

ALBERTA TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTER ASSOCIATION (ATBA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

2016 March 24, 1400HRS

NISKU, ALBERTA

Executive Present : Mr. Mark Barber, President & Chair
Mr. Dallas Demers Treasurer / Membership Director
Mr. Mitchell Elser, Communications Director
Mr. Peter Merkley, Director
Mr. Tim Duggan, Director

Executive Absent: Mr. Rainer Oebels, Vice President , Mr Jeff Wilson, Youth Director; Mr. Dennis Dobrowolsky, Director

Members Present: Calvin Briggs William Radiff Lee Barber
Yves Blouin David Sherwin Gunther Lemke
Louie Martineau Ken Schwartz Tim Pardely

14:11 hrs Mr. Barber called the meeting to order.

1. Consideration of Agenda

Motion: "that the agenda be adopted as printed"

Mover: W. Radiff Second: T. Duggan

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Motion: "that the minutes of the 2015 AGM be adopted as printed"

Mover: K. Schwartz Second: C. Briggs

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Resolutions

Executive Committee recommends to the AGM the following resolutions:

- Be it resolved that the proposed Frame of Reference and 2016 guidelines for the Raffle Committee be accepted (see appendix).
 - Mover: P. Merkley Second: M. Elser **CARRIED**
- Be it resolved that the proposed Frame of Reference and 2016 guidelines for the Heritage Classic Jamboree (HCJ) be accepted (see appendix).
 - Mover: M. Elser Second: T. Duggan **CARRIED**

- Be it resolved that the proposed Frame of Reference and 2016 guidelines for the Historical Records and guidelines be accepted (see appendix).
 - Mover: D. Sherwin Second:T. Brews
 - Discussion ... M. Barber was pleased to see this Frame of Reference being worked on by members outside the executive. G. Lemke didn't agree with taking animals anywhere stating "We are Alberta bowhunters and we should encourage hunting in Alberta. The original intent was to emphasize Alberta bowhunting." Most agreed it should be restricted to Alberta. Further discussion revealed there was a problem trying to put historical records, Pope and Young species and other game harvested by members under the same Frame of Reference. G. Lemke stated "We have Historical Records and we have awards and I don't believe they are the same thing!" C. Briggs agree stating "You may not have enough money one year to support the awards and have to cancel them but we will still have an Historical Record to store information of what members harvest. They just need to be separate." This initiated a discussion about the use of the word "records" and the way it might be interpreted in "Historical Records." It was generally agreed that animals taken for awards needed to be hunted in Alberta, that the "Historical Records" and the "awards" needed to be two separate and distinct entities and that name "Historical Records" be changed to "Harvest Archives."
 - C. Briggs moved, Y. Blouin second to amend the motion so that the Historical Records Frame of Reference and Awards Guidelines be separated and considered as individual documents. **CARRIED**
 - M. Elser moved, P. Merkley second to amend the term Historical Record" be changed to "Harvest Archives." **CARRIED**
 - M. Elser moved, L. Barber second to amend the the ATBA Historical Records Frame of Reference to include a new point "Where applicable, game must be taken in and according to a regulated season and on a valid hunting license." **CARRIED**
 - At this point the President decided the discussion on the main motion and the amendments was becoming to fractured and convoluted and called for a vote on the main motion. The main motion was defeated. **DEFEATED**
 - The president suggested input from surveys could be use to draft a new version of the frame of reference by the executive or the committee.

Dynamic, social, affluent and a ton of fun are all words that describe our little association

The last two years as president have been very fulfilling for me for various reasons. I have seen an increased membership with at least 101 final total from last year. We have been active in promoting the ATBA and as a result are netting regional, provincial and some global attention. We have strengthened liaisons with multiple organizations. I have set out several years ago to build bridges and feel we have accomplished "bridge building." Each one has made our ATBA stronger. We still have a few to build. We finally nailed our banner to the door with government approval of our bylaws.

This past week we finalized our bursary to the University of Lethbridge Environmental Sciences for third and fourth year students. The details will be posted on the website. Our commitment is for a three-year term at \$500 per year.

