

El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB)

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

This month's General Meeting was held at the Range Storage Building, 3321 El Dorado Hills Blvd. El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

1) Call to Order

In Acting President James Myers' absence, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Sal Segura at 6:34 PM.

2) Attendance

The following were in attendance:

- Board Officers – VP Marketing Irene Hashimoto, Treasurer David McReynolds, Range Manager Greg Landon, Secretary Sal Segura, and Member-at-Large Joe Pettus.
- General Membership – Bill Peterson, Rob Kunstel, Kerry Gragg, Pete Johnson, Jeff Summers, Debbie Heise and Kao Shiveley were also in attendance.

3) Treasurer's Report

David presented account status for both the EDHB and FEDPHAR accounts. Highlights included:

FEDPHAR

- FEDPHAR has just over \$4,000 in its coffers. Frog donations continue to average about \$1,500 each month and donations have totaled approximately \$12,000 to date. This fund has accumulated approximately \$10,000 in total expenses.
- David related that FEDPHAR has been officially recognized at both the State and Federal levels as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Benevity has listed FEDPHAR into its roster, making corporate giving or matching funds much easier. Attendees were also reminded that they can contribute by designating FEDPHAR on their AmazonSmile accounts.
- Email and PayPal accounts have been opened, making electronic donations possible directly into the account.

EDHB

- As of September 14, the Club had a healthy cash balance, approximately \$8,000 more than the corresponding balance from the prior year, which excludes the Frog account, since it is now a part of FEDPHAR. Expenses for the past month were just over \$1,300.
- While there are several planned/potential expenditures coming up there were no significant bills or expenses this past month.
- Dues income for the past 30 days amounted to \$890. The Club also took in \$900 from archery classes.

4) Secretary's Report

Memberships applications continued surprisingly strong the past month, and memberships now total 331. The details are below:

Period	Memberships/#Members	Family	Life/Board	Senior	Adult	Youth
Month	32	17	0	4	9	2
2022 YTD	331/593	144	18	74	88	7

Sal also related the new website will be brought online in combination with the 2023 renewal campaign in November. Sal met with several Officers over the past month to review the draft website and everyone found it more appealing and easier to navigate. There are still a few details which the

Club must supply to Webmaster Lockhart so that he can complete the product. The only potential issues relate to member acceptance of the change in the membership term (rotating v. Calendar Year) and the resulting quarterly changes to the gate combination.

5) Old Business

- BSA Project – Kiddie Range Backstop

Joe Pettus reported that while he received a sketch of the proposed backstop some time ago, he has not since heard from Mr. Tom Grube Jr. or his son, the aspiring Eagle Scout. Rob Kunstel reported that all EDHB work on the Kiddie Range was completed in anticipation of the Grube's scheduled workday last month at which they failed to show.

Absent a favorable response from the Grubes, the Club will move forward with the backstop project so that the Kiddie Range can be opened for use. Joe will attempt to contact the Grubes for an update.

- ATV Status

Greg related that following two recent mechanical breakdowns, he went through the ATV and determined that it is not receiving spark. This is on top of the problems with the transmission/drivetrain. Local repair shops will not work on the vehicle, due to its age so the Club will likely need to make a decision on purchasing a replacement. After discussing, various options, it was decided that, when the time comes, the Club should purchase a new ATV. While used equipment is readily available at a reasonable cost. We would be best off having an vehicle free of inherent mechanical problems and included warranty protection.

Several possibilities for purchase were brought forward but it was decided we should await the outcome of James' inquiries regarding the availability of grants from Polaris.

6) Old Business

- Group Use Policy – This topic arose due to problems experienced with instructors “taking over” portions of the facility, effectively depriving or interfering with their use by members or public archers. Various remedies were reviewed and recommended, a draft policy was developed, and signs were purchased. Since these measures were taken, the primary offender has left the Club. Sal asked that the Board decide to either move forward with implementation of the policy or not. A significant number of Officers and members are concerned about setting in place a restrictive policy if the need no longer exists. After discussion, Sal asked for a motion to set the issue aside until such time as the issue arises again. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

This issue has been tabled until future need for its resurrection.

- Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) – Although CalDeer's proposal to hold JOAD training was submitted several months ago, the Club has not received updates on progress, or the details previously requested. Ms. Irene Hashimoto, the proposed instructor, related that training is now tentatively scheduled to start in November, that participants were being outfitted with equipment this week, but that she was not fully briefed and could not provide all remaining particulars. The two most significant pending requirements are a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CalDeer and EDHB and participant enrollment in the Club. It was suggested that CalDeer contact James Myers for a sample MOU, as James drafted one when he ran JOAD in the past.

Irene was asked to convey Club concerns to CalDeer and to suggest a short meeting to ensure all the necessary details are discussed.

7) New Business

- ATT Cell Tower Proposal – EDHB recently became aware of ATT having approached the Community Services District (CSD) to explore the lease of a portion of Range property to install a 5G tower. While such a structure will have some detrimental impact on the Range, the decision to allow the lease rests with the CSD, not the Club. We may; however, have the opportunity to piggyback on the project to bring power into the Clubhouse, Storage Building, etc. While negotiations are in the early stages, the Board requested the CSD allow the Club to participate in the decision-making processes with the aim of ensuring the project is mutually beneficial. The CSD agreed and the Board asked Mr. Bill Peterson to take the lead role in representing us.

