

**Traditional Archers of Oregon  
Annual Business Meeting  
Brownsville, OR  
July 26, 2014**

<b>President</b>	Kevin Thompson	
<b>Vice President</b>	Kevin Thompson	
<b>Secretary</b>	Bob McMahan	
<b>Field Governor</b>	Mike Treat	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nancy Doran	
<b>Directors</b>	Bob Marshall Jeremy DePiero Ralph Turnbaugh Chase Brown Rich Thompson	Walt Miller Mark Penninger Ed Cushman Dave Treat

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM by Kevin. (Next years start time 8:30)

### **Secretary Report....Bob McMahan**

1. Determine quorum to conduct business:
  - Current paid members
  - New Members 14
  - lifetime 147
  - Annual 94
  - Total 241
  - Required to conduct business 24

Bob took a head count and we had enough members present, 27 ½, to conduct our meeting. Steve Savage was a bit in the sauce so he received a ½ count.

As the secretary is the editor of the Scroll a brief review was given. The members felt the Scroll was headed in the right direction and enjoyed the hunting stories. Some concern was expressed at the expense incurred. Given that the Scroll was distributed to Western States, Stick and Sage, NALS it was understandable.

The Scroll will be published twice a year, November and in the spring. Mike Treat suggested the November date.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of the January 25, 2014 Meeting

- Motion to approve by Bob Voss, second by Mike Worth

## Treasurer's Report...Nancy Doran

**CHECKING BALANCE (As of: 7/21/14):        \$ 41,096.63**

**All TAO monetary assets currently reside in checking account**

### 2013 Pope Young Shoot (revisit)

Attendees	17
Income	\$4,227.00
Expenses	<u>\$2,114.88</u>
Net Income	\$2,657.12

### 2014 Banquet

Attendees	110
Income	\$4,358.16
Expenses	<u>\$4,358.16</u>
Net Income	\$18.84

### NALS 2014 \*\*\*

Shooters	300
Campers	200
Income	\$28,996.29
Expenses	<u>19,097.57</u>
Net Income	\$9,898.72

### Other Major Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 1,122.73
Targets	\$3,043.04
Merchandise	\$805.80
Other Income	\$2419.20
Dues/Member	\$1,100.00

\*\*\*Subject to minor adjustments, per Nancy

### Secretary Notes:

TAO members were very impressed with the bank balance and Nancy's efforts. Great job on NALS. She reports raffle income of \$4,200.00. Fabulous job, Nancy!

## Vice President Report...Kevin Thompson

**Liscia Award** – The Dave Liscia Award is presented each year in honor of Dave Liscia, a former ODFW employee who coordinated many volunteer efforts. The award is earned for outstanding volunteer efforts annually. Kevin and Rich will accept the Liscia Award on behalf of TAO August 1<sup>st</sup> at the ODFW headquarters

This award was earned by TAO mostly for all of our efforts in the Tygh Valley area. Our contributions were noted as follows:

- Over the last five years, contributed around 965 hours of time
- Donated 19099 miles on personal vehicles to and from projects and average around 20 people on each year on these projects

- Projects they have been involved in:
  - Big game fence construction and repair
  - Spring development and repairs
  - Stock fence construction and repairs
  - Irrigation ditch piping and water conservation projects
  - Cleaning irrigation ditches by hand
  - Deer feeder corral construction and repairs
  - Equipment shed construction and repairs
- This group takes pride in the traditional hunting methods and the preservation of the wildlife and habitat
- The projects they do are a huge benefit to ODFW and is greatly appreciated

#### **Field Governor's Report...Rich Thompson**

##### **Crossbow: TAO Options, From the Winter Meeting Report**

- This battle was won but the war will continue.
- 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.

#### **General Background Information**

- Both TAO and OBH have long opposed any use of crossbows in archery season and have the support of OHA.
- The ODFW, in order to avoid potential legislative action recommended to the Commission that consideration be given to allow severely disabled individuals to use crossbows during archery seasons.
- From multiple sources it is believed that at least two bills legalizing crossbow use in Oregon will be introduced in the 2015 legislature.
- Oregon **is the only state that does not allow crossbows in any hunting season!**

- It is naive to think that severely disabled individuals who physically can't hunt with a vertical bow, even equipped with Adaptive Archery Equipment will be kept out of Oregon's archery season.
- We know that once the crossbow door is opened for any hunting it will only be the start. And the "system" will be abused.
- The ODFW can be sued by anyone claiming discrimination against them, citing the ADA act.

### So, what should TAO do?

- Nothing
- "Motivate" ODFW to create a crossbow process
- Leave our fate to the Oregon Legislature

### Secretary Notes...

The above lead to many ideas and concepts. In general, TAO probably does not trust the legislature, for many reasons including individuals who are "anti archery", witness house bills HB 2742 & HB 2743. Legislative action subverts and undermines the rule making authority of the ODFW, which can lead to "ballot box biology".

