

The Villages Archery Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 July 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Blair Peterson at 6:00 PM. Four (4) officers, sixteen (16) members and no guests attended this meeting.
2. John Ferris gave the Treasurer's Report.
 - Last month's balance was \$4,396.31
 - This month's balance is \$4,228.35 after adjustments for income (\$95.00) and expenses (\$262.96)
3. Old Business
 - Blair reported that the first of three Camp Villages Archery Clinics was held on 14 June. A total of approximately sixty (60) kids attended the two sessions which was run by Norm Lewis and a dozen or more Club members. Blair thanked Norm and the Club members who supported this event.
 - Blair Peterson is the Range Meister for this month. The Range Meisters for the next four (4) months are:

✓ August	John Ferris
✓ September	Dick Armstrong
✓ October	Charlie Zelonis
✓ November	TBD
✓ December	TBD

4. New Business

- Blair reminded the attending members that the next Camp Villages Archery Clinic is scheduled for this coming Thursday, **12 July**. The August Camp Villages Archery Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, **2 August**.

A sign up list for the July and August Archery Clinics was circulated at the meeting. Both sessions (9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM) for the July and August Clinics "sold out" (approximately 30 kids per session) so we need to have a *minimum* of twelve (12) Club members to support each session.

Members who volunteer to help with the first session were asked to be at the Range no later than 7:30 AM to blow up balloons and to set up the range. Volunteers for the second session should plan to be at the range around 11:30 AM.

Blair will run the July Clinic and Norm Lewis will run the August Clinic because Blair will be out of town on that day. Thanks Norm !

- At the last meeting Norm Lewis had suggested that the Club (The Villages Recreation Department ?) consider holding one morning Camp Villages session instead of two sessions (morning and afternoon) as is done currently. We can still accommodate 36 kids (18 targets x 2 shooters) and, at the same time, avoid the heat of the day.

Blair reported that this suggestion was accepted by the Recreation Department, so next year we are going to have three (3) Camp Villages Archery Clinics; one in June, one in July and one in August, each with one session.

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4. New Business (continued)

- A few members have reported seeing individuals (not Club members !) loitering around the range and drinking (alcoholic beverages). A lively discussion followed regarding not only this subject, but also the subjects of individuals who clearly have no reason to be at the range and appropriate dress code.

In summary, members were reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at that range and that this is clearly stated on the “Rules” sign posted on the Field House. Should a member observe anyone drinking at the range or any individual(s) who clearly have no business to be at the range, they are advised to do the following.

1. Do ***not*** challenge the individual(s). Do (nicely !) point out that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at that range (refer to the sign on the Field House).
2. Ask the individual or individuals to leave (again, nicely !).
3. If they don't leave, call the Lady Lake Police Department. The phone number is posted inside the phone box that is next to the workroom door on the Field House.

As to the subject of appropriate dress while at the range, almost all of the members attending this meeting agreed that whatever anyone wears to the range should be left to that individual's discretion.

- At the time of the meeting the range was closed to permit the installation of concrete around the shade cover. The purpose is to minimize the erosion where the water falls when it rains. Concrete was deemed by The Villages to be a more cost effective solution than gutters.

It is hoped that the work will be completed before the Camp Villages Archery Clinic on Thursday.

- The Recreation Department has told the Club that a new “Rules for the Range” sign is being made and that it should be installed within the next 30 days.

Regarding the new “Rules for the Range” sign, members were reminded that anyone using the range must be at least 13 years old.

- The Club's request to have a flag pole installed between the shade cover and the Field House has been forwarded to the Director of Maintenance, Sam Wartinbee. So far, there's been no decision regarding this request.
- The next Tournament that the Club will host will be a 900 Round Tournament. It is scheduled for Sunday, 26 August. Plans for this Tournament will be finalized at the August meeting.

- Mary Ann Hartman reported that the Range Monitor program was working well.

For members unfamiliar with this program, Range Monitors are Club members who volunteer their time to distribute Recreation Department bows and arrows to Village residents and their guests who come to the range to shoot on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.

There is a sign-up sheet in the workroom at the Range. Supervision of these individuals is limited to the safe use of the equipment and range safety only.

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- There still seems to be some confusion regarding the use of arrows stored in the Field House. For this reason, Blair restated their purpose and location. This information is repeated here for everyone's benefit.
 - **CLUB ARROWS** are located in the three (3) boxes on the shelf under the bow string jig (against the left wall of the Workroom). These arrows are for use by any Club member any time they wish to shoot. **These arrows are NEVER to be used during the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:00 – 3:00 PM open shooting times for non-Club members.**
 - **RECREATION DEPARTMENT ARROWS** are located on the right side of the locked cabinet under the work bench (the combination is “2008”). The arrows are in the two boxes towards the **front** of the cabinet. These arrows are for the use of Village residents and/or their guests (if accompanied by a Villager).
 - There is also **one large arrow box** towards the **back** of the cabinet. These arrows also belong to the Recreation Department, however, they are for **special events** use ONLY; such as for the Clinics and Camp Villages. The arrows in this large box should **NEVER** be used for any purpose except these special events !

PLEASE HELP BY RETURNING ALL ARROWS TO THEIR PROPER PLACE !

And please be sure to bundle them with the rubber bands just like you found them.

- The subject of the locks on the Field House workroom door was again discussed. This time, however, it wasn't the combination or how to operate the locks, but who is authorized to have the combination to enter the workroom.

It was reported that non Club members have been observed entering the workroom. This suggests that a Club member has disclosed the combination to a friend, a relative, a grandchild, etc., etc.

A brief discussion followed. Members are to be reminded that the combination to the workroom locks is for the Member's use only. It is **NEVER** to be disclosed to anyone who is not a Member ! Relatives, friends, guests, children or even grandchildren of Club Members are not authorized to enter the workroom, regardless of the circumstances, unless accompanied by a Club member.

- The Club's website (<http://www.villagesarchery.com/>) is now listed in the Recreation News. There's also a link on the Florida Archery Association (FAA) website.

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 a "show & tell" at the end of the meeting where he will demonstrate how to select and install a "sight tape" on your sight and how to build a "lube tube".

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- Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 August 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

