

El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB)

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

This meeting was held at the EDHB Range, located at 3321 El Dorado Hills Blvd., El Dorado Hills, in the Storage Building. The meeting was preceded by an “after action” discussion involving Key Players of the recent 3D Last Chance Shoot, consequently, the General Meeting started a few minutes late.

1) Call to Order

Mr. James Myers, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM. He began by welcoming new members and asking attendees to introduce themselves.

2) Attendance

The following were in attendance:

- Board Members – VP Events (Acting President) James Myers, Treasurer David McReynolds, Range Manager Greg Landon, VP Marketing Irene Hashimoto, and Secretary Sal R. Segura.
- General Membership – Bill Peterson, Rob Kunstel, Kerry Gragg, Michael Mahacek, Mark Allen, Debbie Heise, and Kayo Shiveley.
- Guests Patrick A. deWerk and Tony Tilley also attended.

3) Secretary's Report

Sal provided the following statistics concerning membership:

Period	Memberships/#Members	Family	Life/Board	Senior	Adult	Youth
Month	15	9	-	4	2	0
2022 YTD	265/517	111	7/11	65	67	4

4) Treasurer's Report

David McReynolds reported on the Club's income, as well as anticipated expenses. Highlights included:

- 3D Shoot/Tournament expenses totaled \$1,010 and were offset by entry fees and raffle ticket purchases for a total of \$2,300 in generated income. Mr. Shiveley supplemented this by another \$200 gained from the sale of surplus snacks. Overall, a significant positive net gain in spite of the low turnout at the event.
- Membership fees collected the past month amounted to \$1,263.
- The Club also received \$950 in donations this period.
- Expenses incurred for the Member's Dinner totaled \$1,230.
- Approximately \$795 was paid out in reimbursements to members for a variety of Range maintenance/improvement expenses.

The Club maintains a healthy balance, exceeding that of last year's by over \$4,000. Notable, anticipated expenses include continuing work on the Kiddie Range (\$700), renewal of the Club Liability Policy (\$1,500) and procurement of CAPRA goat weed eradication services (\$5,500).

David also reported on the Friends of the El Dorado Hills Public Archery Range (FEDPHAR) account. The balance is approximately \$6,500, most of which is likely to be used in paying for CAPRA's services. He added that donations have averaged approximately \$1,100 per month, slightly lower than in previous months.

5) Old Business

- a) Boy Scout Project/Memorial – This project is being overseen by Mr. Joe Pettus, who was unable to attend. James conveyed that while it has been agreed the project will entail building a backstop at the Kiddie Range, Mr. Tom Grube, Jr. has not yet submitted plans enabling review or for project approval.
- b) Weed Eradication – Joe has been working on securing a price from CAPRA to have their goats service portions of the facility. A cost of approximately \$5,500 is anticipated but the company has not provided a specific date for work to begin. It is however, expected sometime at the end of June. Discussion followed as to the areas the goats will be put to work and how long the job will take. Last year, the Range was closed for almost 10 days, due in part to poor coordination. Additionally, early movement of the goats resulted in inadequate clearing of some areas. It is hoped we can better communicate our needs with CAPRA to shorten the work period while still getting a good job done.

Due to the tendency of some shooters to ignore Range Closed signs and barricades, a monitoring schedule will need to be arranged once the actual date of work becomes available.

- c) Galvanized Tables – Mr. Kunstel was asked to report on the prototype picnic table placed into use for the 3D Event. Total cost was approximately \$650. The table is significantly better looking than the wooden counterparts (most of which are in various states of disrepair) and will undoubtedly exceed their lifespan, since they require only replacement of the wooden tops as those deteriorate. Given the poor condition of the remaining wooden tables, a motion was made and passed enabling purchase of two more frames and the lumber to manufacture and paint the tops.

Rob will order two additional metal frames and arrange for the purchase of the necessary lumber to complete them.

6) New Business

- a) Signage – Sal related that there is a need to update some existing signs/banners and to purchase additional signage. Examples include the banner flown at the entrance to the Range, which is tattered and can no longer be properly affixed to its frame, a sufficient number of signs to block off the three entrances during Range closures, and “Work in Process” signs to post while working on individual portions of the facility. A motion was made and was carried allowing the purchase of signs, with a tentative cap of \$600.

Sal will arrange for ordering the necessary signs.

- b) Community Services District (CSD)/EDHB Archery Classes – Mr. Myers relayed this year’s requirements for the Club to continue to offer classes in partnership with the CSD. There are three significant, new requirements:

- An additional Liability Insurance requirement;
- A condition for instructors to be Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certified;
- A obligation to supply a copy of a business license.

