

El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB)

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

The General Meeting was held at the Range Clubhouse, 3321 El Dorado Hills Blvd., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

The meeting was preceded by a half-hour Board Meeting during which the Bylaws Committee reported on progress on the Bylaws revision. The revision is intended to reflect current Club procedures and practices more accurately; encompass technological changes; and improve readability. The Officers had previously been provided the latest draft and were now afforded the opportunity to comment before its release to the general membership for input.

A motion was made and carried to ratify the Bylaws Draft and to solicit member input prior to final approval.

General Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Mr. Kayo Shiveley.

2. Attendance

Kayo welcomed all present and asked for brief introductions. In attendance were VP Events Kayo Shiveley, VP Publicity Debbie Heise, Range Manager Rob Kunstel, Treasurer David McReynolds, Secretary Sal Segura and Members-at-Large (MALs) Greg Landon and Kerry Gragg. Members Mike Ramsbotham, Duane Heilman and new member, Wael Nasreddine, were also present.

Guests/past members Heather Jones and her daughter, Kiersten were in attendance to provide an overview of a proposed Scouting Project. MAL James Myers joined the group part-way through the meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

David presented Club and FEDHPAR account standings, all reflecting healthy balances. The Monthly Member's 3D Shoots have generated approx. \$700 in revenue and dues income has totaled over \$11,000 to date. During that same time, expenses have amounted to over \$6,600.

Pending, out of the ordinary payouts include replacement of the ATV, expected in the range of \$7-8,000 and the costs which may be incurred should the Club be allowed to "piggyback" on ATT's Cell Tower Project. Installing parallel electrical conduit/wire in the ATT trenches can save the Club a significant amount in bringing power to EDHB's facilities. However, the effort will likely require spending tens of thousands of dollars on materials, permitting, equipment, etc. These significant, unanticipated expenses have not been included in the Club's budget. It was resolved that while the ATT project poses a great opportunity, the Club may not be able to fund an electrification project at this time. Should we be allowed to take advantage of the project, we may have to manage costs by proceeding in stages, perhaps installing only conduit in the trenches to start.

To better plan for future expenditures and projects, David is continuing to refine a detailed, working budget. David presented and explained the latest version and indicated other changes will be made following further meetings with Rob, Sal and Michael Ramsbotham. He also invited others to join in with comments and suggestions.

4. Secretary’s Report

Sal reported the Club has grown to 176 memberships, representing 200 members. This is 50 memberships above the year-to-date totals for both 2022 and 2021! The breakdown of the memberships follows:

YTD	Memberships (Total Members)		Board/Life	Family	Senior	Adult	Youth
	176	(200)	19	55	51	44	7

5. Old Business

- Scout Project – Ms. Kirsten Jones, Troop 263, provided an overview of her proposed project to rebuild the shade structure at the Memorial Shed. She asked the Club for its expectations and related that it is her intent to complete the project no later than May 24, 2023.

It was determined that the structure will be consist of 6 x 6-inch posts supporting a 2 x 6 framed roof structure, likely topped with corrugated metal. It will not include a cement pad, instead, the posts will be encased in concrete footings using Sonotubes or similar forms. Ms. Jones was appointed a liaison, Greg Landon, to work through as she finalizes her plans, starts her funding campaign, and to arrange to access to the Range.

- ATV Replacement – Kayo related that Club efforts in soliciting member donations/involvement, as well as Member Todd Stevens’ attempt to get a reduced price from an out-of-state ATV dealer have fallen through. Consequently, the Club is now resolved to identifying and purchasing a vehicle locally, at retail price. Considerations for the expenditure were discussed during the Treasurers’ Report.
- ByLaws Revision – Sal summarized progress and reported on the Board’s approval of the draft revision. It will now be made available for member input through the end of March. Members will be advised of the pending revision and invited to comment via Chimpmail and a website post. After March 31st, the Bylaws Committee will review any new comments/concerns, and adapting the draft, as appropriate, before returning to the Board for a final, approving vote during the April General Meeting.
- Frog Depository Break-Ins – Rob reported he had repaired the damaged depositories and added features to make break-ins more difficult. In spite of these efforts, the frog at the Sight-In Range was recently cleaned out again, possibly by lock picking. The lock has been replaced with a more secure version. Additionally, the Club is looking at installing security cameras, David will be collecting deposits more frequently during the month, and it is hoped the convenience of an electronic means to donate, via the QR code, will reduce cash deposits, making break-ins less lucrative.

- ATT Cell Tower – Bill Peterson, the Club’s liaison to the Community Services District (CSD) representative, Mark Hornstra, was not in attendance to provide the latest details on this project. Range Manager Kunstel related EDHB continues to work with Mark to negotiate our needs and limit costs in our efforts to ride along on ATT’s project in order to electrify Club buildings.. While receptive to our suggestions, it is unknown to what degree CSD is willing to negotiate on EDHB’s behalf, or if ATT will be willing to expand their scope of work; absorb EDHB-related costs; or undertake county permitting efforts on our behalf. A discussion concerning potential costs to the Club took place during the Treasurer’s Report.

