

OTOW Archery Club, Inc., Ocala, Florida

Quarterly Club Meeting “Minutes” for Tuesday, 6/13/23

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

The Club President called the meeting to order. The Club Vice-President certified that we did not meet a quorum of 25 members, as only 21 members were present. Therefore, official Club business could not be conducted.

The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting on 3/14/23 were reviewed and approved.

VP Membership Report: As of 5/31/23, we had 134 Club members with 14 Resident Associate members and 9 guests so far this year. Total of 143 members for insurance purposes.

Treasurer’s Report as of 5/31/23:

Beginning Bank Balance 5/31/23	\$10,433.25
Add Deposits	377.00
Less Expenses	-169.61
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Ending Club Bank Balance	\$ 10,640.77

There was a brief discussion about the Board carefully managing Club expenses the rest of this year to maximize our year-end bank balance and properly position the new Board financially. Don also offered to share all our detailed financial information with any interested members.

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

- Sadler Insurance coverage was increased to cover 150 members in June.
- We must maintain 5 individual current NFAA members associated with our Club to maintain our NFAA Club membership, NFAA range certification and associated Sadler Sports Insurance. Currently, we have 7 active NFAA Club members.

General Information:

- Reviewed the Board’s decision to change our Resident Associate memberships (\$15) to limit them to three additional shoots within the next 60 days before they have to decide to join the Club as Full Club members or drop their membership.
- Discussed the current dues structure and the need for any changes. Although there were a couple of members who felt we should reduce the dues next year, the majority at the meeting felt we should keep it the same as it is, i.e., \$60 Full and \$40 Household.
- We discussed the need to begin thinking about our officer elections in December, as all four current officers’ terms end at that time. There was a recommendation made to consider staggering the officer terms, so all four would not come up for election at the same time. The Board will take this under advisement and consider a change for review/approval by the membership.
- Nominations for all four officer positions (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) will be taken starting with our September Club meeting and continuing through October and November. We will conduct the election at our December 12th General Club meeting, assuming we have a quorum. Detailed information on the nomination and election process will be forthcoming in September. We will have position descriptions available at that time. We ask members to please consider volunteering to run for one of these positions, as the Club really can’t function without officers.

- As the terms of all four of our officers are complete at the end of this year, we thought it would be a good idea to review what this Board, including our Officers and Directors, has accomplished with the membership over the last 3 ½ years. The summary presented is included at the end of these minutes, for your review and any comments.
- The next OTOW Club Fair will be coming up in September and we asked if anyone would like to assist the Board at the Fair. One member signed up. If anyone else is interested in participating, please let any Board member know.

Range Operations and Maintenance Shop:

- Dan updated the membership on current Range Operations and Maintenance Shop activities and provided a detailed list of all the maintenance teams' recent accomplishments. They have target reskinning down to a science and can actually create new targets that will perform just as well and last longer than the originals purchased from Bulldog. This group is really humming and doing a great job!

Upcoming Range Events:

- Patty reviewed the remaining shoots this month as well as a **Compound Release Workshop on Tuesday, 6/27 at 10 am at the Range.** She indicated that we are seeing new members/archers now beginning to participate in these Club shoots and highly encouraged other members to join us as well. You will learn a lot and have fun.
- She also indicated she will be putting together an order for target faces by Maple Leaf Targets that will be close to \$1,500 and last us for least a year or more. The Board has approved this expenditure.

Social Activities:

- Phyllis reviewed the upcoming social events for the rest of the year;
 - Pool Party (BYOL) at The Lodge Pavilion on July 6th.
 - Catered Poker Run Event at The Lodge Pavilion on September 16th.
 - Our 2nd annual Holiday Party at The Lodge on December 13th. We will use the same caterer as last year and the food option chosen will have a roast beef carving station and a special chicken dish along with a salad bar, multiple side dishes and a drink station. The Lodge is also BYOB. The Board also approved a DJ for entertainment along with all other associated party costs at \$35 per person, based upon at least 60 people attending. This has resulted in a ticket price of \$30 with a \$5.00 Club subsidy using some of our Element3 money this year. It should be a great event.

Education / Training:

- Briefly reviewed the Compound Release Workshop on Tuesday, 6/27, at 10 am.
- He 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.

Open Board Positions:

- Director, Safety and Orientation Training
- Communications Coordinator, responsible for our OTOW and Club Newsletters.

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



Current Board Accomplishments!

- Effectively managed through the Covid-19 crisis to open the Range in May 2020
- Established strong working relationships with OTOW amenity management.
- Made a compelling case to OTOW convincing them to replace our original round foam targets, only one year old, with our current Bulldog easy arrow pull targets, provide 15 reskinning kits every year and all new Bulldog targets every four years. This approach saved OTOW \$17,000 over every four years
- Were successful stewards of the Club funds and built up our club Treasury to approximately \$10,000 at this year-end from \$900 at the end of our first year.
- Partnered with Element3 to implement a very successful wellness program that pays the Club and members for their visits to the Range. We raised over \$2,000 in “free money” over the last two years.
- Successfully implemented a modified and streamlined safety and orientation training program for onboarding new Club members.
- Convinced OTOW to provide a bottle filler and water cooler at the Range.
- Developed a skilled and motivated Range Operations and Maintenance Shop team that takes such great care of our Range and Shop.
- Developed a Range Events program to meet the needs of our Club members.
- Established an Education Committee responsible for Club classes, workshops, PowerPoints and YouTube videos.
- Established a Club web site for members to view most of our Club materials, including: new member forms, education class and workshop info, newsletters, mentor program, Element3, photos, buy & sell, additional documents, etc.
- Successfully implemented a social activities program that many members enjoy.