Several years ago I set out to recognize volunteers. This past HCJ and NALS we had over 52 people helping out in various ways, working independently, making decisions, putting their talents to use. What we demonstrated for the first time since I have been a part of the ATBA is a group of people, members and non-members alike, working as a true community, using each other for support, in order to get the tasks done. Most importantly, all volunteers had an enjoyable time, not just in shooting bows but in the full participation of being together in a respectful community. And that is where we are today, a respected and respectful democratic bowhunting community. It will take a keen eye and a lot of work to keep it in its current state. Most importantly we need to "listen" to each other.

Last year one of our bridges was to help out the Rocky Mountain Longbow Association (RMLA). We assisted by contributing help to set-up and plan the NALS in July, 2015 and in contributing 30 targets. Our help made the difference putting on a superb traditional longbow event that has roots going back more than 30 years. Without us the shoot would have been cancelled. We have continued on our path by extending a helping hand and in doing so received help with our current raffle. An equal percentage of the money raised by tickets sold by RMLA will go back to them. As of today they have sold 10% of our raffle. Their assistance allows us access to more members, more contacts, more shoots, and more targets.

Shoot Reports

- NALS =155 registrations. Profit \$4400 (ATBA share \$2200) Our cost=time
- HCJ =125 registrations (300 on site) profit approximately \$7000

Business over the last year your executive, committee chairs and our editor have accomplished a lot. Five formal meetings, eight plus motions approved and lots of discussion. Key items:

- Target purchases approved
- \$5500 Prudent Reserve established
- Trailer decals for major sponsors approved

- A ruling on a matter of member ethics
- Banners for promotions at various businesses
- Stove and griddle purchase
- Set raffle chair (Peter Merkley)
- Face Book page approved and now up and running=163 FB members in Feb.
- Our editor, David Sherwin, put together 2 excellent Quiver publications.
- Our webmaster, Calvin Briggs, continues to improve our excellent website.

Harold Dootson is forever in our memories as a quintessential community man. His humor, his company, and unwavering support will be missed by many of us. Last year your executive voted to extend the second Jack Kemp award to Harold for his many contributions. We had planned that for this AGM. On the spur of the moment and because of a powerful feeling I had during last year's H CJ we announced the award be given to honor Harold. We will be having a plaque made and taking a moment of silence at the 2016 AGM to honor Harold.

Our Challenges ..

- We continue on our goal for targets, which are very expensive
- We still need to do a better job to communicate to our sponsors. We value greatly our sponsors and without them we would struggle. I would like to see a committee struck just for that purpose or combined with marketing.
- We need to improve membership renewals and new member sign-ups. I want to see a goal of 10 days for cards to be sent out and the data base updated. To help this along we instituted a mandatory registration form and we are looking at online registration as 93% of our members use email.
- We continue to strive for a group hunt. I would like a member to chair a committee.

In the future the H CJ planning is well underway with our shoot destination posted. All major logistics are in place. The itinerary and registrations will be out hopefully by the middle of April.

I want to thanks all our executive and volunteers for all your ideas, time and effort. Most of all I want to thank each and all of our members. We make up an eclectic, interesting community that I'm proud to be a part of. Many thanks!

6. Financial and Membership Report – D. Demers

Membership Report the ATBA broke the one-hundred member mark in 2015 settling at 101 members. The membership is comprised mostly of single year adult members. There were 6 family memberships. The overall memberships is comprised of men over the age of 50.

Financial report...

- The ATBA opened 2015 with \$10,081.05 in the bank account. July and August saw the most financial activity due to H CJ expenses. H CJ expenses totalled over \$10,000 but our total income came in at around \$7000. As we

exceeded expectations on our income this year, it was decided that \$5000 would be put away in a savings account as a reserve fund for future HCJ planning.

- Our biggest expense this year was targets with a total investment coming in at \$6750.54
- In summary, in 2015 we saw \$47519.46 in total income and \$31979.94 leave the accounts. Because of this we started the year with another very healthy balance in the account (about \$13000). A growth in membership this past year (101 members) and a successful HCJ left us financially sound for the upcoming year. Hopefully we can continue to grow our membership
- The audited financial statement will be available for approval soon.

