 GPS Transmitters (and ARGOS service fees) for field season 2015-2016.
- TAO Donation: Adopting a "Collar" is \$500?

Rich Thompson noted that we are the best state for sage grouse management and may possibly avoid federal classification of endangered species. The membership felt we should donate \$500.00 to help fund a tracking collar.

Back Country Solutions

Kevin T.

- Thank you Mia Sheppard (TRCP Oregon Field Representative) for today's update
- National Organization - We guarantee all Americans quality places to hunt and fish by uniting and amplifying our partners' voices to strengthen federal policy and funding...
- Specific request – TAO to support TRCP focus on "Backcountry Conservation areas" in conjunction with BLM.
 - developing proposals to identify and designate less fragmented areas within the BLM as Backcountry Conservation Areas (BCAs). TRCP is proposing this new management allocation for inclusion in revised Resource Management Plans (RMPs) as they are developed
 - <http://www.trcp.org/issues/backcountry/oregon#.VL8zLdh0zz4>
- Traditional Archers of Oregon listed as a supporting organization??

Currently TRCP is looking for our support, not money. The main concern is that the Federal Government will sell off federal lands to the states and the states will then sell that land to private parties.

Target Policy Update:

Kevin T

- Provides provisions for Affiliate Club's to utilize TAO resources for Affiliate Club Sponsored Events
- Liability Insurance and Target usage
- Must have 2 TAO BOD's involved in planning and physically at event
- Affiliate clubs will surrender a fee of 50% of the registration for use of the targets at their event to cover target damage and shoot insurance. Any other revenues derived from novelties, concessions etc., may be retained by the affiliate. Affiliates may also agree to forfeit any or all event revenue to TAO
- Affiliate clubs: BRTA, TACO, TAB, ECTA, SMTA

Background. TACO approached TAO to sponsor the Stick and Sage shoot and to use TAO targets. This resulted in extensive email communications with target approval.

Discussion begins 11/24/2014 following request from TACO to determine feasibility of using TAO resources for Affiliate Club shoots.

- E-mail solicitation from TAO BOD, input and discussion
- Existing TAO Target Policy language extended to cover input, concerns and new requirements
- 12/4/2014 – TAO Target Policy version "Targets_12022014_v3.doc distributed for formal vote:
- Input for minor changes from Rich and Bob McMahan
- 12/16/2104 – Distribution for formal vote (electronic) of Targets_12142014.doc and Target_use_Appl.dioc
- Riley Savage – "I make a motion to adopt the policy supporting Affiliate Club shoots using TAO Resources."
- Rich Thompson – "I'll 2nd the motion – **PROVIDED WE HAVE CONTACTED OUR INSURANCE AGENT TO ENSURE THIS IS ALL GOOD.**
- Targets and insurance are the primary reasons affiliate clubs want this addition to the TAO Events Policy."

Additional Discussion:

Fred and others brought up the need to define "Affiliate Club" and questions regarding 2 BOD requirements at a shoot.

Discussion resolution:

- Affiliate clubs are defined (reference taoregon.com) and they represent a form of existing structure in that they are currently involved in leading and/or participating in TAO sponsored events.
- 2 BOD connected with Affiliate Shoot (TAO Sponsored) remains required. If Affiliate does not have 2 or more BOD, recruit from other affiliates.

In-Favor:

Riley Savage

David Treat

Mike Treat

Chase Brown

Mark Penninger

Ed Cushman

Fred Cliff, added discussion

Ralph Turnbaugh, Insurance questions

Kevin Thompson

1/6/2015, Nancy receives confirmation from Liability Insurance company that we can add more shoots within existing TAO insurance policy. A new Certificate will be issues adding the TACO Stick and Sage Shoot.

President Kevin T. provided clarity in the BOD meeting later that day. TAO is sponsoring resources of TAO targets and target trailer ONLY, the affiliate club is responsible for all other event details including both monetary and liability concerns. The targets 12022014-v3 doc is the guiding principal for affiliate club "TAO sponsored" events.

2015 TAO Events:

Kevin T.

2015 Conservation Project/Golf Shoot
Happy Ridge, Tygh Valley, OR

11, 12 April, 2015
Black Rose

2015 Pope Young Shoot
Brownsville, OR

25, 26 July, 2015
Black Rose

2015 Affiliate Club Events (TAO Sponsored):

Stick & Sage Shoot
Sisters, Oregon

6-7 June, 2015
TACO

2015 Affiliate Club Events:

Rendezvous at the River
La Grande, OR, Oregon

13-14 June, 2015
ETCA

2015 Traditional Events:

NALS
Calgary , Canada

4-5 July, 2015
ATBA

Western States Traditional

Rendezvous
Petaluma, CA

xxx, 2015
TAC

Kevin and Nancy to follow-up with WSTR to determine rotation. Potential TAO WSTR in 2016. Site location not defined, Kevin to discuss with White River WT regarding fit for use of 400 +- participants.