6. New Business

- February 18, 2023, Board Meeting Overview – Sal summarized discussions held during an impromptu Officers’ meeting which took place following the February Monthly Members’ 3D Shoot, and which are not elsewhere outlined in these Minutes. As part of these talks, Sal requested Board approval in extending access to Club buildings and electronic accounts to additional members, based on their position and/or the work they are routinely involved in.

The Board agreed to expand electronic and physical access to the recommended members.

- Group Event Policy/Requirements – Concerns over use of the Range by both for-profit and non-profit instructors and for archery classes and events have surfaced again, partially because of recent concern over instructor liability, as well as to the increased demand for archery instruction.

Sal reminded attendees that preliminary work on procedures/policy had taken place last Spring/Summer, following complaints that individual(s) conducting private, for-profit lessons were impeding public and member use of the Range. The outline of the work was presented during the 2022 August General Meeting, but the Board decided to set the issue aside, since the individual causing the most turmoil had moved out of the area. Sal suggested a committee be formed, composed of the Club’s primary instructors, to revisit this issue and develop a policy proposal to the Board.

Kayo volunteered to head this group effort. Sal will supply him with the previously abandoned draft policy.

- Links Website Pages – VP Publicity, Debbie Heise, provided copies of list of vendors, archery clubs, equipment suppliers, etc., previously included on the Club’s Website. Her aim is to repost this updated resource/reference information to the Website on a Links Page. She asked attendees for suggested additions and corrections.

7. Events

- Annual 3D Open Shoot - Kayo updated the group on progress:
 - ✓ He and other members have been busy advertising the event - flyers have been distributed and posted at various locations; a banner is now on display at the Range

entrance; and announcements have been made via Chimpmail, the Website, Facebook and word-of-mouth.

- ✓ The Website now has an online registration/payment feature for the Shoot.
- ✓ Committees have been formed to handle Registration, Hospitality, Parking, Range Set-up, etc., and volunteers have been appointed to oversee these tasks. More volunteers will be needed to fill in voids in all areas.
- ✓ Vendors have committed to donating raffle items and participation. These include Wilderness Archery, Mosquito Creek, Wildcrete 3D, and CalDeer, the latter three will also staff booths during the event.
- ✓ Significant raffle/prize donations include a \$1,300 compound bow and a hunting rifle. Other donation prospects are being explored.
- ✓ Greg displayed the award ribbons acquired for first through third places.

Rob provided estimates for the purchase of a Bowmen pin, which in the past was attached to the ribbons. There were mixed feelings as to whether these added value to the awards. In the end, the group consensus was to avoid the additional expense.

Other related items involved the scoring method and the competition categories/classes to be used for the event. It was decided an 11/10/8 scoring protocol would be used and to limit Seniors to two categories: 50-65 years and 66+ years.

- 3D Open Shoot Promotional Products - Debbie has been working to identify a Club supplier for EDHB clothing and promotional products. As an initial project, she requested approval to design and order tee shirts to offer for sale during the 3D Open Shoot. She handed out a graphic with a potential design. Cost for each shirt ranges from \$13 to \$17, depending on the number of colors and the design.

The proposal received a relatively enthusiastic response, though concerns were expressed that the merchandize might not sell. After rehashing the pros and cons, a motion was made to authorize a limited expenditure.

The motion was approved with one Officer/member abstaining. A \$2,000 purchase limit was imposed. The shirt design will omit a date/year of the 3D Shoot, allowing them to be sold in subsequent years.

- Annual Dinner - Kayo supplied some additional information regarding this event. It now has a registration/payment component on the Website. Additional publicity will be necessary to raise interest; however, said efforts will need to await conclusion of the 3D Shoot.
- Requests for Classes – The Club continues to receive inquiries about hosting classes or events from a variety of groups, as well as individuals. The Wounded Warriors Project, Girls Scouts, etc., have all recently made requests. Kayo indicated he has placed these groups on hold, pending the availability of interested, certified instructors, developing a group use policy, etc.

8. Maintenance Projects

- Workdays - Rob has scheduled two additional Workdays, on March 11th and 25th. These are intended to prepare the Range for the 3D Open Shoot. We will also use the opportunity to clear out the Clubhouse, allowing the floors to be repainted. Debbie and Kayo have been working hard to better organize and sanitize this building, since we plan on expanding food services during events.
- Weed Abatement – Range paths and target areas have all now been sprayed with preemergent. Rob indicated that he has continued talks with CAPRA (goats/sheep weed services) to see if they are amenable to using the Range for off-season grazing. CAPRA may bring sheep in during the month of May. This will require closing portions of the facility but would provide the Club with some free weeding service.

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- Trailers for Sale - The Club has three unused trailers on its grounds. The Board agreed they were to be advertised for sale over two years ago as the lack of use is leading to their deterioration. Member Duane Heilman made an offer to buy one to haul the ATV he purchased from the Club some time ago. The Board agreed to the sale.
- Exceptional Service Pins – There are a number of members who year-after-year, go above and beyond in improving the Club. Most of these have already been awarded the black, Exceptional Service Pin or a Bowmen Buckle. Sal proposed the Club purchase different colored Exceptional Service Pins, allowing recognition of continuing exceptional service.

The motion was approved, and Rob was tasked to re-contact the pin suppliers for a new quote for Service Pins in two colors: red and black.

10. Adjournment – After confirming the date of the April General Meeting, this gathering concluded at 7:56 PM.