



Prairie Bowmen

August 2012

President's Report

Over the last few months I have mentioned we need to get more participation from our club members to meet all the financial obligations we have. Well, it is rapidly becoming more and more apparent that we need to do something and we need to do it quickly. I know I am beginning to sound a bit like a "broken record", and I hate it, but the facts don't lie!

Over the last few years our club has helped host the Nebraska Challenge 3-D tournament which normally draws well over 125 shooters....this year 52....so our profit from this shoot was less than half of last year. Our other club 3-D's have had much smaller crowds as well. Our biggest money maker for the club, over the past few years, has been our fireworks stand, this year we had to change locations, and despite the fact that nearly 80 club members volunteered to help run the stand, our crowd was much lower and our profit was about 1/3 of normal. Each year at our Annual Banquet we have held several raffles and auctions, this year to tried to make it more of an awards banquet and family affair and didn't have the normal raffles. Our next largest money maker for the club has been Cornhusker State Games, this year our registrations are down 30%. Our winter and summer leagues have always been a fair source of income for our club, especially during the winter months...this year we have had less than 1/2 of the normal participation. These trends are not positive for the financial health of our club. In addition to the drastically reduced income, as we all well know, our ex-

penses are up considerably. This brings us to some tough decisions we must make for the health of our club.

August 11th is our annual club "fish fry", club meeting and start of our annual Jamboree which will continue on the 12th. At this meeting we need to bring some proposals to our membership on improving the financial status of the club. Currently our membership stands at about 280, of which 213 are currently dues paying members. Many of you may or may not know that your board of directors have been exempt from dues while they serve on the board, this was started several years ago as a small reward for the extra time an effort being a board member requires. At our board meeting this month your board agreed that the board may need to begin paying dues again. We currently have about 60 life members (which I am one of) that are not required to pay dues after their 20 years of membership, I will be addressing this group in a separate communication to see what the best avenue to increase revenue might be for this group. I was truly hoping that we could get our membership to participate more in our shoots so we wouldn't have to raise dues....at this point it looks like we have no choice but to increase the annual dues at least on a temporary basis if not permanently. We will be putting together a budget committee (if you would like to serve on it...please let me know) to help better plan our expenses and income for the future and get a much clearer

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picture as we go forward. Today it appears we need to generate an additional \$5-7,000 over the next 60-90 days to make sure we have enough funds to meet all our obligations. From Jan 1st 2012 thru June our total income was \$20,031.17 and our total expenses were \$26,207.01 for a net loss of \$6,168.81. In July we added another \$390.66 to the loss column, these losses have depleted our cash accounts significantly. Unless we do something immediately we only have enough cash for a few more months. We will have income from dues coming in each month and State Games income will come in next month, we have the Jamboree and a couple more shoots left, but other than that, not

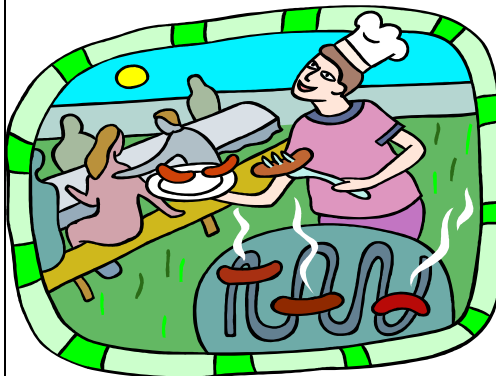
much else will come in for the remainder of the year. We must do something now.....please come to the membership meeting on August 11st with an open mind as we try to address this very important issue.

On a positive note, congratulation to Prairie Bowmen members Randy Meyer and Tim Hendricks for getting 1st and 3rd in Bowhunter freestyle division, and Adam Jirovsky for 1st in freestyle division, at the National 3-D competition in Yankton. Adam also got 4th in the target freestyle division at the First Dakota Classic there in Yankton. Good luck to all who are shooting in the Cornhusker State Games. Shoot straight and often!

