

**Traditional Archers of Oregon
Winter Business Meeting
Sunriver, OR
January 30, 2016**

President Kevin Thompson

Vice President Riley Savage

Secretary Bob McMahan

Field Governor Mike Treat

Treasurer Nancy Doran

Directors	Walt Miller	Seth Reimer
	Jeremy DePiero	Rich Thompson
	Ralph Turnbaugh	Ed Cushman
	Mark Penninger	Fred Cliff
	Andy Ponce	

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by Riley Savage. Riley introduced himself and noted that President Kevin is Hawaii having fun!

Secretary Report....Bob McMahan

1. Determine quorum to conduct business:
 - Current paid members
 - New Members 2
 - lifetime 148
 - Annual 78
 - Total 228
 - Required to conduct business 23

Bob took a head count and we had enough members present, 25, to conduct our meeting.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of the January 24, 2015 Meeting
 - Motion to approve by Riley, second by Fred Cliff

Treasurer's Report...Nancy Doran

CHECKING BALANCE (As of: 12/31/15): \$ 34,254.31

All TAO monetary assets currently reside in a checking account

2015 Pope Young Shoot

Attendees	
TAO Income	\$3886.00
Expenses	<u>\$2029.26</u>
Net Income	\$1,435.00

Ear Marked Funds

Museum Trailer	\$5,000.00
EE Wilson Archery Park	\$1,000.00
Expenses	<u>\$5,574.31</u>

Other Major Expenses

Scroll	\$ 1295.79
Targets	\$5,200.00
Merchandise	\$4195.34

Other Income

Merchandise	\$3347.14
Dues/Membership	\$1855.00

Treasurer's Report Detail Nancy presented a brief report on line itemized expenses. Assured the membership that no exotic island vacations have been taken on their dime.

Schedule 2016: Treasurer to schedule a February date to review bank statements and Quick Books entries with Bob McMahan and Fred Cliff.

Vice President Report...Riley Savage

Board of Directors

- One opening, nominations are welcome for 2016, Summer business meeting.
- All current BOD terms were renewed by membership vote at the 2015 business meeting, including Andy Ponce and Seth Reimer.

Field Governor's Report.....Mike Treat

ODFW Hunting, new for 2016.

NEW FOR 2016

Premium Hunts

- Three new hunt series (deer, elk, pronghorn)
- No preference points
- Separate applications with standard fee for June drawing
- Additional tag

- Tag(s) available in most units
- Bag limit, either sex
- Long seasons
- 158 tags estimated for 2016
- 67 (deer), 64 (elk), 27 (pronghorn)

CHANGES FOR 2016

Elk

- Desolation and Minam from bull to either sex for general bow
- Saddle Mtn, Scappoose, and Wilson from either sex to bull only

Deer

- Expand 165R W Beulah to entire Unit

Commission meeting, Oct 9th 2015, TAO provided testimony on 1 item:

Exceptions for Archery Hunting Tackle– Communicated TAO’s core value in relation to technology advancement in Oregon Archery seasons. Oregon should **NOT ALLOW EXCEPTIONS** for further technology adoption in Oregon archery seasons.

- **Lighted Nocks**: will be legalized for the 2016 season.
- Next up: Mechanical Broad-heads. Jim Akenson was asked if there was any information from other states regarding changes for their season. Jim responded that it was pretty quiet at the moment.

Background on technology and original intent of primitive seasons.

Most TAO members feel that the rapid advance of technology is resulting in increased kill ratios, significantly higher than traditional equipment. Shots out to and beyond 100 yards seem to be more common place, and the ability to draw and hold for a considerable length of time result in increased kills and wounding. The fear is that increased technology, harvest rates will eventually lead to some form of reduced opportunity for archers. The subject always comes up, in one form or another at business meetings. This year’s comments...

Tom Tipton...We need to define traditional equipment. Our biggest opponent is OBH. We need something to separate us from OBH. TAO to help create management objectives.

Robert Borland...create new/separate season.

Jim Akenson, additional traditional season, the time seems right. We should start at the top of the “system”, commissioner Findley seems very open about traditional archery.

Chuck Lynde noted that about four years ago the ODFW seemed opened to creating a GMU for high tech users. It never developed legs.

Steve Savage, we have a definition of traditional. Created in 2008.

Commission meeting, November 9th, 2015. TAO provided testimony on 1 item.

- TAO's support of the established wolf plan.
- Rich Thompson stated that he was disappointed there was no TAO participation at the 2015 sessions. However, if there is to be TAO participation, it should be some form of planned "traditional archery day".

ODFW Actions & Activities

E.E. Wilson Archery Park Status

- We earmarked \$1,000.00 for a shooting platform and donated a used target. We have been waiting for the ODFW to raise the additional funds, \$15,000. Before releasing our money to them. Still waiting.
- It was suggested that we could remove the earmarked funds. Also noted that ODFW has other archery parks in progress and we could use those funds on those.
- The archery park is getting good use.

Rich Thompson noted that the ODFW would like to us "donate" one Saturday a month to teach traditional archery. The times and dates are open at this time. Looking for volunteers.

