

**Traditional Archers of Oregon
Board of Directors Meeting
Brownsville, OR
July 26, 2015**

The Meeting was held in the Target trailer, July 25th, light rain. Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

In the past, I have not included “members present” but I think it is a good idea. If I have left someone out, please let me know.

Board Members and Directors present for the meeting.

Bob Marshall
Bob McMahan
Jeremy DePiero
Rich Thompson
Nancy Doran

Walt Miller
Kevin Thompson
Ed Cushman
Riley Savage

Approved January 2015 Meeting Minutes

Recognize retiring BOD’s, (last official meeting for them) Dave Treat, Bob Marshall, Chase Brown. We have received their written resignations.

Recognize the output of Board level committee, “Potential fine tuning of the Pope Young trail shoot competition 2015, chaired by Ralph Turnbaugh. Adoption of PY rules handout, 6_15rl.doc

Election of Vice President, Riley Savage

Future support for Bringing back the Bow. Jack has not asked for any donations. Black Rose has about 200 staves.

Revisit OOC Partnership, donations? TAO logo on OOC web-sit? Fred Cliff was not able to attend this Board Meeting and Kevin read Fred Cliff’s email as it pertains to OOC. (I have included Fred’s email in its entirety at the end of Corporate Actions).

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As President Kevin was asking for directions on how to proceed and how to define our relationship with OOC. Rich. T made a motion to drop OOC from future agendas, second from Nancy D

Affiliated hosted events, TACO is this year’s host.

- Approved expenditures required for 2016 TAO conservation project and Golf Shoot
- Approved expenditure required for 2016 TAO Banquet.

Motion to approve by Bob McMahan, Second Riley Savage

2016 Western States, approved expenditures required for deposit and security as follows:

- Guest Speaker Travel
- Mementos' and Tee shirts
- Toilets and Dumpsters
- Food Vendor

Motion by Mike Treat to approve, second Nancy D

Approve appropriations toward Archery Museum Trailer, seek membership guidance on specs and spending.

- Spend between \$2500-\$5000
- 6' x 12' or slightly larger.

The BOD agreed that the trailer would be for storage and transport, not as an interior display trailer. It needs to have secure, dry storage and we need to find a location for same.

Fred's letter as it pertains to the trailer and the Archery Museum.

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- How much is already in the fund?

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- If the trailer is going to be a permanent housing / display venue for the items, then I think that we need something bigger than 6 ft wide and definitely something taller than 6 feet (probably something at least 7 feet tall in order to get some lighting in the trailer and provide just a little headroom for taller visitors)."

Nancy noted that there is about \$5,000 set aside in our "general fund" for the museum, although we apparently don't have that as a separate line item.

Motion to approve by ????? spending up to \$5000 for a trailer, Second by Riley Savage.

New Business

On the Stick and Sage shoot Bob McMahan brought up the fact that TACO is not a formal club and does not have a bank account. He ask if TACO could "use" TAO bank account and create a separate line item called TACO Account. It would be a "sub-account" of TAO and although funds could be considered co-mingled it would be clearly marked as TACO funds.

This created lots of discussion within the BOD and was met with concern as to potential legal issues. It was decided that this would be acceptable if we could get legal approval. Nancy is checking with TAO's attorney for an opinion.

BOD...Do you consider this an accurate summation of that conversation?

UPDATE the BOD Audits and Reports POLICIES and Practices. Bob McMahan

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 2015.

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.

Bob McMahan

Fred Cliff's Letter

All,

Sorry -- I won't be able to make either the BOD meeting nor the Membership Business meeting.

With regard to the corporate actions listed for the BOD meeting:

2 - I'm sorry to see Dave, Bob and Chase leave the Board. It's been a pleasure working with all three. Looking forward to visiting / shooting with you all in the future.

5. - If requested, I agree with supporting the "Bring Back the Bow" effort to the level that TAO has in the past.