Tom

**Annual Fish Fry
&
Club Meeting**

**Saturday August 11th
5:00 p.m. – Dark**



If you have never been to the Fish Fry, come and see what you have been missing. If you have been there, you don't want to miss it.

Bring a covered dish, side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own place setting, tableware and your favorite beverage.

We might even have some games and surprises!

Hope to see you there!

**Minutes of
Prairie Bowmen Inc.
June 24th, 2012**

Board Members present: Tom Nauman, Cindie Jisa, Belinda Hickman, Brett Croner, Gary Larson, Jim Tubbs.

Members Absent: Patty Hickman, Gary Waters, and Danny Tubbs.

Members Present: John Elliott, Jeff Rawlingson, and Chris Benson.

1. Meeting started: 7pm.
2. President's opening words:
3. Cornhusker State Games 2012: As of now, Archery stands at 43% of last years' final numbers.
4. Fish fry date needs to be set.
5. There have been calls about 3d confusion.
6. Competition 3D shooters don't like the novelty targets.
7. Nominating committee needs to be made.
8. Minutes approved as read.
9. Treasurers report by Cindie Jisa: Handouts are distributed. Bill for kids camp shirts tallying in at about \$900 from All in One. The bill for taxes was also received. A deposit book was handed out to both the target and 3D rep. Insurance bill is expected in July.
10. Nauman stresses the importance of participation. Larson motions to accept Treasurers report, J. Tubbs seconded.
11. Storage and care methods of Saunders mats has changed, process discussed.
12. Jeff Rawlingson brings the board up to date on the progress of the North Archery range indoor complex. The city of Lincoln has approved the project. They are currently looking for a consultant as per state law. The facility plans to combine indoor archery, firearm, and classrooms. The main goal of the facility is to be 'Bringing shooting sports to the forefront'
13. Rawlingson answers the question, "Why should the club be involved?" and stated that he would like to see a few members of the club be involved in the building consultation process. Elliott and Rawlingson discuss how the building will affect the current FHA ranges. The current parking lot is to be abandoned upon completion of the complex. Nauman asks about range access and why the current entrance is through the gun club. Rawlingson explains that the time the current range was put in the city was not willing to make an entrance off of Superior into a road. The facility is planned to work much like Platte River state park; the north range would no longer be a free.
14. Nauman asks about the how and what the club would have access to regarding the indoor facilities. Rawlingson states that he would like to see the club have access. The city has voiced concerns about the facility after 11pm. These details would need to be worked out among other things.
15. Member Chris Benson reports on the issue regarding the club's property tax assessments. The club is broken up into 4 parcels. The 4th parcel, currently known as Batterman Bottom, was the piece that was raised significantly. Benson put together a protest packet for the club. The bottom has no developable land as in the past been described as a 'gully' and half of the parcel resides in the flood plain. J.Tubbs signed the protest for the club. Rate should hold for the next 3 years.
16. Bowhunter Rep: helpers have been found for Gary Larson for state games. It was also asked that the tractor would be out there the Wednesday before the Games. 3D targets have been ordered.
17. Target Rep: Cornhusker state games has online registration. Nauman states that we must be more inclusive at our shoots instead of turning people away.
18. Rangemaster Report: 52 shooters attended the Nebraska challenge. Danny's letter voices his concerns and suggests selling the outdoor range because of participation issues among other things. Range needed a \$85 well permit, expires in one year. Membership Report: 4 new members this month. Clark Antonson, Michael Elwood, Steve Mulinix, and Julie Miller. Motion to accept new members: Larson motions, J.Tubbs Seconded.
19. Fireworks stand: everything is on track and the volunteer list is full. Cindie reminds everyone that no checks are allowed. Fire extinguishers are to be checked before the 3rd.
20. Website: updated.
21. Newsletter: articles are due Wednesday morning.
22. Visionary Committee: No report
23. Next Meeting 7/16/2012 at the outdoor range. 7pm
24. Meeting Adjourned: 9:21pm.

