

El Dorado Hills Bowmen

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2021

Background

Since the last Board Meeting on September 2, 2020, the El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB) has continued to do its best to keep Board and General Club membership apprised of projects, expenditures and range status through website postings, emails, and telephonic discussions. Items requiring expenditure approval have been handled through email informationals or individual telephone contact. To facilitate participation in Club business while adhering to Covid-19 meeting constraints, President Peterson arranged for this video conference to be held via Zoom on January 16, 2021. Participation was solicited via Chimpmail emails and posting on the Club website. A total of 34 members expressed interest and were sent the details allowing them to join online. Following are the video-conference minutes.

1) Call to Order

Mr. Peterson went "live" one half hour earlier, to head off technical problems. Early participants engaged in social conversation until the call to order at 6:31 PM. President Peterson related two primary reasons for the video meeting: to welcome the significant number of new members; and to see if the medium might prove successful enough to resume monthly meetings electronically.

The meeting started with an overview of significant events curtailed in 2020, due to Covid-19 restrictions:

- The January Awards Dinner was cancelled.
- Club participation in the International Sportsmen Expo. did not take place.
- The March EDHB 3-D Competition was cancelled.
- EDHB/Community Services District (CSD) Archery Classes were cancelled.
- Monthly Member Workshops planned by the Club were postponed.

The Club has progressed on various upgrades, including grading, work on the Sight-In Range, painting the Conex container, finishing touches to the Storage Building and replacement of the hay-bale backers through the use of small work parties, in order to stay Covid compliant.

2) Attendance

Secretary Sal Segura held roll call, based on the list of those who had responded to Mr. Peterson's invitation to participate. The following 17 members attended:

- Board Members - President Bill Peterson, Vice President (VP) of Events James Myers, Secretary Sal Segura, Treasurer Dave McReynolds, Range Manager Greg Landon, and Members-at-Large David Still and Joe Pettus.
- General Membership - Tom Grube, Rob Kunstel, Gabriel Fink, Kerry Gragg, Amy Gutierrez, Irene Hashimoto, Kitty Howard, Christopher Larkin, Michael Ramsbotham and Taylor Trew also participated in the video call.

3) Secretary's Report

a) Membership

Given the lapse of time passed since the last membership report, Mr. Segura reported on the 2020 end-of-year results, as well as on current membership status:

Period	Memberships/#Members	Board	Life	Family	Senior	Adult	Youth	
2019 Totals	253							
2020 Totals	315	663	7	9	130	78	90	1
2021 YTD	163	293	6	5	58	56	37	1

2020 experienced roughly a 25% increase in enrollment over 2019 (62 memberships). 2021 seems to be on the same track: end of January 2019 total was 155; end of January total 2020 was 139; mid-way through January 2021, we are already up to 163! That is an increase of 11% over the past two years' average.

Sal indicated that aside from minor issues at the onset, the website enrollment is going smoothly, with only a handful of memberships having been submitted via mail.

b) Website

Despite recent elections, the VP Publicity position remains vacant. President Peterson and Secretary Segura have attempted to keep up with the position duties but given the learning curve involved in properly attending to website improvement, the Club will likely be engaging the services of Mr. Matt Lockhart to effect the revamp left pending over the past two years.

4) Treasurer's Report

a) Audit/Inspection

Mr. David McReynolds was asked to report on the financial review recently completed by the Audit Committee (composed of David, and members Joe Pettus and Sal Segura). As part of the review, Dave entered the last two years of Club transactions into an accounting software program. This provided him the opportunity to closely scrutinize incoming and outgoing funds and the processes involved in accountability. Dave related that the Committee met on January 15 and concluded that with a couple of exceptions, existing processes, practices, and records present a fair view of its financial performance and position. He complimented the previous Treasurer, Ms. Glenda Chastain, for leaving him such a clean start.

McReynolds suggested the Club should develop projections of anticipated maintenance and capital outlay costs in the future. Development of a budget and other, more specific recommendations and observations regarding the Club's financial practices were tabled for discussion with members of the Board.

b) Financial Status

Mr. McReynolds walked the group through a series of detailed spreadsheets, which outlined Club income, losses, and expenditures over the past two years. Some notable items:

- Range expenses ran significantly higher in 2020 (totaled \$45,000), largely due to ongoing construction and the need to substitute the hay bale with more expensive foam target backers.
- Insurance costs have more than doubled.
- New Building expenses totaled approximately \$68,000 – a bargain considering the magnitude of the project.

- Event income is down over 88%, due to cancellations of the 2020 3D Target Shoot and Awards Dinner.
- Frog donations were up approximately 40%.
- Dues income almost doubled.

Dave's balance sheets outlined that despite the significant number of capital and operational improvements/expenditures, the Club closed 2020 with a financial status slightly improved over that of 2019.

