

The Villages Archery Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 August 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 \$4,228.35
 - This month's balance is \$4,147.98 after adjustments for income (\$70.00) and expenses (\$150.37)

3. Old Business

- The last of three Camp Villages Archery Clinics was held on 2 August and more than sixty (60) "Campers" attended the two sessions which was run by Norm Lewis and a dozen or more Club members, some of whom supported both sessions. Blair thanked Norm and all of the Club members who supported this event.
- John Ferris is the Range Meister for this month. The Range Meisters for the next six (6) months are:

✓ September	Dick Armstrong
✓ October	Charlie Zelonis
✓ November	Bill Southwick
✓ December	Roy Hardin
✓ January	Carl Frank
✓ February	Wally Krull

4. New Business

- Members were reminded that the Club's next Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, **26 August** and that it will be a 900 Round Tournament.

Willie Kuecker volunteered to run the line and Bill Southwick volunteered to oversee the registration process. Bill mentioned that he will contact other past registration volunteers (Jim McCauley (?), Penny Kindt (?), etc.) to see if they might also be able to help.

- A new "Rules for the Range" sign has been installed by the Recreation Department on the Field House. Members are advised to read the sign the next time you're at the range so you are familiar with them.

Speaking of Range Rules, Blair read a list of proposed guidelines for new members that he had prepared in response to a suggestion made at the last meeting.

The guidelines were accepted unanimously and a copy of them (see "Guidelines for New Members") is attached as a separate page at the end of these Minutes.

- The Club has received a request from The Villages Public Library to provide a ½ hour archery equipment demonstration to a group of teenagers on Tuesday, 11 September at 3:00 PM. No shooting is involved, just a "show & tell" of the equipment and a question and answer discussion.

Norm Lewis and Steve Thompson volunteered to satisfy this request.

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4. New Business (continued)

- Blair reported that he has been contacted by Stan Beach, the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, or "MOPH". Stan Beach has 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.

Blair asked if any of the members present would like to be involved. A number of members indicated that they would be interested. More information will be forthcoming.

- It was noted that the Club has a large number of 80 cm multi-color target faces in the storage room. Blair asked for the member's input regarding the use of the 80 cm target faces on the closer targets (10, 20 and 30 yards).

It was explained that we have been using 122 cm target faces on all of the targets, however, there's no need to use the larger target faces on the close targets. The proposal to use the 80 cm target faces on the closer targets was accepted.

- Noting that the Club has a "healthy" treasury, Blair polled the attending members for suggestions as to what the Club might use these funds for. The purchase of the following items was discussed.
 - ~ A new Memorial Bench to replace the existing bench at the range. Carl Frank volunteered to do some research and report back to the Club with his findings.
 - ~ Purchasing and installing Memorial plaques similar to those now on the Memorial Bench on the shade cover posts. Considered a good idea, however, it would have to be authorized by The Villages Recreation Department first.
 - ~ Additional bows and arrows. Members were reminded that The Villages Recreation Department will be purchasing some more arrows, however the Club could use some additional "good" recurve bows for the beginning member's use. Norm Lewis volunteered to explore the Club's options.
 - ~ Renovation and/or replacement of the target frames. While this possibility was tabled to a later meeting, a number of members stated that the frames are difficult to move because they are heavy and the wheels are too small and should be on an axel rather than bolted to the frame (they contact the frame).
- Blair asked the members present if they (the Club) would have any interest in submitting a bid to the Florida Archery Association (FAA) to host the 2014 Florida State Target Championships. He noted that the Florida State Target Championships is a State level tournament that is held in mid-October. The Championships have been held in south Florida for the last two years just as it will be this year (2012) and next (2013). The primary concern for the Club is that the Florida State Target Championships attract between 50 and 100 shooters.

Following a positive response from the attending members, Blair agreed to discuss the subject with Bob Jones, the President of the FAA. The possibility of also bidding to host the Florida State Senior Games was discussed.

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4. New Business (continued)

- 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.

- In addition to the days and times that Villagers and their guests can use the range, the following “shoots” are scheduled.
 - ~ There is a **Recreation Department** shoot that is open to all residents, all skill levels and all equipment types on the 4th & 5th Fridays of each month (there may not be 5th Friday in every month). The shoot begins promptly at 1:30 PM prompt. No stragglers please. The targets are set at 10 and 20 yards so it is perfect for beginners.
 - ~ Every Wednesday morning between 9:00 AM and Noon (12:00 PM) there is an informal shoot for **Club members** who are **barebow shooters**. Come anytime in that time frame. All skill levels are welcome, so this too offers an excellent for beginners to improve. This is a very social group. Bring a lunch if you wish.
- 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.
- Blair announced that there will be no “show & tell’ at the end of the meeting which was adjourned at 6:55 PM.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10 September 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.