Bob's note: I did speak with Tim Greseth the executive director of Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. They do have grant money available, generally up to \$5000.00. Most likely our project would qualify. We would need to secure, possibly with their help, the additional funds necessary for the platform. I encourage you to go to their website www.OWHF.org and get a feel for their organization.

TAO Targets.....Jon McCoy/Kevin T

- Riley reported a work party in April at Kevin's to inventory, repair and reload the trailer in preparation for WSTR.
- We will send out a TAO email for volunteers. Possible BBQ involved!

Oregon Archery Heritage Museum.....Kevin T.

Riley asked for volunteers if they have a place, preferably indoors, clean, dry and safe to store the trailer when we purchase one. Tom Tipton said he had a place in Umpqua. (For some reason, that did not meet with any enthusiasm...too far away?)

Some more mild rehash of the trailer requirements. It seems we really need to find a storage space before we become serious.

Old Business

Bringing Back The Bow.....Jack H.

Rich Thompson spoke on Jack's behalf and conveyed the goal of BBB. However, the 2015 Grand Ronde encampment proved overwhelming for tribal members and they requested TAO support for the 2016 bow build. Rich provided Jack with a list of "black out" dates which would not work well for TAO helping out and we are now awaiting a reply and dates from tribal representatives. Great food and camping. If you want to help please contact Rich Thompson

Jack was not at the meeting but asked that it be conveyed that it is the goal of BBB is that each tribe be self-sufficient in maintaining the program on their own.

Apparently the Grand Ronde did not do very well with that aspect and is looking for TAO members to help. Great food, good camping! No date set yet but this summer. Contact Rich Thompson.

New Business

Traditional Hunting Definition, Do we need one?

- Current ODFW definition: Longbows or Recurves, simple and uncomplicated.
- Would ODFW ever propose shortening archery seasons?

TAO (Kevin and Mike T) met with Director Melcher on January 21, 2016
(I have included Kevin's notes below, interesting reading)

Meeting subject: TAO topics with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Date: January 21, 2016 8am-9am

Place: ODFW HC, Salem Oregon

Attendees:

TAO Officers: Mike Treat, Kevin Thompson

ODFW: Curt Melcher – Director ODFW, Chris Willard, Deputy I&E Administrator

Agenda:

Hunter reporting, adding checkbox for the type of archery equipment used

We spoke with Curt regarding the effort to make this happen. At this time, the technical and work effort is not a known issue, however, they are in the middle of contract negotiations with the vendor who would implement the change - the timing is not good. I asked if I could help, storyboard the software solution, Curt thought it would be easy to implement and they can handle no problem.

We asked if the department planned or could foresee any reduction in archery opportunity for Oregon. We mentioned the importance for "Opportunity" to get close to game with traditional equipment, we need many "Opportunities" to have the one real opportunity. Might not make since in text, but the Director very much understood. Couple highlights from this conversation:

- 1) Director Melcher stated clearly that there is no foreseeable reduction in season length, inclusive of Modern and Traditional archery
- 2) Balance on Harvest numbers is the objective, throughout all user groups
- 3) Rifle advancement in technology is seen equal to Modern Archery advancement in technology
- 4) Would love to see the Traditional Archery growth (1,000's), recognition that our user group does not harvest large percentage in comparison to other user groups.
- 5) No News of other states reducing archery seasons.
- 6) Footnote: Specific areas can be effected in hunt opportunity when responding to various management object issues and/or emergencies

Potential to obtain hunter success (History) for traditional hunts

Following the conversation above, I did not feel it important at the time to ask. I'm sure the Department will provide if we have burning desire to obtain the information.

Kevin

Lots of discussion regarding the questions that may be placed on the hunter survey. Final discussion ended up with two questions,

- 1. Were you using modern or traditional equipment?
- 2. Were you successful (did you harvest an animal) during your hunt?

The membership felt very strongly that we must establish the success ratio.

2016 TAO Events.....Kevin T

Charlie Barr Golf Shoot &
Bob Bouret Conservation Project
Tygh Valley, OR

09-10, April 2016
TACO

Work Projects (9th of April):

- Camping area construction (cable, posts)
- BBQ pit
- Ditch clearing

Pope Young Shoot 30-31, July 2016
 Brownsville, OR TACO

2016 Traditional Archery Events.....Kevin T

Rock Shoot 22-24, April 2016
 Moses Lake, WA TBW

WSTR 28-30, May 2016
 Tygh Valley, OR TAO

Stick N Sage Shoot 3-5, June 2016
 Camp Sherman, OR TACO

Rendezvous at the River 11-12, June 2016
 La Grande, OR ECTA

North American Longbow Safari 2-3 July, 2016
 Petaluma, CA TAC

TBW Rendezvous 5-7 August, 2016
 Cle Elum, WA TBW

2016 WESTERN STATES TRADITIONAL RENDEVOUS TAO IS HOSTING

White River Wildlife Area

Date: May 28-30, 2016
 Location: Happy Ridge, Tygh Valley, Oregon

 Guest Speaker(s): Mark Baker (Saturday Night)
 Dinner Saturday Night

Committee Members: Kevin T., Nancy D.
 BOD has approved spending for:

Entire event

Meeting adjourned.