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Kevin called the meeting 3:55

1. Approve July 2014 Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve Guest Speaker Expenses:
 - Two Nights Room, Oregon Gardens, \$217.00
 - Airfare \$250.00
 - Gift, purchased by KT \$70.00
 - Welcome dinner \$30.00
 - Additional travel expense, if any

Motion to approve, Mike Treat, second, Dave Treat, vote and approval by BOD

3. Election of Vice President Officer
 - Bob McMahan nominated Fred Cliff, conversation about duties entailed, motion tabled to a future date.
4. Future support for Bringing Back the Bow.
 - Materials, Black Rose delivered 60 staves to Jack at the banquet and has more available for immediate use.
5. OOC Partnership with TAO, possible \$250-\$500 donation and TAO logo on OOC website.
 - Lots of conversation about this. In general some bad taste about their previous performance, but hopeful for the future and seem to have good people in control. Rich T. to be our contact person. No donation at this time.
 - Agreed to investigate the level at which donations from organizations are required to buy in at bronze, silver, gold levels.
6. Sage grouse, adopt a collar for supporting Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) in the Trout Creek Mountains.
 - It was noted that this area is our Traditional Only Deer Hunting area.
 - Motion by Rich Thompson to donate \$500.00 to them and seconded by Fred Cliff. vote and approval by BOD
7. TAO Support of "Backcountry Solution", TRCP
 - The BOD concern is that we don't always agree on the full spectrum of the other organization's goals.
 - We agreed request a specific document from them to know exactly what they want us to endorse through the use of our logo.

- They have noted a trend where there is discussion about the federal government selling off BLM land/National Forest to states. It's feared that the states would then sell off those lands to private concerns, which would eliminate public access, then hunting and fishing.

8. TAO Target Policy

- This new policy change is covered in the minutes. Refer to them for complete status.

9. Events, Black Rose Traditional Archers.

- Approve expenditures required for 2015 Conservation Project/Golf Shoot
- Approve expenditures required for 2015 Pope Young Shoot
- Motion to approve by Nancy D and seconded by Rich T

10. Recognize and approve treasurer's report, as entered in QuickBooks.

- Date held, 1/15/2015
- Participants, Fred Cliff, Bob McMahan, Nancy Doran
- Bank Balance and related items. See minutes in Business meeting.

11. Congressional Sportsman Foundation, "Oregon Sportsman's Caucus"

- <http://www.sportsmenslink.ore/state/orParticipants>
- Approve \$100.00 auction item, or up the amount. For TAO sponsorship, possible cups/hats
- Date: TBD, but in the spring.

This meeting is an opportunity for TAO to "rub shoulders" with a variety of decision makers. This allows us to get to know them, and them us. There is no immediate payoff for TAO and the direct results are difficult to measure. In a word it's "politics" and purchasing these "memento" type, give-a-way items does have a long range benefit.

Motion to approve the \$100 expenditure, Riley Savage, second Bob McMahan, vote and approval by BOD

There is an outstanding action to determine what would be involved in becoming a sponsor at the Oregon Sportsmen's Caucus. There was no approval to become a sponsor or to spend funds required to be a sponsor.

12. 2016 Western States Traditional Rendezvous.

- Approve expenditures required for deposit/security of site, food vendor.
- Site Selection, Camping on the ridge (Tygh Valley) no longer allowed so it appears we will need a new location. Some conversation about Brownsville but water table too high then and crops.
- Rich T. motion to approve, second Bob McMahan, vote and approval by BOD

13. Refresh, IRS Form 99-N

- Bob has filed the IRS Form 990-N report and now called the 990-N ePostcard. It may be filed anytime after January first. We have the receipt from the IRS.

14. Facebook Page.

- **We had a discussion about creating a “Facebook Page”. Walt Miller suggested Brad Robbins Various members had concerns about our policy, what constitutes “good taste” and how to prevent “anti hunter” comments. Facebook has a, I guess it’s called a friends only policy that allows on people we have allowed on the site to comment. Fred suggested we should work towards a policy and procedure that allows us to incorporate Facebook as part of our Internet “face”.**
- **Recommendation to establish a “Posting Policy” that establishes rules for what material is appropriate to post on a Facebook (or any social media) site sponsored or run by Traditional Archers of Oregon. Sample posting policy was sent to the board subsequent to the board meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 4:45