6. - Regarding the Oregon Outdoor Council

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7, 8, 9. - Agree that we should support efforts to hold all of the listed shoots/events in 2016.

10. - Thought that there was already an "Archery Museum" fund established (?)

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My 2 cents on the lighted nock / technology / crossbow issues -

- I think that we should acknowledge that the battle on using lighted nocks, in Oregon, is lost / decided in favor of allowing the use of lighted nocks. In my opinion, continuing to fight this battle will unnecessarily alienate other archers / hunters from TAO and diminish their desire to work with our organization on matters that are important to us.

- I think that there is an opportunity to work with other archers, like minded hunters and organizations to keep cross bows out of archery (and muzzle loader) seasons in Oregon. This would require that TAO does not bury its head in the sand in regard to the issue but instead: move forward on creating a formal position statement on crossbows as a weapon, think strategically about how TAO could help influence the decision making process to ensure that crossbows are not allowed in archery seasons (even as a tool to be employed by disabled hunters) and, apply resources (money and manpower) to work towards achieving the goal of keeping crossbows out of archery seasons.

I hope that everyone has a great time at the event.

Fred

**Traditional Archers of Oregon
Annual Business Meeting
Brownsville, OR
July 26, 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 Mark Penninger Fred Cliff

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by Kevin.

Secretary Report....Bob McMahan

1. 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, 27, to conduct our meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report...Nancy Doran

CHECKING BALANCE (As of: 7/21/15): \$ 36,402.00

All TAO monetary assets currently reside in a checking account

Stick & Sage, 2015 (TAO sponsored)

Attendees 200
TAO Income \$1,435.00
Expenses \$-0-
Net Income \$1,435.00

2015 Banquet

Attendees 110
Income \$5,949.39
Expenses \$5,574.31
Net Income \$375.08

Other Major Expenses

Newsletter \$ 2,152.23
Targets \$5,208.04
Merchandise \$1,832.61

Other Income

Merchandise \$2,590.75
Dues/Membership \$2,235.00

Treasurer to schedule at a future date a board level committee to review bank statements.

Vice President Report...Kevin Thompson, currently vacant

Board of Directors

- Outgoing: Three BODS, effective July 25th
- **Thank You for your service to TAO!**
 - Dave Treat
 - Bob Marshall
 - Chase Brown

Membership vote to renew existing BOD for an additional year.

Walt Miller, Jeremy DePiero, Rich Thompson, Ralph Turnbaugh, Ed Cushman, Mark Penninger, Fred Cliff, Riley Savage, Kevin Thompson, Nancy Doran, Bob McMahan, Mike treat.

Nancy Doran made a motion to approve the BOD for the following year, second by Jeremy DePiero

Previously Nominated for the BOD position:

- **Seth Reimer**
- **Andy Ponce**

Voted in by the membership.

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

ODFW Hunting:

2015 Big Game Regulations adopted archery changes:

- Elk, Stott Mountain Bull Only
- Elk, Keating One Elk
- Deer, Saddle Mtn Forked Antler

Legislation Updates:

- **ODFW Fee Increases, SB 247**
Assigned to a work group chaired by Rep. Rayield, Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources.
Also user groups included in the work group.
(Future of this is uncertain)
- **New Commissioners**
Bruce Buckmaster and Jason Atkinson
- **HB 2543 Drone Ban for Hunting and Fishing**
Passed House and Senate and signed by the Governor
- **National Legislation on Sage Grouse**

Commission meeting, June 5th, TAO provided testimony on one item.

- **No Electronics.**
Restatement of our position, specifically prepared lighted Nock testimony to counter pro-public testimony.
- **Lighted Nocks Update**
OHA and OBH were dominate in testimony to allow LGs.
Commission express interest to consideration to allow same.
Commission asked ODFW to ensure the concept is consistent with existing statutory authority.
The history of LGs was reviewed and there is a Oct 5th when LGs will be reviewed (voted on?) again.

WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

Vigorous conversation follow with the membership. Some felt we should stand firm on our opposition and others were thinking this a battle that we have clearly lost given the opposition. And, why add our voice to a "lost cause" and sound like "cry babies" Save our "political capital" for the next major battle which appears to be Crossbows. Bob

McMahan proceeded to give the membership lots of grief about our “calls to actions”. Specifically TAO sent out an email to inform members to email the commissioners about why lighted nocks should not be allowed and only ten members wrote in. His disappointment was evident.

We also discussed the options of reminding the commissioners of our suggested equipment allowed on a traditional hunt and requesting modern and traditional tags to separate harvest reporting data.

Crossbows,

Currently, the mood is to let sleeping dogs lie. Bob McMahan (as a result of Fred Cliff’s letter) suggested that now is the time to be pro-active and suggest a crossbow policy that TAO could live with. Instead of waiting for a group to present their own policy, and then being forced to counter their proposal. His idea was met with mostly silence and did not get any “legs”.

It was noted that as long as **no crossbows were allowed**, for any reason the ADA could not sue the ODFW to allow them into a hunting season.

Sage grouse, Why is the outcome so important to TAO?

Due to state-based conservation programs that empower diverse interests to proactively solve local challenges, sage-grouse are the beneficiary of the largest watershed rehabilitation program in America. Through incentives and community support, many Western states, industry, private landowners, federal partners and non-governmental organizations are working collaboratively to implement proactive solutions to reach long-term conservation goals for Greater Sage-Grouse.

With over 500,000 sage-grouse across 11 Western states, an endangered species act designation is not only premature, it actually threatens proactive conservation efforts. This is one of the reasons that state-based solutions are not only working for industry, Western economies and jobs, but also for long-term success of Greater Sage-Grouse. Sign the petition urging Congress to support legislation to protect these common-sense, proactive state-based efforts now and in the future. We owe it to ourselves, our communities and our wildlife to allow these proven conservation efforts to continue to work.

For a better understanding of this issue, go to <https://www.biggameforever.org/sage-grouse/>

ODFW Actions & Activities

E.E. Wilson Archery Park Status

Members may recall that TAO approved a \$1,000.00 donation to the archery park, SUBJECT to them raising \$15,000. They have not done diddly-squat in that regard, so our \$1,000.00 is under our control.
TAO donated a used 3D bear target.
The archery park is getting good use.

Committee Reports

TAO Targets...Jon McCoy/Kevin T.

- The committee hopes you like the way your \$5000.00 was spent on targets and target repair.
- The April work party repaired target butts and culled out old targets.
- Target trailer registration complete
- OTHER ITEMS
- Six new folding tables.
- And a huge THANK YOU to Archery Past for Riley's help on target purchasing.

Oregon Archery Heritage Museum...Kevin T/Dave Doran

Major Activities

- Clean up and repair weekend in February (2015) at Ralph Turnbaugh's. Thanks,Ralph!
- Displayed at Cablela's Spring Great Outdoor Days, March 28-29th in Tualatin
- Oregon Bow Hunters Convention in Bend
- ODGFW Headquarters, during the big game meeting.

Next Effort, a trailer for the Museum

- Where do we store? Must be in dry, clean and a safe area. Andy P. may have a place.
Andy, do I have that right?
- Discussion around size and use of a new trailer. Concluded that the trailer would be for transport only, not a "display" trailer. TAO BOD approved spending \$2,500 to \$5000. And membership approved for purchase. Trailer does not have to be new. A used one would work. Trailer size xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

TAO Merchandise...Nancy Doran

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, after a trial market last year. Demand seems strong.
 - New tee shirt for the Pope Young shoot...suggestions for design are welcome. ALSO, if you have any photos for that we can imprint on shirts she would like to look at them.

