

El Dorado Hills Bowmen (EDHB)
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023

This meeting was held at the Range Storage Building, located at 3321 El Dorado Hills Blvd., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting began at 6:32 PM. Attending Board members included: VP Events Kayo Shively, Range Manager Rob Kunstel, Treasurer Dave McReynolds, Secretary Sal Segura, and Member-at-Large Greg Landon. Also in attendance were members Greg Dodds, Michael Ramsbotham and new member Ching Luong.

2. Treasurer's Report

David and his reports indicated that dues income for July and through August 9th was just over \$3,800, which includes an unknown amount from classes. Community Services District (CSD) classes and in-house classes brought in an additional \$831. Donations over the same period totaled \$2,800. This included \$770 collected by the Scouts as a part of the renovation of the shade structure. The latter was reimbursed to the BSA for material costs incurred for the project.

Recent expenditures included \$4,300 for insurance renewals and \$4,400 for the purchase of target butts. The Club continues along the path to a comfortable cushion at year's end. The group discussed optional purchases, including additional 3D targets, targets for the upcoming Halloween Shoot, and continued replacement of picnic tables.

Greg and Rob will assess target needs and provide an estimate for their purchase. If sufficient margin remains, we will purchase additional picnic table kits.

3. Secretary's Report

Sal reported that July saw a slight upsurge in memberships processed but that had waned in August. Membership information is further broken down below:

	Memberships (Total Members)		Board/Life	Family	Senior	Adult	Youth
YTD	282	(539)	19	102	67	85	9

Sal also related he would be working with the Webmaster to arrive at a solution for providing members with Workday dues discount credits now that these can no longer be calculated at the end of the calendar year. One option is to provide participating members with coupons after each Workday, which they would then be responsible for and enter at the time of renewal. Attendees discussed various other, non-financial means to reward members for participation in Workdays, as well as possible ways to increase participation.

Finally, Sal advised that he will be out of the area for three weeks, returning mid-September. He does not have a back-up for processing membership packets but will email new/returning members the information to access and safely use the Range. He will process the necessary packages immediately upon his return.

4. Old Business

- Group Events/Classes Policy/Requirements – At the July Meeting, Kayo distributed several documents related outlining the processes and way classes and group use of the facility will be handled. These having been reviewed by the Board, Sal made a motion for their adoption.

The Board unanimously approved the protocol. The contents will be adopted as Standard Operating Procedures.

- CDA MOU and JOAD Classes – The Club is still awaiting California Deer Association's (CDA) submission of the necessary agreement, as well as several details, including coverage of Club membership and 3D Shoot participation costs, etc. Kayo related that the CDA representative, Mr. Todd Stevens, has previously been unavailable but a meeting has now been scheduled to hammer out the necessary details.

Kayo will meet with Mr. Stevens to arrive at a final resolution on the outstanding items.

- 3D Open Shoot Operations Plan – Greg Dodds patiently continues to await the submission of information necessary to develop the plan.
- Continuing Broadhead Damage – Attendees discussed ongoing damage to the target butts resulting from the use of broadheads. It was decided that, henceforth, broadheads will only be allowed on the Range when actively using the Broadhead Pit. To enforce this rule, Board members will conduct random, visual inspections of archers' equipment. It was agreed that before implementing the rule, we should provide adequate notice to members/the public. As a public range with users who potentially have little to no safety training, it is incumbent on all Board members to occasionally spot check archers' equipment for safety and compliance. Signs will be posted to notify users that by using the Range, they are providing implied consent to these spot checks.

Greg Dodds volunteered to develop text to include in advisory messages for Mailchimp, posters, signs, and the website. He also offered to spend time at the Range entrance during a weekend to further educate incoming archers. Once in place, all Board members will participate in random inspections.

5. New Business

- Board Vacancies - Gregg Dodds has been very actively involved in many aspects of Range maintenance, archery instruction, etc., since becoming a member. As a result, he has been nominated and expressed an interest for a place on the Board. His nomination has been discussed informally between Board members over the past month and he has received unanimous support. Concurrently, Kayo has expressed an interest in filling the vacant President's position. After some discussion, it was decided that, pending Board approval, Greg should take over as VP Events and Kayo could move into the vacant President's position.

Sal made a motion for the arrangement to be formally approved and instituted immediately. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Website Enhancements – VP Publicity Debbie Heise was unable to attend. Kayo and Sal outlined several changes they will be exploring with Webmaster Matt Lockhart to enhance content and ease-of-use. The most significant addition may be the purchase of a “plug-in” program which would allow the Club to automate the process of advertising dates of classes, as well as collecting their fees.

Sal, Debbie and Kayo will meet with Matt to determine the potential cost for the modifications and report to the Board in September.