Bill reported that he and several members recently walked the grounds with ATT/CSD representatives. ATT initially proposed the tower be installed between Circuit Range targets #12 and #13. This location poses various concerns to the Club, including the high visibility of the obtrusive structure, interference/potential displacement of the Circuit Course, etc. At the urging of Club representatives, ATT is now considering placing the tower, which will require a 30' x 35' footprint and stand approximately 100' tall, at the south end of the members' parking area. Bill will meet with ATT surveyors this week then has arranged a follow-up meeting with the CSD Park Superintendent, Mark Hornstra, on the 15th. The intent of the latter meeting is to forge a stronger partnership before further negotiations with ATT.

Bill will continue to participate in ATT/CSD meetings, acting as the Club liaison and report to the Board on progress.

- Second BSA Project, Memorial Shed – The Club was approached with another BSA Eagle Scout project to rebuild the shade structure located next to the Memorial Shed. Greg related that the young lady involved in this project seems very well organized, though he has not recently heard from her since the last Workday, when the Club was approached.

Greg was asked to contact the BSA candidate to determine status on her proposal.

- Monthly 3D Shoot Proposal – Jeff Summers approached the Club about hosting a monthly 3D target shoot. The activity would take place the third Saturday each month, from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Targets would be placed at 14 stations, and in front of the existing butts. This would both make set up easier and the butts will serve as a block for errant arrows.

Jeff believes the activity will require two to four volunteers to arrive before, and remain after, each shoot to set up and break down the targets. During the shoot two volunteers would remain, one at a starting table and one near Target #14 to provide directions. The shoot would include the same scoring system and cards as David has been using for the Club Shoots, though Jeff does not envision a formal competition. He suggests charging members \$5 and non-members \$10 to participate.

Attendees were generally in favor of the proposal. Concerns were raised about its viability: these events require not only active participants, but a committed set of organizers and regular volunteers. Jeff responded that he would coordinate and believes he can round up the volunteers. There was also discussion on whether to keep this member-specific and regarding the amount that should be charged. It was decided that including non-members could bring in more money and encourage participants to join the Club. Non-members will need to sign a liability waiver.

Jeff will work with Greg on determining an entry fee sufficient enough to compensate the Club for the additional use and future replacement of the 3D targets. Jeff was also asked

to expand coordination to all others Officers necessary to ensure all the logistical details are worked out.

8) Events

- Club Shoots – David related that turn out continues to be limited, with only eight to ten stalwart members participating at the shoots. To remain viable, these activities need to attract 30 to 50 members. Unless there is significant, renewed interest, he recommends that we discontinue the Club Shoots at the end of the year. He was, however, enthusiastic about the Monthly 3D shoot proposal and volunteered his support in making that happen.

Unless there is renewed interest, this iteration of Club Shoots will conclude at the end of the year.

- October Zombie Shoot – This free event brings the Club significant attention, goodwill from the community and encourages memberships. While the grounds and equipment are in good shape, there are many details to oversee, including the need to seek out volunteers. This subject was slated to be discussed during two prior meetings but cut from their agendas due to lack of time. Nevertheless, there is a need to ensure planning and preparation is on track.
 - i) Greg confirmed the date scheduled as October 29. The shoot will operate with the same amenities as in the past: Flying Ghost, 14 Halloween-themed 3D targets, etc. He is in the process of acquiring additional, disposable targets but otherwise, the grounds and equipment are in good shape.
 - ii) Mr. Kayo Shiveley volunteered to oversee concessions, i.e., barbecuing hot dogs/hamburgers, a staple for attendees during prior Zombie Shoots.
 - iii) Irene was asked to begin work on flyers and getting word out about the event. One of the reasons attributed for low turn-out at this year's 3D Shoot was failure to advertise in a timely manner. Irene will work with Greg and James in developing marketing materials and was asked to contact the CSD and local vendors to see if the materials can be posted in their facilities.
 - iv) Given that the Club's ATV is in disrepair, Mr. Kunstel volunteered to make his available for use during the event.

Greg, Irene and James were asked to coordinate on the advertising and in soliciting the volunteer assistance necessary to ensure the success of the event.

9) Maintenance/Improvement Projects

- Kiddie Range – Rob related that the new range's primary structures are up and ready. We are only awaiting some signs and, more importantly, word from Mr. Grube Jr. on the backstop being installed by the BSA.
- Miscellaneous - Greg related that while we have a few pending projects (Memorial Shed shade structure, rebuilding the bridge at Target #7, etc.), the Range is in good shape. We will need to continue watching the target butts, especially on the Sight-In Range, as they wear quickly with the hard use and recently saw a lot of activity due to the start of hunting season.
- Mowing – In addition to the work the goats did, there has been a considerable amount of mowing throughout the Range this year, thanks to Rob having fixed the pull mower. This has minimized the need for weed whacking, improved the shooting experience, and made finding arrows easier for those of us with a tendency to miss. The loss of the ATV will severely impact next year's work if not replaced, as the UTV does not have the necessary turning radius to mow properly.

- Kudos were given to the Heilman brothers, who spent the last couple of weekends repainting/repairing target distance markers at all 28 Circuit Range stations. Some final adjustments remain (such as removal of the previous 80 and 100 yd. markers at the Sight-In Range) and will be completed by others in the coming weeks.

10) Good of the Order

- Sal reminded attendees that Board Officer elections are in November. These positions are critical to making the decisions required to keep the Range open and moving forward. We continue with a vacancy in the President's position and others on the Board are considering leaving. The Board Officers all have other responsibilities and need the assistance of fresh, enthusiastic members. He asked that attendees get word out about the elections and that if someone is considering vacating a position, they assist in recruiting their replacement.

11) Adjournment – Although there were several remaining Agenda items, the meeting was concluded at 7:43 PM due to nightfall.