

07-29-2017

Traditional Archers of Oregon Summer Business Meeting

Location: Brownsville, OR

8:00pm – 9:30pm

BOD In Attendance:

Kevin T.	Don M.	Jeremy D.	Mark P.	Mike T.	Riley S.
Rich T.	Andy P.				

Absent:

Fred C.	Carson B.	Brad R.	Walt M.	Seth R.	Joe M.
Ralph T.					

Kevin called the meeting to order and Riley took a count to see if we had enough members to conduct business. 22 were needed and 23 were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting (a few more were added later in the night).

- 1. A motion was made by Kevin to approve the January Winter Business meeting minutes. 2nd by Rod Seals. Motion approved.**
2. Kevin spent the next 15 min or so asking the group to share stories and remember Dave Doran.
3. New Treasurer Don Mendez shared TAO financials with the group and we have over \$19k that is not spoken for in the bank account.
4. Riley told the group that we will need 3 volunteers to replace Kevin's duties: 1) President 2) BOD 3) Pope Young Committee Chair. No volunteers jumped up.
- 5. Riley made a motion to renew Kevin's BOD term until January 2018 and the other 14 BOD members for another year. 2nd by Rod Seals. Motion passed.**
6. Field Governor's report from Mike Treat mostly centered on discussion around Tradition Only hunts in Oregon. Chris Tipton questioned why we couldn't just add a new hunt to Pine Grove like we were proposing since Traditional Archers have a minimal impact on overall game numbers. The Game Commission is currently reducing tag numbers for other user groups in that area, so they will not be increasing tag numbers for Traditional Archers in the same area

Robert Bourland brought up the idea of switching Management Units to traditional only rather than asking for new hunts. Since we already did that once with the Trout Creek Mountains, we have the blueprint and the precedent has been set. Again, it was concluded that the Game Commission will not add to our user group opportunities will not come at the cost of other user groups.

7. Mike told of our success stories in the archery related field.
 - a. TAO members helped build a new Archery Range at PCC Rock Creek campus which will be part of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
 - b. Kevin read a letter from TAO Secretary Carson Brown about his experience attending the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation dinner with Rich Thompson
 - c. LOP tags will now be limited in limited entry areas (ex. Metolius had 22 tags for the general public which takes ~19 years to get. 31 LOP tags were given in Metolius and the next year, the same 31 people could get the tag again. Now, only 5 LOP tags will be given in Metolius)
8. TAO is looking for a new Curator(s) of the Oregon Archery Heritage Museum which has been housed at the ODFW corporate office in Salem for the last two years.
9. Bring Back The Bow was another success. This can be expanded if we get more volunteers. Other tribes have been asking for Jack H. and crew to come to their locations.
10. New Scroll editor is needed – No volunteers stepped up at the meeting. Side Note: It sounds like Andy Ponce and Robert Bourland may take on this endeavor with Robert leading the show.

Kevin opened the meeting at 10:15am in order to give everyone time to get there as some were arriving in Brownsville right at meeting time. Kevin wanted the meeting to cover Email BOD voting, Social Media policy, approval of the winter meeting minutes, and discuss filling vacant positions.

1. Kevin started by saying that bylaws state that BOD votes include in person (majority rules), telephone (majority rules), and email (unclear, but interpreted to mean must be unanimous). Kevin asked if we wanted to amend the bylaws to: i) make the rules around email BOD voting clear and ii) to bring them in line with in person & telephone voting and make the voting be majority rules rather than unanimous.

After discussion, there was no motion made and it was determined that the bylaws would NOT be changed. If there are but issues that need to be voted on outside of the winter and summer business meetings, emails will go around discussing the issue and then conference call will be scheduled to have back and forth discussion followed by a vote. The calls will be scheduled for evenings in the middle of the week (i.e. Wednesday at 7pm).

2. Once again, the social media topic was brought up. At the winter business meeting, the BOD set a deadline of the first week of the first week of March to have the social media policy and procedures ready so we could use social media to promote all of our remaining 2017 events (Golf Shoot, Stick N Sage, Pope Young). As of the time of this meeting, there was still no approved social media policy. The BOD discussed what was needed to get an approved social media policy so TAO can have a presence on the web. After it was determined that Facebook's corporate policy would cover any loopholes that may exist in the TAO draft policy, **a motion was**

made by Andy to approve the TAO Social Media Policy (April 5th revised edition). The motion was 2nd by Mike and approved by the BOD.

3. Kevin made a motion to approve the January 2017 Winter BOD meeting minutes which was approved by the BOD.
4. As of January 2018, Kevin will be stepping down as President of TAO, the BOD, and Pope Young Committee chair. We are also looking for a new curator(s) of the Oregon Archery Heritage Museum and a new editor for "The Scroll." No resolution was found on any of the 5 openings and it was decided to bring it up at the general membership meeting that evening to see if we can get more participation from the membership.

New Business

1. Don asked for \$500 to replenish TAO merchandise to sell to the public. After input from the BOD it was determined that \$500 was not enough. **Riley made a motion to spend \$1000 on TAO merchandise. Mike 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**
2. Andy asked if we could get BOD business cards to help promote TAO. During talks, we remembered that there was a TAO leather stamp that needs to be located as well as tri-fold TAO brochure with application included. Once we realized how many different avenues there are to promote TAO, **Kevin made a motion to allow for \$1000 per year to be spent on Marketing. Ralph 2nd and at the BOD approved.**
3. Even though it's not new business, we still had some loose ends to tie around earmarking funds for the TIP program. The idea of earmarking \$2500 for various TIP cases was discussed. In the end, it was decided that the BOD would earmark funds on a case by case basis. Currently, there is \$500 earmarked for a Moose illegally taken in Northeastern Oregon **and at this meeting, the BOD approved earmarking \$500 for a case involving two elk taken out of season at the White River Wildlife Area.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am