Discussion ... question was asked about the number of two and three year memberships. D. Demers said she wasn't sure of the actual figure but suggested it might be around 20%.

7. Target Report – P. Merkley

The ATBA has sixty (60) targets for their 3D courses, nine (9) targets for the youth practice range and twelve (12) targets for the adult practice range. Four are in need of repair.

The original goal was for fifty (50) targets but since the introduction of the "Hunter Round" which supports our bursary we needed 10 additional targets. We will also be looking at purchasing 10 targets for a new youth course.

This year we have purchased eight (8) Rinehardt and four (4) Delta-McKenzie targets.

Have been made aware of an Alberta manufacturer, Big Shot Targets, who produces closed cell foam targets and will look into what they have to offer. Hoping to have some to test out at the upcoming HCJ. The price differential between Rinehardt's and Big Shot's is \$900 vs. \$400

Targets are split evenly between the two trailer and members are welcome to use them to put on events. There are available upon request, comprehensive inventory lists for each trailer.

8. Raffle Report – P. Merkley

We just over \$2000 and still need to hear from the Edmonton contingent regarding the Sportsman Show.

Our total expense will be \$3800 and so far there are quite a few booklets out so believe we are doing well. With the canoe prize we have a wider audience and are attracting both hunters and non-hunters.

C. Briggs stated he had sent booklets in but had not received a confirmation. P. Merkley thought he had sent emails and would follow-up.

9. Nomination and Election of Executive Officers

President - 2 yr term

- Mark Barber accepted the nomination
- Moved: W. RADIFF Second: Y. BLOUIN **ACCLAIMED**

Vice President - 1 year interim

- Vacant (it was discovered, after the fact, that information about the Vice President stepping down was incorrect and therefore we will not have to proceed with this vote. Rainer will finish out his term in office.)

Communications Director -2 year term

- Mitchell Elser accepted the nomination
- Moved: D. DEMERS. Second:D. SHERWIN **ACCLAIMED**

Director-at-large - 2 year term

- Tim Pardely accepted the nomination
- Moved: D. DEMERS Second: C. BRIGGS **ACCLAIMED**

Director-at-large - 2 year term

- Peter Merkley accepted the nomination
- Moved: T. DUGGAN Second: W.RADIFF **ACCLAIMED**

10. Other Business

Mark commented on the Face Book exchange that had gone on recently noting the content of HCJ speakers and HCJ registration costs as an issue. Mark stated that the HCJ has to be looked at from a business perspective. He noted that shoots around Alberta range from \$60 to \$120 and our costs are in the middle. He compared the cost of an HCJ, which was a three day event with no camping fee and ample opportunities to shoot arrows, to the cost of a round of golf and suggest we are getting very good value for our dollars.

D. Sherwin asked if consideration had been given to cost sharing with registrants at the 2016 HCJ due to donated land and washrooms. M. Barber said he hadn't considered it yet but thought the question was interesting. M. Barber suggested that "sharing" can be viewed a couple of ways ... from a revenue base versus giving back to members through reduced HCJ fees. From a revenue base if we are diligent and wise setting up the event and can put money back into the association then that is sharing with the membership. If you reduce the fee for registrants based on a successful year then it becomes an expectation. Would rather see our association continue on the path of putting revenue back into the association to benefit all members.

M. Barber noted that two different weekends need to be set aside in July to do target repairs at Ron Quintal's place.

M. Barber would like to see our members to start looking for sponsorship to purchase targets. If you know of any businesses that would like to donate and help the ATBA purchase targets to let him know.

11. AGM Competitions and Draw Presentations

Membership Draw –

AGM Draw – Tim Duggan \$60

Total Found Antler Sheds Competition – Lee Barber \$60

Largest Antler Shed Competition – Mark Barber \$60

12. Adjournment – 1618 HRS (4:18PM)

Mover: C. BRIGGS Second: T. DUGGAN

CARRIED