- Target Assembly – Member Dennis Sorensen has faithfully shouldered the task of inventorying, ordering, and assembling our paper targets for over nine years. Unfortunately, personal matters require that he step away, leaving a significant gap to fill. Sal related that Dennis developed a thorough outline on how to accomplish this task and is open to training a replacement. After discussion, it was decided that we should schedule a training session, which Board members and other interested parties will attend. If the Club is unable to identify a specific individual to take over, this task will be added to the Workday To-Do List.

Sal will coordinate with Dennis on a suitable date for the training session.

- Hunter Safety Classes – Rob related that he has been approached by Larry Nelson, an instructor of Fish and Wildlife hunter education classes, on the potential to hold hunter safety classes on the Range. Classes would be held monthly, entail the use of a classroom-type set up, and consist of groups of 24. After discussion, it was decided the Club would approve a single session, with the caveat that a Board member be allowed to provide a brief introduction/welcome and serve as a membership recruiting tool. The Club will use this single experience to determine whether to continue the partnership.

Rob will work with Mr. Nelson to schedule the class and determine what Club resources will be necessary.

- Additional Bulletin Boards – Sal reported for Debbie on the availability of two additional Bulletin Boards: one at the entrance to the Storage Building and a second added to the Bulletin Board Kiosk. The additional space will be used to post other club’s/organizations’ events, possibly to advertise member equipment sales, etc.
- CSD/EDHB Fall Archery Classes – A CSD representative recently inquired about the Club’s availability to hold archery classes during the fall months. In the past, we have not taken part since our primary instructor, James Myers, is typically away hunting. Now that we have additional instructors, our VP Events was asked to give some thought to participation.

- Club Archery Classes – Kayo related that due to the ongoing demand for instruction, starting August 17th, he will be starting a one-hour Introduction to Archery series Tuesday evenings from 6-7 PM, and an Intermediate series on Thursday evenings. He has already placed these options on the website and the Club Administrative Calendar.

6. Events

- 60th Year Club Anniversary Review – Kayo reported that, despite the considerable heat, 35 people attended the event. Despite the relatively low turnout, the event was considered a success, drawing in new members, and helping to further develop camaraderie.
- National Night Out – Sal reported that he and Debbie staffed a booth at the CSD's National Night Out Event. They shared Club information with many families and a significant number of interested individuals, many of whom were previously unaware that the Range was open to the public.

CSD/Club Try Archery Classes – There is a class scheduled for August 12, with 16 signed up. Kayo noted that the last class had four no-shows.

- USA Archery/Marvel Archery is for Everyone Event – This event was well attended, despite USA Archery's failure to provide adequate publicity. Greg Landon arranged for the presence of several superhero cosplayers, contributing to the Marvel theme, and delighting youngsters. Thanks to Kayo, Greg Dodds, James Myers, and Sal for serving as instructors. Greg and Kayo will work on determining a suitable thank you to present to the cosplayers for their help.

Zombie/Halloween Shoot – The Club decided to hold this event on October 28th. In addition to the BBQ, "Flying Ghost," youth classes, etc., the Club will purchase some pinatas to expand the number of youth activities. Kayo related he would contact the Mountain Democrat to help get word out to the community.

Greg Landon will work with Debbie to develop the details necessary to start advertising the event, and with Rob to determine what additional targets/materials to purchase.

7. Maintenance/Projects

- Training and Target Room Swap – Sal related that we will need to make some modifications to accommodate this swap. Specifically, we will need to add a security wire grid to the ceiling of what is now the Target Room, build some paper target containers, and double the bow storage racks. He estimates the materials cost at \$4- 500. He will begin the modifications upon his return in mid-September and we should have the swap completed by October.
- Ongoing Maintenance – Rob went over outstanding maintenance needs, which include repair of several benches, additional painting projects, etc. He related that the exceptional turnout at the last Workday really helped us catch up.

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- ATT Tower Update – Michael Ramsbotham asked for an update on this project. Unfortunately, we have no direct input or access to information. The last word from CSD staff was that ATT planned to start in September, but at this point is still awaiting approval of plans submitted to the county.
- Archery Workshops - Kayo related he would like to start holding equipment maintenance/repair classes in conjunction with the Club's monthly 3D shoots. He posted a request for suggestions on the website and envisions sessions on fletching, compound bow adjustments, etc.
- Member Equipment Swap/Sales - It was suggested the Club sponsor member equipment swap/sales at least twice a year, during the 3D Open and the Halloween Shoots. The suggestion was well received and approved.
- Other Club Shoots – Greg conveyed that the Rancho Neblina Shoot will take place on September 23-24th.
- Club Equipment – Kayo related he has acquired a bow press and Greg Dodds has supplemented it with other supplies. These are currently stored in the Target and Admin Rooms and will be made available to the membership through a Board member.

9. Adjournment – After confirming the date of the September August 13th General Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.