

The Villages Archery Club

Meeting Minutes

13 January 2014

Welcome:

We welcome the new the members. Explain what membership means. Club **membership totaled 297** as of Dec 31, 2013.

Financial Report:

Last Month Balance: \$3,029.03

Old Business:

1. We had a total of **70 members** attend our Archery Club Party on 6 January 2014.
2. The **2014 Villages Renaissance Fair** was held at the Polo Field last week and the club participated in the event. It was very disappointing because the event was not advertised at all and there was a very low level of attendance. I recommend that we not participate in this event next year, if we are asked.
3. **Range Misters**
 - January Don Driscoll
 - February Wally Krull
 - March Mike Indian
 - April Ken Woolley
 - May Dick Armstrong
 - June John Ferris
 - July Larry Boyd

New Business:

1. The **2014 Winter Handicap League Shoots** began today with 6 five man teams. The League will run through the end of March.
2. 2 Our first scheduled invitational tournament will be held on **Sunday, 26 January**. We will host an **NFAA Indoor Round**, which we will shoot outdoors. We will need someone to run the line. Mark Simon, Gus Berry, and Al Eckhoff have volunteered to handle the Registration. Willie Kuecker will serve as rangemaster. Is there anyone who would like to **volunteer** to help? Before this shoot, we will need a **work party** to do some work on our targets. I would like to schedule that work party for **Thursday, 23 January, at 9:00AM**

3. Our first **Resident Clinics** on “How To Shoot Archery” will be held this **Thursday** at 9:00AM. Members who have volunteered to help should be at the range at 7:30AM so we can set-up the range and blow-up balloons, etc.
The remaining clinics will be held on 13 February, 20 March, and 3 April.

The Villages **Outdoor Expo will be held on 29 -30 March**, so our attendees at the **3 April session** will come from people who attend the Expo. The club will handle the registration for this session only. The Paradise Rec. Center will handle the registration for all other sessions.

These Clinics are our main source of new club members and they are important to our club. At each clinic we will be able to accommodate up to 68 residents by shooting two people at a time using an A & B Line on all 17 of our shooting positions. Like last year, we will only hold one session at each of the scheduled dates. This is a very labor intensive activity for our club and we will need at a minimum at least 20 club members at each session. I will pass around a **sign-up sheet** for each of the dates and I ask you to volunteer for one or all of these sessions.

4. The **2014 Archery Program at The Villages Middle School** began on Thursday, **9 January and will run through 15 May**. There will be two separate, nine weeks sessions. Each class will be held on a **Thursday** and they will begin at **3:00PM and conclude at 4:15PM**. We can expect at least 30 students in each class and the same students will be there throughout the nine weeks sessions. We need volunteers for these classes; club members who can stay with the classes throughout a full session, if possible. I will pass around a **sign-up sheet**.
5. The **Pine Straw Mulch** that has been applied behind our shooting line is not going to be removed. I have spoken to John Rohan, Director of Recreation, and he has told me that we want to give the mulch a chance to **“settle down”**. He said there was a considerable expense in paying for this much and before he takes it up he wants to see if it will work out. We must now wait and see.
6. It has been suggested that the club buy a few new **release aids** for placement in the shop. What are your thoughts on this? Also, do you have any **other suggestions** as to items to buy for club use?
7. One of the items in the shop is a laser device that is used to tune bows. This is an electronic device that uses batteries. Many times, the device seems to turn it self on and runs the batteries out. If you use this laser, please partially unscrew the battery cover to prevent it from being turned on. Thank you !
8. There was a discussion regarding a new metal detector for finding lost arrows. It was decided to offer training to those who would like to learn how to use the one we already have. Please contact Ken Woolley if you would like to know how to use this equipment.

9. The grand opening of Paradise park will be held the afternoon of Jan 23. The Recreation Dept has asked us if we would have a presence that afternoon to show visitors how the range is used. If you can participate, it would be appreciated.
10. Mary Ann Hartman reported that over 1,500 folks participated last year in the Tues, Wed and Thurs shoots. She has a few volunteers to help but asks for some more help. It would involve registration, issuing equipment and just help to keep things running smoothly. The shoots are held on Tues, Wed and Thurs from one to three PM. If you can help with these shoots, please let Mary Ann know.
11. I mailed a **“Get Well” card to Diane Watson** last week. Several of you signed this card, which was sitting in the shop for about a week. Diane is recovering from her motorcycle accident but it will be a long road back for her.
12. It has been suggested that we **re-paint our target frames** sometime during the winter months, as they need this to preserve the wood. **Are there suggestion** as to when we should do this? Larry Boyd will head this project and will offer more information soon.
13. We are having trouble AGAIN with members not **locking the door** of the shop when they leave. Let me go over the procedure again.
14. **Arrows and Bows** are provided for use by our members who don't have their own equipment. However, recently, some members have not been careful in the use of this equipment. The **ONLY** arrows that should be used are the ones in the arrow box located on the left side of the shop, as you enter the door.
15. The club's **Web Page** is up and running. You can visit the web site at:
<http://villagesarchery.com/>.
16. Tonight, at the conclusion of the meeting, for the **“SHOW & TELL”** I will demonstrate again how to fletch arrows using the Bitzenburger Fletching Jigs we have in the shop.