Should we consider a law that legalizes crossbows outside of archery seasons, provided some or all of the following. Separate and distinct tags, limited number of tags, effective reporting system, with a "sunset" provision in three years.

Consider that the fall hunting calendar is full. Where can the ODFW "fit in" crossbow hunters? It's going to be an overlap.

**An ODFW employee stated that all of the pressure for crossbow seasons came from the crossbow industry, not hunters!** It's important to understand that this is an entirely (or mostly) political issue and that logic and common sense have little to do with what we are facing.

Would we be well served by approaching the crossbow manufacturers and attempt to "cut a deal" i.e. use only iron sights? Perhaps poundage?

Or try to legalize them in the rifle season only as they are closer to rifles than bows.

It seems we have no clear answers but the certainty of a "crossbow" season is very real.

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

### ODFW Actions & Activities:

#### ARPAC

- Archery Review Public Advisory Committee (ARPAC) completed
- **FULL SUMMARY** located at taoregon.com (<http://www.taoregon.com/review.pdf>)
  - ARPAC - tag portability, one elk, deer opportunities (petition letters from membership to commission) – NEW ARC for this subject
    - On the heels of the final ARPAC meeting, ODFW Staff immediately recommended to restrict tag portability in 5 units for 2015. Following public testimony and robust discussion amongst the commission, Director Elicker recommended that tag portability be re-visited with ARPAC members.
    - The Division is meeting with Wildlife Districts next week to discuss issues including ARPAC recommendations and the portability issue raised at the Commission meeting. The current plan is to provide information and an initial opportunity for input to ARPAC members by the middle of next week, about August 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### ODFW Hunting:

- 2014 Big Game Regs, Archery Changes:
  - Elk bag limits for Alsea & Trask
  - Metolius Late Deer season cut by 25%, from four weeks to three.
- Lighted Nocks: Were brought up at the October, 2013, Commission meeting (Jan???)
- OBH Late Deer Hunt proposal in N.E. Oregon – Not considered for 2014

#### EE. 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)

**Discussion:** 1) Donation of \$1,000?, 2) Donate used Deer/Elk target?, 3) Volunteer to build Brodhead pits?

#### Secretary Notes:

Kevin T. noted that \$16,000 was needed to complete Phase 2. Nancy Doran (very wise in the way ODFW operates) noted that the funds need to be earmarked for this specific project or they could be unaccounted for. Kevin said they would be earmarked. The facility is used by church groups (Walt Miller) and Kevin stated that it would also be used for hunter ed. classes. Rich T. also noted that this is a BOD decision but wanted to know how TAO membership felt.

## **It's Official...Rich Retires**

Kevin gave a great send-off to past President Rich Thompson. Rich has done so much for TAO, giving us great leadership and taking us to the next level. Rich has been president for an unknown number of years. He was awarded with a stand up ovation and a beautiful plaque.

## **.....Committee Reports.....**

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

- African targets fared well @ 2014 NALS. One target MIA. Good for next NALS with similar purchase as this past event (\$3K)

### **Discussion, target replacement for 2015 P&Y:**

- Sell and donate EOL (End of Life) targets (target trailer space and trailer weight considerations)
- \$5K replacement and repair budget to be divided between McKenzie and Rinehart NA
- Order new foam repair kit (Rinehart foam like, youtube video)

### **Oregon Archery Heritage Museum...Kevin Thompson**

- Was nicely displayed at NALS in Hoodoo lodge
- Display @ ODFW HQ did not previously get off the ground. Rich is working with Chris Willard to get displays placed in the new office building lobby. He will keep us posted on developments. ODFW seems to be open to the idea of museum display at the point.
- Committee members – Kevin T., Dave D. ?
- Proposal for next steps and display at Jan business meeting.

### **TAO Merchandise...Nancy Doran**

#### **TAO Outerwear:**

- 2012 historic P-Y Shirts – SOLD OUT
- New Moon "T" shirts & ball caps now on sale
- New fleece pullover w/TAO logo now on sale
- Let he know if you have ideas for new items. She will be ordering more denim shirts and hoody sweatshirts in time for the banquet.

#### **Merchandise Financial Summary**

- Income           \$2,419.20

- Expenses           \$805.80
- Net Income       \$1613.40

Secretary Notes

TAO members noted what a great mark-up she is getting on merchandise.

**Facebook** was suggested as a means to improve our visibility and to better connect with potential new members and use it as an addition to our website. Mark Penninger and Brad Robins are possible creators for this.

.....**OLD BUSINESS**.....