James is hopeful that the Club’s existing liability coverage, combined with that provided by USA Archery for certified instructors, will suffice to address the first requirement. He related he is working with CSD to enable attendance at a CPR certification class for Club instructors (at a cost of approx. \$60 per trainee) and believes the Club’s tax-exempt organization (EIN) number will substitute for their request for a business license. James related that in his discussions with CSD

representatives over the past month, they offered the option for the Club taking over all aspects of the archery program. Specifically, this would require that the Club handle all administrative tasks presently covered by CSD staff, i.e., advertising, marketing, scheduling, fee collection, etc. A lengthy discussion ensued outlining possible pluses and minuses in assuming total responsibility for the classes.

Currently, classes are completely full, and each class has a waiting list. Positives of assuming complete control include more freedom in scheduling the frequency of classes (they are presently limited in number and offered only in the Spring); and an increase in proceeds collected by the Club (the full fee, instead of 70%). It was generally agreed that training new archers is one of the most important tasks the Club can be involved in; however, some members were apprehensive about taking on the additional responsibilities. Concerns include the need for the Club to assign a member capable/willing to assume overall responsibility for the program; procuring the resources to handle the advertising and registration processes; developing on-line calendars and fee collection methods, etc.

Following the discussion, James suggested that further action await his presenting the Club insurance and EIN information to CSD. The Club's course of action would then be based on CSD's response. If we continue to partner with CSD we can still consider initiating a Club program which supplements the CSD/EDHB classes. This approach would allow us to "dip our toes" into running the classes without having to jump entirely into the program, allowing a test of our capabilities.

- c) Target Butts – We are roughly into our 18th month of use with the new target butts. The bulk seem to be holding up well and will likely make it to the 24-month lifespan expected; however, given delays in delivery of replacements for those that were broadhead-damaged (almost seven months), it was agreed we should consider ordering replacements in advance. After some discussion, a motion was made and passed to order 10 additional butts at an approximate cost of \$7,000.

Bill Peterson agreed to inquire about actual cost and delivery time, and to put the order in.

- d) ATV Repairs – Greg Landon reported that this vehicle, which is used year-round for a variety of tasks, has developed severe clutch/transmission problems. His research reveals that the unit came with manufacturing defects but missed the recall repair process. Because of its age and the nature of the problems, repairs are expensive and few repair shops are willing to work on it. There is also concern that the cost may be so high as to not be worthwhile. The group debated the pros and cons of repair versus replacement. In the end, it was decided the Club should at least obtain an estimate to enable a more informed decision.

Greg will arrange to transport the ATV to Mikes' Cycles for an estimate at the earliest opportunity.

- e) Trailers – Sal related that although he recently repaired/rewired one of the trailers for use in hauling of debris to the dump, the others have a variety of serious issues and were unavailable for use when preparing for the 3D Event. Thankfully, we had several members step up to supply the necessary equipment. He suggested the Club revisit shelved plans to replace the hodge-podge of unusable trailers and with more reliable equipment. Replacement estimates for the small trailer range in price from \$400 to \$1,500.

Given impending expenses and the approved purchase of additional target butts, James asked that we continue to delay this purchase. Mr. Kunstel graciously offered the Club continued use of his Polar trailer in the interim.

7) **Events**

a) Outcome of 3D Last Chance Shoot – The group recounted results of the event. There were many positive comments regarding the facility, organization, and food quality, and only a couple of criticisms concerning target placement and the number of shooter classifications available. It was felt that from the participant's point of view, the event was a very pleasurable and successful one. Following were significant points of discussion:

- Despite good weather, attendance was well below that of the past, with only 87 participants. There was speculation that a competing shoot in Fresno might have drawn away from our crowds, but that the most significant cause of low turnout was a lack of promotion. Other than last-minute Facebook/website posts and the initial posting to the CBH calendar, little effort was made to spread word about this year's event. Several participants said they heard about the affair with short notice, through word-of-mouth. It was agreed that this task needs considerable attention and efforts must start three to six months out from the shoot to improve attendance in the future.
- While there is always some last-minute scurrying about in this type of affair, several of the heavier preparatory projects, such as readying necessary equipment/supplies (e.g., trailers, mowers, barbeques, signage); mowing and weed whacking; cleaning the Clubhouse and snack shack buildings; etc., were left unattended until the week leading into the event. Only the concerted efforts of a few, stalwart members was the facility brought up to good shape by the time the Shoot took place. There was consensus that a more concerted effort must be made to get the larger tasks and equipment repairs completed in advance, and that we must go beyond sending out emails to encourage volunteers.
- We lost a key player, Bill Peterson, due to travel this year, but he was kind enough to prepare the necessary documents for registration before leaving. Once the event was underway, the process went very well with a new batch of volunteers, headed by Steve Heilman. Use of a "screener" to the front of the registration desk helped with the flow and the only suggestions for improvement were that we use two colors of registration cards to differentiate between member and guest participants and that we have better signs up to direct attendees.
- Many positive comments were received concerning the efforts of Kayo, Marlina and Noa Shiveley, who handled all food preparation and the bulk of sales. The quality and variety of food was complimented profusely by both staff and participants. Kayo reported that things went smoothly, and he was only disappointed in the minimal turn-out. He had prepared for 250 participants which resulted in an abundance of leftovers. The bulk of these were either sold to volunteers at the end of the Shoot or donated. He presented David McReynolds with a \$200 dollar check from the sale of some of the surplus goods during a school sporting event.
- Raffle sales went well, with the Big Prize (pellet barbeque) awarded to Mr. Joe Pettus. Sales were helped along by making cashless payment available using PayPal and QR codes which could be scanned with a cell phone. Many thanks to Wilderness Archery and other contributors of raffle prizes.

- Signage was a recurring theme in this discussion. There were insufficient Range Closed signs for the entrances and we need to better identify locations of Registration, Raffle and other operations.

To summarize, although attendance was low and planning and preparation must take place earlier, the event was deemed a success. Participants had a great shooting experience; the Range and operations ran smoothly, and the Club netted about \$2,500. It was suggested that the use of checklists could help us better organize in the future. Sal volunteered to put some together if each head of operations provides an outline.

- b) Halloween Shoot – Discussion of this topic was postponed, due to lack of time.

8) Maintenance Projects

- a) Targets – Target butts #1 – #14 on the Circuit Range were turned during the last Workday. The remainder still need attention. Rob related that he has spoken to a couple of members about getting that done in the next couple of weeks. Greg will also survey all targets to see what kind of condition they are in.
- b) 100/80 Yard Sight-In Targets – Though used for the 3D Event, Rob related the housings still need to be painted and the roofing material must be added.
- c) Kiddie Range – Rob and Kerry are planning to start work on the platform concrete frames in the next couple of weeks. This will need to be done prior to the BSA project starting. Concrete will need to be poured soon thereafter and anticipated costs are estimated at \$6-800. A motion was made and passed for the purchase of materials necessary to start this project.

Rob was authorized to make/arrange for the necessary material purchases.

- d) Broadhead Range - With hunting season approaching, it was suggested we look at re-stocking the targets at this range. Though they wear quickly, it is hoped that placing fresh targets will encourage broadhead shooters to limit activities to this area, rather than ruin other targets. James and Greg will inspect the stock of 3D targets to see if any are suitable for this use. Additionally, Greg was asked to investigate the purchase of some inexpensive block targets to supplement what we already have available.
- e) Miscellaneous - Greg related that the roof on the Memorial Shed (Target #9) needs repairs or reroofing and the bench at Target #20 needs to be replaced.

Given the impending and extended closure of the Range required to facilitate goat weed eradication. It was proposed that a Workday be scheduled during that time.

9) Good of the Order

- a) Sal presented an e-mailed proposal sent to several Board Officers by Member Todd Stevens. In it, Todd indicated he submitted funding from the California Bowhunters Association (CBA) to start a Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program and he desires to schedule practices/activities at the EDHB Range. The program would be managed by Todd, with Irene Hashimoto as lead instructor/coach. The sessions are proposed to start in November and would take place on Sunday mornings at the CSD Range.

Having had previous experience with running a JOAD program, James provided Irene with suggestions to ensure the program's success. Attendees also asked for details concerning the proposal: expectations of the Club (aside from simply providing a place to practice); whether Club equipment/supplies would be used; the need for Club member assistance, etc.

The email suggests EDHB sponsor JOAD through cost-free use of the Range; however, this is a significant sticking point, given our CSD landlord's increasing liability requirements. As presented, there is no proposed direct relationship between CBA/JOAD participants and the Club. In the past, the liability issue has been addressed by requiring participants to be Club members and it was generally agreed that this should continue to be the case. Unfortunately, Irene was not able to respond to the issues raised. However, given the projected implementation date, there should be sufficient time to resolve the concerns and proceed with the program.

Irene was asked to convey the questions/concerns to Todd for a response and to enable further consideration.

10) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.