5) Old Business

- a) Storage Building – Bill reviewed several projects that have been completed or underway. These included the relocation of instructional equipment into the new building and taking the final steps to organizing shelving and storage arrangements. He thanked those involved for their work.
- b) Sight-In Range – Mr. Kerry Gragg provided on the status of this project. Working in partnership with members Rob Kunstel and Sal Segura, and with the help of many other volunteers, the old wooden retaining walls and railings were demolished, concrete block retaining walls were erected, and the platforms were extended. The new walls were reinforced with rebar and are tied into the shooting pads, making them extremely solid. These structures will be topped with steel railings for safety, and to have a place to hang quivers. The railings are currently being manufactured and it is hoped they will be in place by the end of January.
- c) Arial Photos of the Range – Bill reported that arial photos of the Range have been taken and the files are now being populated with the necessary graphics and text. In the end, we should have a much clearer, more accurate map of the facility to post on site, as well as for use on the website and handouts.
- d) Other Pending/Suggested Projects – Bill summarized other projects which the Club will be working on or considering. These are not in any order of priority:
 - Painting the Storage Building. This is a project to which the Club has committed, based upon a CSD request.
 - CSD Range Repairs. This project has been approved but pending completion of others.
 - Concrete Aprons on Storage Building – this project has been delayed, in favor of others, including the upgrade of the Sight-in Range.
 - Repair Bridge at Target #7.
 - Install Concession Stand at Target #23 – the area has been cleared of brush/tree branches and leveled but is pending completion of the Sight-in Range.
 - Level Picnic Area – this would require significant fill and grading.
 - Shade Structures over the Sight-in and CSD Ranges.
 - Add deck to Clubhouse.
 - Replace doors and locks on Clubhouse. This project has been approved through use of donated funding but is pending availability of time and volunteers.
 - Install Stairs and Railing at Target #6.
 - Water Tank Enclosure. This project is being funded by CSD and pending completion of the Sight-in Range railing, since member Jason Spears is fabricating both products.

6) New Business

- a) All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) – Range Manager Greg Landon related that both of the Club's ATVs are over 20 years old. The 398 cc 2WD is having significant clutch problems, representing an \$800 repair and the 282 cc 4WD is difficult to start and will not handle larger loads due to its smaller engine. Both will also soon require new tires at a cost exceeding \$400 per set. Because of their age and generally deteriorating conditions, the cost of repairs would exceed their worth.

This equipment is critical to range operations and the Club needs to consider at least one replacement. Because of their ability to carry multiple people and their increased pull/payloads, focus is on finding a suitable larger (600+ cc), side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV). Mr. Peterson has given thoughts to financing and believes Foundation funds could be used, limiting Club expenditures to approximately \$5,000. Member Joe Pettus has been doing research on available products, including the Honda and Polaris offerings. He, along with Greg and Bill, will be visiting local dealerships, then presenting suggestions to the Board.

7) Events

- a) Mr. Peterson related that he still has hopes that the Club can resume member activities in 2021. Primary among his goals is to hold a member 3D shoot on targets 1-14 in July or August.
- b) VP James Myers related that the EDHB/CSD Archery classes have not yet resumed, nor are there immediate plans to do so until a break in the Covid restrictions. He added that the Club has continued to host small groups of classes, mostly of a private nature or involving scouting groups.

8) Maintenance Projects

- a) Weed Control. Pre-emergent spray was applied on December 30-31. This semiannual routine has significantly cut back on member weed whacking efforts. CSD would like to see the clearing efforts expanded to 30 feet along the perimeter fences – which would represent a significant increase in cost. The Club is exploring the potential to piggyback on CSD's existing use of goats to achieve the same end. If possible, we will also see if the goats can be used to clear the areas surrounding the Flying Pig and Broadhead Range sites and the area immediately below the Storage Building.
- b) Butt Replacement – The Club is now in possession of all 52 replacement foam butts. 32 have been installed and the remaining 20 are awaiting volunteer labor. Bill asked that anyone interested in helping with this contact he or Mr. Landon.
- c) Targets – We have been having problems with the targets detaching from the cardboard backers, particularly in wet weather. Member Dennis Sorensen has been working with the supplier to see if they can use an improved glue; however, it seems he may have to resort to getting the supplies separately and gluing the targets himself.
- d) Target Housing - Several members expressed concern with the components framing the new target butts. The use of flooring material is causing more damage to mis-directed arrows and they questioned if we could go back to standard fir boards. Mr. Gragg explained that the harder wood was used to provide protection to the bands which hold the foam butts together. Should those bands be damaged, we might lose the whole target. The Club will take a look to see if an additional layer of wood or installing conveyor belt material might help to minimize arrow damage.

9) Good of the Order

- a) Ms. Irene Hashimoto inquired on the possibility of seeking Amazon Smile donations. President Peterson responded that the Club is not eligible for Amazon Smile, being a 501c7 (v c3) organization. However, donations to the CSD's Promise Foundation can be routed to the Club.

Irene also stated she has been tasked by the Boy Scouts to take over coordination of Golden Empire Council activities. She will look forward to working with James Myers on future scout archery events.

- b) Mr. Myers related an increase in the number of calls coming in from people locked in the facility. This most often happens when members leave the gate open for shooting companions. Unfortunately, non-members often fail to see/ignore posted warning signs and are locked in when a conscientious member locks the gate, as required. While the lock-ins are a significant inconvenience to both the captive and the Club member who must respond, leaving the gate open leads to more serious problems. Members have reported the gate left open and completely unattended and overnight, inviting break-ins or trespassers. Board members will try to discuss the recurring problem with some of the regular shooting members, to see if it can be alleviated.
- c) Mr. Peterson related he may have a new, more affordable source for Club apparel, Grapevine Apparel. The company can affix the EDHB logo to virtually any item of clothing the customer supplies. He looking to add them to the website. James Myers related he also has a supply of black Club baseball hats for sale for \$20. Proceeds will go back to the Club.
- d) Greg Landon related that Yuba Sutter Bowhunters will be hosting their 38th Annual Shoot June 20th.

- 10) Adjournment** – Although not all agenda items were discussed to the level of detail intended, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM, in the interest of brevity.