

El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB)

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

Due to Board Officer scheduling conflicts, this month's gathering was held remotely, via Google Meet. The particulars for joining the meeting were sent to members via Chimpmail and posted to the Club's website the week prior to the event.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was slightly delayed due to technical and other issues. Mr. James Myers, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

2) Attendance

The following were in virtual attendance:

- Board Members – VP Events (Acting President) James Myers, Treasurer David McReynolds, and Secretary Sal R. Segura. Range Manager Greg Landon joined the group a few minutes after the meeting had started.
- General Membership – Mr. Michael Ramsbotham and Mr. Rob Kunstel also took the time to attend.

3) Secretary's Report

Sal provided the following statistics concerning membership:

| Period | Memberships/#Members | Family | Life/Board | Senior | Adult | Youth |
|----------|----------------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Month | 13 | 7 | - | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| 2022 YTD | 279/548 | 118 | 17 | 68 | 71 | 4 |

Membership applications have slowed but will likely pick up again as the hunting season gets closer.

4) Treasurer's Report

David McReynolds reported on a quiet month with regards to finances. The Club took in \$800 from holding Community Services District (CSD) and Girls Scout classes and had \$600 in operational expenses. The year-to-date total in our account exceeds last year's by \$6,000. Pending bills include:

- CAPRA bill in the amount of approximately \$4,000 for goat weed eradication.
- Upcoming renewal of our liability insurance estimated at approximately \$1,500.
- Payment for the 10 additional target butts ordered in November, approximately \$6,000.
- Purchase of necessary signage, approximately \$600.
- Payment for rental of the Grange Hall during the Annual Dinner, \$150.

David also reported on the Friends of the El Dorado Hills Public Archery Range (FEDPHAR) account, where all donated monies are now deposited. This account balance is approximately \$7,500, most of which is presently designated to pay for CAPRA's services.

5) Old Business

- Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Project/Memorial – This project involves building a backstop at the Kiddie Range. It is being overseen by Mr. Joe Pettus, but has been delayed for want of information from Mr. Tom Grube Jr. Joe was unable to attend the meeting to provide updates. Rob Kunstel related that forms for pouring the concrete pad have been installed, enabling the

BSA the orientation to move forward. James added that he recently received emailed documents from Tom Grube Jr. and forwarded them to Mr. Pettus for review/input. Although several dates have been discussed for the start of the project, none have been confirmed. James indicated he would contact Mr. Pettus/Mr. Grube to get more details.

- Website Revamp.

Sal reported that the Club's Webmaster, Matt Lockhart, continues to work on clean up and re-design of the website. Matt is urging the Club to adopt use of WooCommerce's membership-oriented plug-in instead of the product-related program currently in use. Estimated cost for the program is \$500 but Matt feels the membership program provides much more flexibility in the type of data collected and how it is used, facilitates import of said data to other programs (such as the Club's Excel Membership Roster) and makes the application process easier for the member to navigate, as well as for administrators to manage. He adds that transitioning to the new program will be much easier while the website is being updated, rather than if we decide to patch it in a later point in time.

Sal explained that this program was considered several years ago, when initially moving to the electronic membership application process but was rejected because it would place memberships on a rotating month versus a calendar year renewal process (i.e., memberships would expire on an annual basis, based on the month joined, instead of all memberships expiring each December). Chief among the concerns at the time were that the Club would not have a set membership drive period to work from and that rotating the renewal schedule would force the Club to make more frequent gate code changes to prevent abuse of entry. It was then felt that multiple gate code changes would frustrate members.

After discussing perceived pros and cons, it was decided that the proposed program has many advantages and that its ability to notify members of gate code changes via email, combined with use of a website "Members Only" page where the gate code can be accessed will sufficiently offset the inconveniences resulting from more frequent gate code changes.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to enable the purchase and implementation of the membership program.

- Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Sponsorship. This proposal was submitted by Mr. Todd Stevens, from the California Deer Association, who is asking the Club to co-sponsor a JOAD program. The topic was discussed at the last meeting, but a final decision is pending additional information which Ms. Irene Hashimoto was tasked to obtain. Irene was unable to attend this meeting, so a final decision remains tabled.
- Signage – Sal related that after several attempts, he was able to speak with the company who has provided our signs and banners in the past. They indicated they are backed up on work but promised they will have the EDHB banner printed and available within the week. Additional signs may take a little longer but are also in the works.

6) New Business

- Use of Facilities for Hunter Safety Classes – Member Todd Stevens emailed the Board, indicating there may be an opportunity for income, by allowing use of the Range for hosting several Firearms Hunter Safety Classes. These would NOT involve the discharge of any firearms but only focus on safety techniques for handling them while hunting. While there was no opposition to the concept, there are many questions pertaining to set-up, use of Club equipment, etc., that

need to be answered prior to making a final decision. James will reach out to Todd for contact information for the instructor and bring the issue back for further discussion.

- **Range Use Rules** – There have been reports of private instructors “taking over” the CSD range or other shooting stations to conduct classes, placing them at odds with Club members or public guests who wish to use the same facilities. One recent “run-in” resulted in an individual complaining to Board members that she was being unfairly targeted. As Acting President, James contacted her, explained the Club’s concerns, and offered her several recourses, including the ability to address the Board with her complaint, but she rejected them all. This latest event requires the Board to review the Club’s stance towards the practice of private instructors using the range in this manner. There are several concerns:

- ✓ These classes sometimes interfere with use of the Range by members and the public.
- ✓ The Club should be made aware of any group activity taking place on the facility both to prevent conflict with other events, and as part of good management practices.
- ✓ Although the instructors are charging for classes which normally involve non-members, there is no financial benefit to the Club. Anecdotal reports indicate that attendees often bypass the donation Frogs (apparently assuming range use is covered by the instructor fee), and instructors do not normally provide remuneration for targets, etc.

Although dialogue during the meeting was necessarily abridged, due to time constraints, it was generally agreed that the Club needs to develop a policy/rules to address group activities held on the facility. James, Sal and David will work on proposed language. In the meantime, it was decided that signs indicating that all group activities must be coordinated/approved by the EDHB Club should be posted.

Sal will arrange for several signs to be made and posted in prominent locations. The signs will refer interested parties to the Club’s email address.

7) **Events** – Not discussed, due to time constraints.

8) **Maintenance Projects**

- Mr. Landon gave a quick overview of pending repairs throughout the Range. Included were bench board replacements, roof repairs on the memorial shed, maintenance on the bridge leading to Target #7 and the continuing need to fix/replace the ATV.
- **Sight-In Range** – James related that the butt on the 30 yd. target had “blown out” the back and had to be turned. Mr. Kunstel responded that only targets #1 - #14 have been turned to accommodate for their use over the past 18 months. The remainder have been waiting for volunteers. Sal reminded all that the next Workday is scheduled for July 9th and everyone should make an effort to get the word out to encourage attendance.
- At the last meeting, it had been decided the Club would look at purchasing several block targets to place at the Broadhead Pit. It is hoped they will encourage hunters to use them, instead of other targets for their broadhead practice. Greg related he was still looking into their purchase but will look at on-hand 3D targets to see if any are fit to place at the Pit in the meantime.

9) **Good of the Order** – no items raised.

10) **Adjournment** – The meeting was necessarily (Google Meet sessions time out after 60 minutes) adjourned at 7:26 PM.