

OTOW Archery Club, Inc., Ocala, Florida

Quarterly Club Meeting “Minutes” for Tuesday, 9/12/23

Arbors Activity Center, Event Room at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and the Club Vice-President certified that we did have a quorum, as 29 members were present. Therefore, official Club business could be conducted.

The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting on 6/13/23 were reviewed and approved.

VP Membership Report: As of 8/31/23, we had 143 Club members, including 19 Resident Associate members and 10 guests this year. Total of 153 members for insurance purposes.

Treasurer’s Report as of 8/31/23:

Beginning Bank Balance 7/31/23	\$ 9,049.43
Add Deposits	494.00
Less Expenses	-179.72
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Ending Club Bank Balance 8/31/23	\$ 9.363.71

Don and Bob discussed completion of the recent Element3 registration program as well as some additional Element3 money that has or will come in to the Club. We received \$259 so far this month for the quarterly reimbursement. We anticipate receiving another \$300 for our participation in their registration program. For the entire year, we estimate receiving approximately \$1,000 in reimbursement funds for qualified member visits to the Range split 50/50 with those members and an additional \$1,050 for participation in other programs.

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

- Sadler Insurance coverage was increased to 160 members earlier in September.

General Information:

- OTOW management has confirmed that funds to fully cover our new shooting line cover are in their 2024 budget. We will continue to pressure them on this important Club need.
- We discussed at length the upcoming Club officers election process. All four current officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) have their two-year terms expiring the end of this year. Nominations for new officers began at the meeting and will remain open until November 24th. Ballots will be prepared and sent out some time early the week of November 26th. Club members will have a full week in which to vote electronically via email. Two Club members, Cammie Fairburn and George Parrett, have volunteered to be our ballot counters and election certifiers.
- Recommended position descriptions for all four officers were developed by the Board, reviewed briefly at the meeting and placed on the web site temporarily under the third main tab at the top, for use during the election process.
- Initial nominations for all four officer positions were taken from the floor at the meeting. After verification, the following volunteers have been placed in nomination so far:
 - President - Chuck Strickland, Dan Powell
 - Vice President - Phyllis Shaw
 - Secretary -
 - Treasurer - Don Southard

Once again, the nominations window will remain open until November 24th. During the election, we will only vote for positions where there are multiple members running.

- We briefly discussed our Club representation at the Upcoming OTOW Club Fair on 9/14.
- The Club welcomed Leslie McCormick as our new Communications Coordinator. Leslie will be writing our internal Club newsletter as well as our articles for the OTOW News.

Range Operations and Maintenance Shop:

- Dan updated the membership on current Range Operations and Maintenance Shop activities including:
 - The great job done recently by our hurricane support team bringing all the targets in and then taking them back out in record time.
 - Receipt of two new targets provided by Bulldog to test out enhanced materials that will, hopefully, dramatically increase target life.
 - Placement of a new screen on the berm at the end of the Range to slow down or stop errant arrows.
 - Clarified that members can always take any target face from the Maintenance Shop they wish to shoot on any lane, as long they replace the original target in the position it was in previously.

Upcoming Range Events:

- In Patty's absence, Dan reviewed the upcoming shoots this month:
 - Tuesday, 9/19, "600 Round Shoot", 5 arrows / 4 ends at each distance, either 20/25/30 yards or 40/50/60 yards. Registration at 5:00 pm and shoot at 5:30 pm.
 - Thursday, 9/28, "Animals Fun Shoot" various yardages 10 - ? Registration at 5:00 pm and shoot at 5:30 pm. Come out, join in the fun and see what it is all about.

Social Activities:

- Phyllis reviewed the upcoming social events for the rest of the year;
 - Poker Run Event at Veterans Park Pavilion, catered by Sonny's, this Saturday, September 16th starting at 12:30 pm for the race with a buffet BBQ lunch at 3 pm.
 - Our 2nd annual Holiday Party at The Lodge on December 13th. We will use the same caterer as last year and the food options chosen will include a roast beef carving station, special chicken dish, salad bar, multiple side dishes, desert, and a drink station. The Lodge is also BYOB. The Board also approved a DJ for entertainment. Tickets costs will be \$33 per person, based upon at least 60 people attending, and will be sold starting in November. It should be a great event.

Education / Training:

- Mark briefly discussed the plan to schedule our three major archery classes this fall: Archery Basics 101, Recurves Class and Compound Class. More detailed information will be forthcoming, once we establish the meeting room dates and times.
- He also discussed some potential future workshops and solicited member suggestions.
- We are using YouTube videos and archery articles as part of our education program, utilizing the web site, and ask that members submit any YouTube videos they recommend directly to Mark for review and publication.

The next quarterly General Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Arbors Activity Center, "Event Room".