

OTOW Archery Club, Inc., Ocala, Florida

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

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. Therefore, official Club business could be conducted.

The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting on 9/12/23 were reviewed and approved.

VP Membership Report: As of 11/30/23, we had 148 Club members, including 5 Resident Associate members and 11 guests this year. Total of 159 members for insurance purposes.

Treasurer’s Report as of 11/30/23:

Beginning Bank Balance 11/01/23	\$ 9,502.84
Add Deposits	612.00
Less Expenses	-851.76
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Ending Check Book Balance 11/30/23	\$ 9,363.08

Don indicated that for the entire year we estimate receiving approximately \$2,000 in Element3 reimbursement funds this year with .50 of the \$1.00 we receive for qualified member visits to the Range split 50/50 with those members as credit towards their following year’s dues. Bob commented that any Club subsidies required for our social events are always taken out of Element3 money and not any Club member dues.

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

- Sadler Insurance coverage remains at 160 members. Our NFAA range recertification, IRS 990-N submission for 2023 and renewal of Florida nonprofit incorporation for 2024 are all due in January and will be handled accordingly.

Review of Open / Completed Items:

- Briefly reviewed our Club need for a shooting line cover by May of next year.
- A voice vote was conducted to officially elect our new Club officers, who were unanimously approved by the membership as follows:

Outgoing President: Bob Papirner	Newly elected President: <u>Chuck Strickland</u>
Outgoing VP: Mark D’Addario	Newly elected VP: <u>Phyllis Shaw</u>
Outgoing Treasurer: Don Southard	Newly elected Treasurer: <u>Don Southard</u>
Outgoing Secretary: Tom Roach	Newly elected Secretary: Open

The Board thanked the outgoing officers and current Directors for all their efforts and significant accomplishments in advancing the Club dramatically from its startup state in May of 2020 to its current status. Since Don Southard, Patty Hoppe, Phyllis Shaw and Dan Powell will all be staying on in their current or new Officer or Director positions, we should have a smooth officer transition with the Club in good hands going forward.

- The Board recommended that the Club eliminate our current Resident Associate membership, as it uses up a significant amount of volunteer resources with limited value to the Club. Although half of their \$15 dues membership goes towards their insurance, they still undergo the same 2-hour safety and orientation training session, and we spend

a lot of time following up with them after 60 days to see if they want to upgrade to Full Club

membership. This try before you buy type of membership would be replaced with multiple "open house" events during the year to stimulate Club interest. A motion was made and seconded to do away with the Resident Associate membership. A voice vote was conducted and the motion was unanimously approved, pending any OTOW approvals needed, which we plan to obtain at a meeting with them on 12/18.

- A meeting has been scheduled with OTOW recreation facilities management on 12/18 to review our Club needs, including OTOW's previous commitments for getting our shooting line cover mid next year, our target re-skinning / target replacement program, holding future Club events, holding reciprocal Club shoots with outside organizations and their concurrence to eliminate our Resident Associate Membership program.
- Briefly reviewed the 2024 dues collection process and timing.
- Emphasized the need to fill three open Board positions: Secretary, Director of Social activities, and Director, Safety & Orientation Training - all key positions in the Club! We need volunteers to step up and help us in all of these areas!

Range Operations and Maintenance Shop:

- Dan updated the membership on current Range and Shop activities and indicated that the Range is in really good shape. The maintenance team has reset multiple targets at 20 yards to support the "indoor archery season" and actually built two targets from scratch for \$130 each compared to the \$700 cost to buy new. Dan commented that we have gotten very good at maintaining and building new targets as well as moving all targets into the Shop as needed for protection during significant weather events. He commented that we have a great relationship with Bulldog Targets.

Upcoming Range Events:

- Patty briefly reminded everyone about the upcoming Vegas Target Shoot all at 20 yards coming up on Thursday, 12/21, at 2:00 pm at the Range with all members and all shooting styles welcome.

Social Activities:

- Phyllis briefly reviewed our upcoming annual Holiday Party at The Lodge on December 13th. We have 65 people planning to attend the event this year and we will be using the same caterer, Gourmet Affair, as last year. The Board also approved a DJ for entertainment. It should be a great event.

Education / Training:

- Mark commented that we are continuing to use YouTube videos and archery articles as part of our education program, utilizing the web site, and asked that members submit any YouTube videos they recommend directly to him for review and publication.
- Mark also asked for member suggestions on future workshops we should consider.

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