

The Villages Archery Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 September 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Blair Peterson at 6:00 PM. Three (3) officers, fifteen (15) members and two (2) guests attended this meeting.

2. John Ferris gave the Treasurer's Report.

- Last month's balance was \$4,147.98
- This month's balance is \$4405.03 after adjustments for income (\$380.00) and expenses (\$122.95)

3. Old Business

- The Club hosted a 900 Round Tournament last month on 26 August. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate as we would have liked so we only had 27 shooters. Blair thanked everyone from the Club who competed and also those who worked the tournament.
- Dick Armstrong is the Range Meister for this month. The Range Meisters for the next five (5) months are:
 - ✓ October Charlie Zelonis
 - ✓ November Bill Southwick
 - ✓ December Roy Hardin
 - ✓ January Carl Frank
 - ✓ February Wally Krull

4. New Business

- We will be hosting a Classic 600 Round Invitational Tournament on Sunday, 7 October, at 9:00AM. Blair announced that there will be a "work party" to prepare the range for the Tournament on Thursday, 4 October, at 9:00AM. He also asked for volunteers to handle the registration duties and to run the line.
- Norm Lewis will be presenting a ½ hour archery program at the Villages Public Library on Route 466A on Tuesday, 11 September at 3:00PM. The purpose of this program will be to demonstrate archery equipment to a group of teenagers. There will be no shooting involved but rather a show of equipment and a discussion of archery.
- At last month's meeting Blair reported that he had been contacted by Stan Beach, the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, or "MOPH" who invited the Archery Club to participate in and/or co-sponsor a meeting or luncheon with Chuck Lear. Chuck Lear is a Para-Olympic archer who will be in The Villages on Monday, 19 November 2012.

Unfortunately, it appears that the Club's "participation" was to be in the form of a donation (money) to support the event. Their request has been declined.

- Members were reminded that the Club has a large supply of 80cm multi-color targets in our storage room at the range. As agreed to at the last meeting, these target faces are to be used on all of the "close" targets (30 yards or less). Please DO NOT use the 122 cm target faces.
- The "Guidelines for New Members", which was discussed at last month's meeting have been added to the Club Membership Form. A copy of those Guidelines can also be found at the end of these Minutes.

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4. New Business (continued)

- At last month's meeting the attending members agreed that the Club could use some additional "good" recurve bows for the beginning member's use. Norm Lewis volunteered to contact Lancaster Archery about this and reported his finding to the membership.
- Carl Frank updated the membership on the new memorial plaques (sizes, lettering and ordering, etc.). These new plaques will be installed on the Shade Cover at the range.
- Last month Blair proposes that the Club submit a bid to the FAA to host the 2014 Florida State Target Championships and perhaps the Florida State Senior Games.

In this regard he contacted Tim Austin and Bob Jones and was told that the Senior Games are not possible unless The Villages sponsors all of the games. In addition, if the Club were to host the Florida Target Championships, the Club would have to be able to accommodate up to 90 shooters and store all the target mats that the FAA uses for this event. This would not be possible for the Club to do.

- Club members were reminded that volunteers are needed to act as "monitors" at the range every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
"Monitors" issue Villages' equipment (bows, arrows, finger tabs and arm guards) to Village residents and/or their guests and assist them to assure that they know how to use the equipment and understand range safety. Residents must have a Villages I.D. and their guests must have a Guest Pass.

With so many of our "seasonal" members elsewhere, we are having trouble getting enough volunteers. Club members were reminded that, if they have the time to help, that there are sign-up sheets in the Field House work room on the wall above the bowstring jig.

- The Club's website (<http://www.villagesarchery.com/>) is up and running. If you have items for sale or pictures that you would like posted on the Club's website, please contact Charlie Campney. Charlie's email address is "charlie1100@comcast.net", his phone number is (352) 205-7403.
- For this meeting's "SHOW & TELL", Dr. Scott Thomas spoke about sports injuries and how to avoid them. The focus was on archery, of course. Dr. Thomas recommended several warm-up exercises and the use of ice to "cool down". He also recommended the taking of joint health supplements such as glucosamine sulfate.
- Blair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, 8 October 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Jefferson Room at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

Respectively submitted,

Michael H. Kennedy
The Villages Archery Club Secretary

Guidelines for New Members

- All members must read and be aware of the “Archery Range Rules”, which are posted at the range.

- Use of Archery Club Arrows:

If you load arrows improperly in the bow you will tear off a vane when you shoot the arrow. Take care to load the arrows so that the odd colored vane points out away from the bow when the arrow is nocked on the string. Not doing this will result in damage to the arrow and even the arrow rest because the odd colored vane will strike the rest / bow when you shoot.

You are also reminded to use ONLY the arrows marked as "CLUB ARROWS" in the three arrows boxes on the left side of the shop, as you enter. You must also return the arrows you use to the proper box (Short-Medium-Long) and with a rubber band wrapped around them.

It is every member's responsibility to care for Club equipment. Our arrows cost us about \$6 each and careless use of this equipment will not be tolerated. If you are using Club equipment, take care of what you use.

- Locking & Unlocking the Door at the Range:

Enter the combination to both of the locks to enter. When you shut the door, the bottom lock will secure itself automatically but the top lock (the dead bolt) will not lock automatically. You MUST press the button labeled “Schlage” first and then turn the dead bolt to the left. If this is not done, the dead bolt will not be secured.

Club members are prohibited from disclosing the combination to the shop door to another individual, especially family members or guests.

- Support of Club Activities:

The Archery Club hosts Camp Villages, Resident Clinics, and other activities. Members are encouraged to support these Club activities.