

# **West Town Archers**

## **Annual Business & Installation Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

### **Roll Call of Officers**

President - Al Jeske – Present

Vice President – Jason Isaacs – Present

Secretary/Treasurer – Eric Cole – Present

West Town Archery Representatives

Fred Schaffhauser – Present

Rob Schaffhauser – Present

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the 6/23/23 and 12/15/23 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Keven Stelzel and seconded by Greg Wiemann. Motion Pass.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Eric Cole reported that there is considerable complexity to our bookkeeping. Banking is done through the shop and managed by Fred Schaffhauser. This is very cumbersome and Fred has done a remarkable job managing. The Treasurer does not have direct access to our funds or bank statements, so bookkeeping is managed by two different people. We also have a system of work hours that must be tracked. And then this is converted into a quasi-monetary system that also needs to be tracked.

We made \$1,398.67 from the Sports Show. We received \$900 in dues. We made \$32.32 from the Carp shoot, although we budgeted \$40 for disposal and have not received the final bill which may be higher. There were other miscellaneous expenses including office supplies.

The current balance in the club accounts is \$6,244.31 without work hour credits and penalties. We need to find a way to spend this down. Additionally, the club is due \$2,245 from work hour penalties and owes \$707.50 in work hour credits for a final balance of \$7,781.81. This needs to be discussed further.

We added seven new members midyear.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Keven Stelzel and seconded by Bill Klug. Motion Pass.

### **Bills**

General discussion about untimely reimbursement of expenses.

Fred Schaffhauser encouraged Scott Davis to submit an expense report for the EZ Up tent he purchased for the club at the Carp Shoot.

## **Committees Reports**

### **Sport Show Tournament**

Al Jeske reported that the upcoming Sports Show will be the same weekend as the Vegas Shoot. The Sports Show program will be modified to exclude pro archers. The payout scale will be adjusted to be less top heavy to attract more mid & lower flight archers.

This past shoot was successful. We were short volunteers on Thursday and Friday. We had a good turnout except for the money shoot. Bow hunter and kids were great.

Kevin Dunn shared his opinion that the Sports Show is declining and may not continue. Al Jeske replied that there is an alternate plan to continue the shoot.

Keven Stelzel asked how much shoot money we get from the show. Response was \$7,600 plus the space is free.

Fred Schaffhauser commented that this is the largest amateur shoot in Wisconsin or the region. We have a \$14,000 payout.

Al Jeske noted that Jon Botting's sponsorship efforts made the show financially successful.

Bill Klug asked for promotional posters that we can take to shoots. Fred stated that the best promotion is talking up the shoot when we are at other shoots in the region.

Rob and Al will meet with the show organizers, possibly in July. We will get confirmation that they are going to sponsor the shoot again and confirm dates.

Jason Isaacs and Bill Klug reported that we have a new buzzer to signal the starting & stopping of shooting.

### **Carp Shoot**

Greg Wiemann reported that the carp shoot was very successful. We had 43 participants. There were a lot of fish caught and of considerable size including a state record carp. The tent was helpful and the new board was great for tracking leaders.

Fred Schaffhauser proposed that the club pay the \$20 fee for all club members that participate. We need to stay under 80 shooters for tax purposes. Looking at Eventbrite for registration.

### **Kettle Moraine Field Archer League**

Al Jeske reported that the KMFAL had a great indoor season and WTA was remarkably successful. We won the season as a team despite a predominance of bowhunters shooting against target archers. We also dominated in the bowhunter classes. Al reviewed results from the season including Chris Reed as overall champion and Lexi Richardson as women's champion. WTA needs more kids to participate.

### **Pheasant Hunt**

Barry Geary discussed a prospective pheasant hunt. We need to meet and figure out if we can do an archery hunt, gun hunt or both. An archery hunt would likely occur in a later month such as January. Last year there was a shortage of birds and clubs were

out of stock by then. Also, clubs are concerned about how lost arrows would impact hunting dogs.

### **Monthly Socials**

Al Jeske is looking for hosts so that Mary Schaffhauser does not have to do all of the work for our socials. Fred Schaffhauser proposed having a fixed rotation of themes to simplify planning.

A social committee spontaneously formed at the meeting composed of Mary Schaffhauser, Keven Stelzel and Tawny Liebe.

Eric Cole suggested getting a grill so that we can do cookouts. Fred and Rob Schaffhauser said there is space at the shop to store a grill, and Al Jeske said he has a grill he will donate to the club.

The Corn Roast will be held at Fred and Mary Schaffhauser's home again this year. The date is August 24, 2024.

### **Dues Structure**

Al Jeske presented the 2024-25 WTA Dues Structure for review and discussion. There was general concern that numerous members did not meet their work hours obligation for 2023-24. Fred Schaffhauser proposed that we reduce the work hours requirement and suggested 5 hours. Al suggested we offer general amnesty for this past year. He urged that we keep the requirements with the expectation 2024-25 will be another learning year. Eric Cole requested that we reduce the Sports Show work hours requirement from 10 to 8 while keeping the total hours at 15.

A motion was made to approve the 2024-25 Dues Structure with the change to Sport Show hours from 10 to 8 by Keven Stezel and seconded by Scott Davis. Motion Pass.

A motion was made to provide amnesty for club members that did not meet their work hours obligation this year by Bill Klug and seconded by Chris Reed. Motion Pass.

### **Old Business**

#### **Club logo and T-shirt**

Bill Klug asked about the status of club tee shirts and logo. Eric Cole responded that there was only one club logo option offered (from Bill) and one tee shirt concept (from Eric), and that work on both had been deprioritized due to more urgent matters. Bill and Eric agreed to collaborate and resume work on logos and tees.

### **New Business**

#### **Communication**

Keven Stelzel asked that we post contact information for board and committee members on the club bulletin board.

Eric Cole will distribute a contact list for the membership with email addresses and phone numbers.

There was considerable discussion about how we can communicate better amongst ourselves. There were numerous preferred channels. It was apparent that there is a great desire to engage more with our friends and fellow club members, and that there are many effective ways to accomplish that.

### **Warm-up Shoot**

Al Jeske proposed that we continue hosting a warm-up shoot prior to the Sports Show shoot. This would be in addition to the KM shoot, and is dependent on an available date. It would run Friday through Sunday.

Fred Schaffhauser supports the shoot, and the proposed compensation structure. The shop would get 50% of the revenues after expenses such as awards. The club would be responsible for running the event and would receive the other 50%.

A motion was made to approve the Sports Show Warm-up shoot by Jason Isaacs and seconded by Steve Wieting. Motion Pass.

### **Next Meeting**

We did not set a date and time for the December 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm by Keven Stelzel and seconded by Fred Schaffhauser. Motion Pass.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Cole, Secretary/Treasurer