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Annual Jamboree

Sunday August 12th, 2012

40 target 3-D - Novelty Games

Fun Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Cost - \$20.00 which will include a great lunch!

Stop out on Sunday and help to support your club.

Board Elections Coming Soon

This year we need to fill 5 positions on the Board of Directors: President, Bowhunting Coordinator, Secretary, Youth Education Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator. The elections are for a two year term. The time line for the elections is as follows: Nominating Committee works to get a list of candidates, ballot put in October newsletter, ballots returned to Tom Nauman, 1105 Lakeridge Dr., Hastings NE 68901 by November 15th 2012 or delivered in person at the club potluck/meeting on November 17th 2012, ballots counted by nominating committee at the potluck and winners announced. The new directors will then take office at the end of the regular Board meeting on December 17th 2012.

Serving on the Board of Directors of Prairie Bowmen is a great opportunity to give back to our sport. We are always looking for new ideas to improve the overall operation of our club and ways to improve participation of our membership. Many of these ideas come from new members, youth, old members who want to see a change, or just members with a passion for our sport. Let me briefly describe some of the duties of the Board Positions up for election:

President: Shall call and preside over club all meetings, appoint all committees, direct and approve communications to the general membership, settle disputes, attend or appoint a representative to attend statewide meetings, vote in the case of a deadlock on board issues, maintain order at all board meetings.

Bowhunting Coordinator: Shall be 3rd Vice President, coordinate all 3-D tournaments, hold and coordinate both indoor and outdoor Bowhunter leagues, maintain all 3-D targets and repair or replace when needed, provide board of directors with an annual budget request for expenditures on said targets, collect all monies from tournaments and leagues and either deposit in bank or deliver to treasurer within 2 working days of the event, shall provide board of directors with a detailed break-

down of money received and number of shooters at all Bowhunter events, shall co-coordinate the Club Championship and Jamboree with the Target Coordinator.

Secretary: Shall keep all minutes and records of the organization, serve all notices of club meetings via newsletter and website, shall coordinate with club President on all official club correspondence, shall maintain membership records, shall maintain an up to date mailing and e-mailing list, shall present written reports when requested by the board, shall provide written and verbal minutes of previous meetings at each board meeting.

Youth Education Coordinator: Shall coordinate all youth activities of the club, prepare and distribute advertising and promotion of said activities, shall provide a budget, plan of action, accountability for all expenses and income for all youth activities to the board of directors.

Newsletter Coordinator: Shall publish and mail the club's newsletter within 14 days after all board meetings unless otherwise instructed, shall coordinate with Treasurer in advance for funds to purchase all supplies and postage required, shall coordinate with Secretary to secure up-to-date mailing lists, shall coordinate with all board members for newsletter articles and fliers for the newsletter, shall send club e-mails when requested by the board.

All board positions always have the age old catch phrase "and other duties as assigned". Board members are expected to attend all board meetings which are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month. All board members will promote all club functions and are encouraged to attend as many as possible. If you are interested in a board position we would love to have you, just contact me or any current board member and let your wishes be known. Our Nominating Committee will be working hard to solicit members to run for these very important positions!

Thanks, *Tom*.

Red Solo Cup Shoot
Prairie Bowmen
Lincoln's Outdoor Range
1010 Galloway Ave.
Lincoln, Nebraska
Sunday August 26, 2012

Cost - \$50.00 (70% payback)

Non-comp - \$30.00

Registration from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00
a.m.

Shooting starts at 9:30

This will be an international round
using 35-cm, 50-cm and 65-cm black
faced hunter targets.

The 35-cm face is shot at 20, 25 and
30 yards

The 50-cm face is shot at 35 through
50 yards

The 65-cm face is shot at 55, 60 &
65 yards

3 arrows each are shot at the 10 tar-
gets, yielding a perfect score of 150.
This round will consist of two 10 tar-
get units for a perfect score of 300.

Lunch will be available.