Merchandise Financial Summary

- Income \$2,034.40
- Expenses \$1,019.83
- Net Income \$1,014.57

OLD BUSINESS

Bringing Back the Bow...Jack

Jack extended his heartfelt thanks to TAO for all of our support.

2015 Bow Camps

- Fort Peck, Montana, Jan 31st-Feb1st, a brisk -14 degrees!
- Pine Ridge, South Dakota Badlands, warming to +100 degrees and 10,000 mosquitoes!
- Eagle Butte, South Dakota, with over 50 Lakota kids a day for 3 days. This group is pretty much on their own and will carry on with the program.
- South Dakota, Fish and Game, outdoor campus west at Rapid City.
- One to go, Grand Ronde, July 29,30, 31st.
- Possible future camp, Mescalero Apache, in New Mexico (Geronimo's country).

Jack did not ask for any TAO Support this year.

Adopt a Collar ...Dr. Christian Hagen

Background:

TAO welcomes Dr. Christian Hagen from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. In the spring of 2015 TAO donated \$500 towards sage-grouse research focused in the Trout Creek wildlife area.

Dr. Hagen writes in his paper, "Examining Greater Sage-Grouse Ecology in Relation to Large Scale Wildfire" about the effects of wildfire. Southeast Oregon is part of the one of the largest contiguous sagebrush steep habitats remaining within the extant range of greater sage-grouse. A series of very large fires occurred in 2012 which affords the opportunity to increase our understanding of sage-grouse response to these fire altered landscapes.

This is a ten year project, and at this point in time it appears that sage-grouse respond in a generally negative manner. They are stubborn birds and tend to go back to their base home, almost in defiance of the fire itself. He explained about the nature of tagging birds, sometimes a bird is released and shortly thereafter is a meal for a predator. TAO's bird has made it for four years and is still going strong, somewhat similar to many TAO old geezers.

Christian also said individuals could participate in bird studies in April for three day stints in an adopt a

leck program. I don't have any contact information on who to talk to about this. Anyone?

Kevin are these dates correct? If we approved the collar purchase in 2015, and the fires were in 2012...how did we go back in time to attach said collar to the bird. I assume retrocactive purchase?

His talk was well received and many felt it was a great way to invest \$500.00

Target Policy, Stick and Sage with Tao sponsored shoot...Bob McMahan

- TACO is the first affiliate Club to take advantage our new policy on using TAO targets and related items.
- The Stick and Sage Shoot was a huge success by any standard with 198 registered shooters.
- Half the registration fees came to \$1,435.00, money directly into TAO coffers
- Bob suggested a great use for those funds would be in purchasing new targets.
- TACO will be asking for the use of targets for next year's shoot and the foreseeable future

New Business

2016 Western States Traditional Rendezvous...Kevin T. Nancy D. and ???

- TAO hosts the WSTR this year.
- May 28-30 Happy Ridge, Tygh Valley
- Potential Speakers? Mark Baker? Others?
- Hosted Dinner, Saturday night, appropriate cost?
- BOD has approved spending for:
- Guest Speaker Travel
- Porta-potty's
- Tee shirts and mementos

2016 Calendar

2016 TAO Events

January 30	TAO Banquet	Sunriver, OR	TACO
April ?	Golf Shoot	Tygh Valley	TACO

Projects

- Camping area construction, cable & posts
- BBQ Pit
- Ditch Cleaning
- Potential Speaker Do we know who??

2016 Traditional Archery Events

May 28-30 th	Western States	Tygh Valley	TAO
June 3-6	Stick and Sage	Sisters	TAO/TACO
July 4-5 th	NALS	Petaluma, Ca	TBD

Western States Traditional Rendezvous

TAO is responsible for WSTR this year!

Date, May 28-30

Location, Tygh Valley

Speaker, Mark Baker. (Is this confirmed?)

BOD has approved spending for

- Guest Speaker Travel
- Porta-a-portties
- Tee shirt and Mementos.

Meeting adjourned around 10:00 PM