**Bringing Back the Bow**

2014 Encampment Plans and Needs

- Date...August 8-10, 2014
- Place...Grand Ronde, at the tribal Pow Wow grounds about ½ mile north of the casino
- Camping available on the pow-wow grounds, with toilet and shower.
- Friday Evening, 8<sup>th</sup>, arrival and dinner
- Saturday, bow building
- Sunday, Finishing touches, closing ceremonies around noon

TAO Support

- Staves, Black Rose and Stott Mountain
- Monetary Donation, \$100.00, string, paint, leather, misc items
- TAO Volunteers . See Corporate actions

**Secretary Notes**

Jack did not ask for any money. He requested volunteers. They need not have any particular skills as there are other tasks involved (safety aspects of using sharp tools, string making, shooting techniques, and lots of encouragement).

**TAO Policy Manual Revisions, Events Sections...Bob Marshall, Jon McCoy**

Does not address certain vendor activities for banquets and shooting events.

- Vendors selling or donating products which require and must meet F.E.T. requirements.
- Does not address sponsorship of TAO events.
- We need to review, finish and adopt the new policy

**TAO Policy Manual Revisions, Events Section**

- Pope Young Shoot, Trail Shoot schedule change
- Policy manual, change
- Flyer changes, Information handout change for registered shooter

- Awards to be at 1:00.

.....**New Business**.....

**TAO EVENTS FOR 2015, HOSTED BY BLACK ROSE...Kevin Thompson**

**Banquet**

- January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Oregon Gardens, Silverton

**Golf Shoot, Conservation Project.**

- Estimated Dates, April 11, 12<sup>th</sup>, NOT A FINAL DATE
- Happy Ridge, Tygh Valley
- Projects, TBD

**Pope Young Shoot**

- July 25 & 26, 2015

**Election of Board of Directors**

- Reelected the current BOD for another term
- Currently two vacant director positions that may be filled at the discretion of the voting members at the annual meeting in July 2014
- After years of service, Bob Voss resigned from the BOD effective 7/25/14

**Nominees are:**

- Fred Cliff
- Riley Savage
- Seth Reimer
- Andy Ponce

Ballots were distributed, the Secretary counted the votes (close race) and Fred Cliff and Riley Savage were elected.

.....**Corporate Actions**.....

**Approve January 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Riley Savage, second by Nancy Doran

**1. Election of Officer – Vice President**

No nominees at this time, perhaps at the banquet

### **Future support for Bring Back the Bow**

Monetary - \$100 request (Validate check sent)

- Check sent by Nancy
- Materials – Staves for 2015 (validate all material delivered)
- Staves delivered.

### **TAO 2015 Events – Banquet**

- Banquet – approve BRTA spend for banquet Raffle Prizes Amount to Purchase? \$300?
- Motion by Mike Treat for \$300.00, to \$400.00, second by Fred Cliff.

## **2. Support for EE Wilson Archery range**

- Monetary - \$1000
- Motion by Bob McMahan for a \$1000.00 donation, subject to them receiving an additional \$15,000 and all funds earmarked for the range, and the work completed by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. Second by Chase Brown.
- TAO donation will be considered a “pledge” for now. As a major donor, OHA V.P. John Gander will track pledges and advise when it is time to write a check.f
- Materials – Used 3D target(s)  
Motion by Mike Treat to donate two EOL targets, second by Ralph Turnbaugh. Rich Thompson to deliver.

### **Targets**

- Monetary \$3000 to \$5000 to spend on targets and target repair
- Motion by Ralph Turnbaugh , second by Fred Cliff.

### **TAO Policy Manual Revisions:...Bob Marshall & Jon McCoy**

#### **Events**

- Vendors that sell (and/or donate) products which fall under F.E.T. requirements.
- Sponsorship of TAO events e.g. TBM, Cabela’s (Rich T..... New request)
- REVIEW, COMPLETE and RELASE Event updates by Banquet?
- Bob Marshall and Jon McCoy to have the new F.E.T. “form” ready for approval at the banquet.

### **Membership...Bob McMahan**

- Say what we do – Do what we say?
- Is any of this proposed policy being used?
- Nice progress – REVIEW, COMPLETE and RELEASE updated policy by Banquet

**UPDATE the BOD Audits and Reports (from POLICIES & PRACTICES)**

3. 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:

Reports / Forms / Notices	Filing Date
IRS Form 990-N	Annually, May
Annual Corporate Report	Annually, July*
Registered Agent	Annually, July*

\* Filed by corporate counsel

The Secretary reports that the IRS Form 990-N has been filed for 2014.

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 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 T.A.O. Bylaws Article VI, Section 5.

Meeting adjourned way after dark.

Bob McMahan