For more information, please call Jim Tubbs at
402-430-7783

Cornhusker State Games

Wow! What a State Games Opening cere-
mony....the world's number one ranked female
archer, Nebraska's own Erika Anschutz (Jones)
was the mystery torch lighter. She dazzled the
crowd, by lighting the caldron with a flaming ar-
row, from 35 yards in near dark conditions. The
crowd loved it!

Our Archery shooting got underway on the 21st
and 22nd at the Galloway range. It seems hot con-
ditions are always the norm at State Games and
this year was no exception! There was some
pretty "hot shooting" going on as well as a young
man by the name of Joshua Pflasterer set a new
Cornhusker Games record by shooting a 1493 out
of a possible 1500. Even more amazing he shot a
749 out of 750 on the first day! Complete Target
and 3-D results for the state games are available on
our website. We completed the 3-D portion of
State Games on the 28th and 29th at the Lincoln
Archery Range. Hot shooting, both temperature
and scores, were the norm again!

I can't begin to thank Prairie Bowmen and all the
volunteers enough, for helping make the Games a
big success! My assistant directors made the
events run very smoothly. The awards were done
thirty minutes after shooting ended which is the
fastest I can ever remember. That sure makes the
job of getting medals to the winners much easier.

Our overall shooter numbers were down to, 136
compared to 167 last year. Separating the shoot-
ing into two weekends was a suggestion from last
year's survey ran by the State Games Office, it ap-
peared we did have more shooters who shot both
the Target and 3-D than we have in the recent past,
so I think we will use that format again.

Thanks,
Tom

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The first meeting for the formation of an archery club was held in the Stuart Room of the YWCA on Friday, February 26, 1954, 17 present. Meeting called to order by Bob Ellis at 7:45 p.m. Bill Foxwell was nominated and elected to act as temporary chairman until the election of a president. Mr. Foxwell took the chair. First order of business was appointment of Bob Ellis as temporary secretary-treasurer. Objectives of the meeting were discussed. Chet Zander moved that an archery club be formed in Lincoln. Seconded by John Swigerd. Carried. Suggestions for a name for the club were submitted and voted upon. After vote John Swigerd moved that the club be called the Prairie Bowmen. Seconded by Don Hintz. Carried.

The proposed constitution was read article by article and it was decided to leave the formal preparation of a constitution and by-laws up to the Board of Directors who will draft said constitution and by-laws and present them to the membership of the club for vote at a later meeting.

Election of officers next order of business. Bob Ellis elected President, Don Hintz Vice President and James Iund Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Ellis took the chair.

Further business called for - Dick Koch advised he plans to stock archery equipment and will give all members a 5% discount.

The President asked all members to check around and see what spots they might locate for a possible archery range.

Mr. Iund offered to set up a target spot for shooting in Antelope Park next Sunday (weather permitting) at 2 p.m. All members were invited.

Next meeting set for 7:30 p.m. March 12th at the YWCA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved

Above is a scan of the first official minutes recorded. These minutes record the creation of Prairie Bowmen



Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help with the fireworks stand. I would like to reward everyone that signed up and attended their fireworks stand shift. If you attend the fish fry August 11th and talk to me (Belinda Hickman) you can pick a free t-shirt from our selection. I really appreciate all the help that we had this year, even though it was slow going. Everyone that came out to help or buy made a difference!

Rangemaster Report

By the time you receive this newsletter, construction will have started on the indoor range restroom. Total time for this project should be 8 to 10 days. If you must use the restroom when at the indoor range the State Building across the street does have public restrooms.

I would like to say thanks to all the guys who have been sweating it out at the outdoor range to prepare for The Cornhusker State Games. I would name names but I would probably miss someone. You know who you are.

Still working on getting target patterns put on target butts on the American Range and preparing animal targets for the 2-d course. Still lots of clean-up to do and cleaning and organizing the garage, pole shed and club house. It won't be long before the housing going up around us will force us to make some changes on the American Range to keep from shooting toward new homes. Not exactly sure how we will deal with that but will have to when the time comes.

