

**OTOW Archery Club, Inc., Ocala, Florida**

**Quarterly Club Meeting “Minutes” for Tuesday, 3/12/24**

**Arbors Activity Center at 1:00 p.m.**

Called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. There were 28 members present.

The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting on 12/12/23 were approved.

**VP Membership Report:** The club currently had 133 members total, 105 full members, 28 household members and 2 guest members.

**Treasurer’s Report as of 2/1/2024**

The Archery Club is in excellent financial condition and has no debt or outstanding bills.

**President’s report on insurance status, NFAA status and corporate filings:**

- NFAA range certification valid through 2025.
- IRS 990-N tax exempt filed for 2023 No changes.
- Florida Corporate Annual report filed for 2024.
- NFAA Club charter not due until August.
- Renewed Sadler Insurance 2/1/24 increased to 160 members.

**Review of open/completed items:**

Need to fill 3 open positions:

Secretary-Jim D’Anna appointed by Board 3/5/24

Social Director-(Phyllis acting but needs to be filled)

Director, Safety& Orientation (Chuck acting but needs to be filled)

IT Administration- Barry Hartman

- Shooting line cover. We are on the list for consideration for 2024. A decision will be made in March. If approved possible completion by June 2024. There will be design session prior to start of construction so that club can have input as to build.
- Resident Associate Membership. Has been discontinued and replaced with Open House.
- Held meeting with Mary Ann Lynum (General Manager) 12/18/2023. Advised her that we are skinning our own targets. We are a rider on NFAA insurance and are part of the NFAA master contract.
- Transition to new Board Members went smoothly and is complete.

- Bylaws- consolidated and updated bylaws were distributed to membership 2/14 and was approved by the board on 2/6. A motion to accept the bylaws was advanced and seconded. Members unanimously approved.
- Transition Element 3 to Grouper. The transition was less than perfect but all members who applied have been registered. All member communication to Grouper should be done directly to them. The club will continue to market the program. Club should be receiving total of \$750.00 from Grouper.
- Club Fair and Open house. Had 57 attendees at Open House. So far 12 new members have been added.
- Website transitioned to [www.otowarcheryclub.org](http://www.otowarcheryclub.org) email to [info@otowarcheryclub.org](mailto:info@otowarcheryclub.org). We may try to engage broker to determine if we can own the domain. Looking into ways to more efficiently use Facebook.

### **Update/Discussion- Operations and Maintenance Shop**

- Range improvements-Weatherproof carpeting on back of targets did well in test and will be installed on all targets.
- Storage Room-OTOW gave permission to use off-site storage room and little-used materials were moved from shop creating much needed space.
- Shop rearrangement-The shop was rearranged to more efficiently use existing space.
- Purchase of tools and equipment-Dan has purchased new hand tools and asked members to contact him for requests of any tools needed for bow or arrow maintenance. Looking into possibility of purchasing another bow rack. Gloves, eye protection and first aid kits were purchased. OTOW has approved an AED machine (automated external defibrillator) for the range and will purchase, install, and maintain it. Follow up training is being researched. Mark D'Addario brought up problem with some of the bows and Dan will address.
- Accident Reporting-Members were advised of location of accident reports and were encouraged to fill out report in case of any accidental injury. A new location for the paperwork will be investigated to make them more visible.
- Volunteers for maintenance crew. New volunteers always welcome. If interested contact Dan.

### **Update/Discussion-Social Activities**

- March 19<sup>th</sup> Novelty Shoot.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Explore Archery & Bar-B-Que (Sonny's). New event to get more archers engaged with club events. Details will follow.

- Director social Activities to work more closely with director of range events. Phyllis and Patty will work to create events of a more social nature (non-competitive) to encourage members to participate.
- Volunteers to staff social committee-Looking for members to volunteer for a social committee to plan and facilitate club's social events. Phyllis will send communication to members to ask for volunteers.
- There will be no Christmas Party this year. An event to replace the Christmas Party is being considered (something that does not compete with other Holiday events).

### **Update/Discussion-Education Committee**

- Members advised to go to [otowarcheryclub.org/education](http://otowarcheryclub.org/education) for information on all manner of archery topics such as Archery Fundamentals, Archery 101. In addition, there will be classroom instructions on Recurve and Compound (check calendar) There will be classes offered at the shop for fletching, cutting arrows etc. There are also several YouTube videos.
- Information on mentors can be found at <https://www.otowarcheryclub.org/mentorprogram>.

### **Open Discussion-Q&A, New Items**

- Phyllis asked for input on best time for an annual social event that does not coincide with Holiday events but would be early enough to include snow-bird members. An early April timeframe was suggested.
- Phyllis questioned the possibility of quarterly or monthly shoots that would incorporate refreshments to encourage members to participate.
- One of our Kyudo shooters thanked the members for letting her demonstrate Kyudo at the Open House. She advised the members that that form of archery will be taught at Master the Possibilities starting April 17.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Next Quarterly Club General membership meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of June.