If you have read the other articles in this newsletter then you are aware that Prairie Bowmen is experiencing some financial difficulties. Participation in club events by Prairie Bowmen Members has been extremely poor and the financial situation is a direct result of that. Dues alone do not cover expenses of owning and operating an outdoor range along with rental and upkeep of an indoor range. Members must be pro-active along with getting friends and relatives involved in the club to keep necessary funding coming in to meet expenses. If participation doesn't go up then dues have to meet the needs. Seems kind of backwards. Why would you want to pay more for something you are already not using?

Please give some consideration to participating in one or two club events. This is your club. There are still a few events coming up before deer season starts. Maybe you could make it to one of them.

As always, I hope to see each and every one of you 'Out On the Range'.

Danny Tubbs

Firework Stand Report

It was a hot one for sure meaning the weather but not so for our stand. It was very slow at our new location. I guess the old saying of LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION is very true. I would like to thank Mitch Egan for finding us the location even though it did not pan out as expected. I would also like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to over 100 volunteers that gave up their time and effort to try to make this location work. It was not for the lack of everyone trying that's for sure. We will have to put out the call again to all the members and see if we can come up with a better location. We need basically three things, high visibility with convenient access and close to family dwellings! Again thank all that endured the heat this year at our tent. All I can say: you don't know unless you try and our club members put in a 110% in that effort. A BIG THANK YOU & THANK YOU!!

John Elliott

“Warning” “Danger”

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“Warning”

This situation has not changed since the last newsletter.

On Saturday July 21st we will be investigating a solution

Please use extreme caution when navigating through the lower range near Target butt number 18. A very large tree has come up-rooted and is balanced over the top of the trail on another tree's extended branches.

This situation is very unstable and extremely dangerous. I have safety taped this area off and am asking everyone to please not venture into this area until we can remove the danger. I cannot begin to fully express how dangerous this situation is and how fast your curiosity could get you severely injured or killed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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JOAD

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD)

The sessions are 10 weeks long and cost a total of \$15.00 for Prairie Bowmen nonmembers and \$12.00 for members. One is in session now! For more information on the program call Mr. Jan Robertson cell 430 1209 or 464 2183

Mondays 7pm

Indoor Range: 345 S 14th st

We are on the Web
Prairiebowmen.org

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Here*

OUTDOOR RANGE
1010 GALLOWAY RD.

INDOOR RANGE
345 S. 14TH ST.

HISTORICAL "TRIVIA" QUESTIONS

Sorry I forgot to put the last 5 questions in last month's newsletter. Here they are:

What previous female member of Prairie Bowmen is a National and World Champion many times over?

- We have 9 Memorial Awards, 8 are animal related. What is the name of the club's most coveted award that is not animal related?
- The lower range was dedicated in what club member's honor? What is it called?
- The creek you drive over on the way into the range was also named in honor of a club member. Who was it and what is it called?
- We had a member hit by a train while on the tractor on the Rock Island tracks (bike path now). Who was it?

HISTORICAL "TRIVIA" QUESTIONS Last Months Answers

- Our club members were instrumental in getting the NE Game & Parks Commission to offer an archery deer season. What year was the first Archery season? 1955
- On March 16, 1969, what woman club member shot the highest score or either men or women at a State Indoor Tournament? Darlene Wells
- One of our club members has the specialty plate 300 60xs. What does that stand for? A perfect score of 300 (60 arrows x 5) shot on a blue & white face NFAA target. All 60 arrows shot in the X ring.
- The first Nebraska archer to harvest a deer in 1950 and then later become a member of Prairie Bowmen? Richard Voges
- What club member shot the first deer in the first Nebraska Archery season? Larry Whitson
We have had 8 Honorary Members in the Prairie Bowmen, 4 of these are TV personalities. Who are they? Arthur Godfrey, Johnny Carson, Fred Bear & Dick Turpin