

Chequamegon Archers Newsletter

Greetings from the Chequamegon Archers. In this issue you will find:

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There was a Club meeting on September 12th and the general consensus was that there were too few members present to elect a new slate of board members. A new election is scheduled to happen at:

Election Meeting - October 10 @ 6:00 PM

in the Ashland Fire Hall, address 220 6th Street E. We are asked to park on 3rd Avenue.

The club is currently operating with critical vacancies and we desperately need members to step up and fill these open spots. If you can't make it to the meeting we would still like to hear from you, please contact us at ChequamegonArcheryClub@yahoo.com.

Youth Archery 2015 - 2016

For the past several years, the club has partnered with Ashland and Bayfield County 4-H and Youth Development to offer archery to area youth. The last year has been no different, with programs including two 8-week summer series, two 8-week winter series, summer camp and mid-winter getaway. The summer series were held at the outdoor range and we had another good luck streak on the weather, with only one slightly damp day. The winter series were held at the Bretting Community Center in Ashland. This turned out to be a great location while the club was without an indoor range. Speaking of the Bretting Center, this past year was the first time the club has partnered with the Ashland Parks and Rec. Department to offer several additional youth (and adult) classes. The pilot program went well and reached several more kids outside of the 4-H participants. In the last year, over 75 kids have had the opportunity to try their hand at archery.

Offering youth an opportunity to try archery is a big part of what the archery club is about. These kids are not only the future of our club, but the future of our sport. In the last year or two we have started to see several of the students participating in regular club events such as leagues and the 3-D shoot. Moving forward as a club, it will be important to keep these kids and their families involved.

Even though the youth programs aren't intended to be a source of financial support for the club, they have been doing well. A small fee is charged for each of the classes to help cover the cost of maintaining equipment, purchasing arrows and target faces, etc. Last year, a generous donation of \$500 was given to the youth archery programs by the Ashland Elk's Lodge 137. This donation is a big help to making sure the club's bows are in good working order and we have plenty of arrows to shoot, not only for our classes, but also for our annual Fall Banquet. A thank you letter will be passed around at the next meeting for all to sign.

We are already looking forward to upcoming youth classes. A Park and Rec class is scheduled for mid November and the winter 4-H series are being planned for February and March. If you have kids interested in these classes please contact Ashland Parks and Rec at (715) 682-7059, UWEX Ashland County 4-H at (715) 682-7017 or feel free to e-mail the club.

Special thanks to Jim Rau and Amy Tromberg for their time and talents working with the youth.

Sincerely,
Mitch Tromberg

2016 Fall Festival

This year the festival started out on the wet side. The number of people who came out to support their club was a little below normal. However, those who did come, spent more than usual. Every year we depend on help to pull this event off. We are always in need of people to help run the different stations, set up, or cook.

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If you would like to help out with the Festival next year, please contact us. We will find something for you to do.

If you have any new ideas for prizes or games please contact us. We want to continue to give the community a nice, highly functioning club.

Gary Krueger, Festival Chairman

From the President

We made it thru our summer. Lots of hard work by a few members. Outdoor league, 3-D shoot, Kouba metric 900 went well. Our King of Foam didn't go well because of rain and no advertising. Our 2-D and field ranges were rebuilt but it wasn't without controversy. We've been looking for suitable material to do that for 5 years. We have a couple members look but no luck. It was decided at a board meeting help last Oct 2015, all board members voting yes that if I couldn't find suitable material by Feb, 2016 that I could by the material, use my own money (\$6500) since at the time our clubs financial status was in bad shape. Before I bought, I checked clubs and anyone who knew where we could find suitable target material. Most salvage yards were more expensive. After consulting quite few clubs, American Whitetail had the best price. Now we have 2 of the best ranges in this part of the country. I did my best for the interest of the club. Its not always what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club. Speaking of that a special thanks to Dale Douglas for helping out with the clubs website, memberships, and taking care of league scores. Also Gary, Charlie, Karen and all who helped make our banquet one of the best ever. Tom and Dane for setting up and taking down the 3-D's, Jim for making plaques and Rayne for helping with the shed. Were still looking for a place to shoot winter league and if that doesn't work out we'll see if Benoit is available. We'll let you know by Dec. Good luck with hunting season and shoot straight.

Jim Habas, President

CAC Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016

Officers/Board Members Present: Jim Habas & Gary Krueger. Absent: Matt Hypponen

Members Present: Dale Douglas, Dane Ruberg, Jason Kuha, Gracee Hamilton, Lisa OKeefe, Dale OKeefe, Mitch Tromberg, Rayne Edinger, Hazel Edinger, Jim Rau, Bill Sann & Ron Szyndor

Jim Habas called the meeting to order at 6pm.

TREASURER REPORT: Current balance at 9,773.35. Money from the Badger Board at approximately 2,000.00 outstanding.

SECRETARY REPORT: 42 current memberships. No prior minutes to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

4-H Program – Mitch Tromberg reported 18+/- kids participated in the 8 week program and it was a great success.

Annual CAC Festival – Gary Krueger reported that the event grossed approximately 7,600.00. Tarps were used due to poor weather and that worked well. Good amount of prizes/donations received due to planning ahead and approaching business donors early before they reached their max donation amount for the year.

Kouba Shoot – 16 shooters participated. Good turn out.

3D Shoot – 16 shooters participated. Jim Habas reported that we are the only club in the area that offers a 3D shoot, so we should be able to market it to get more interest in the surrounding area.

King of Foam – Poor weather. No shooters for this event. Jim Habas reported that he advertised on a radio station, but poor air time. He would like to get quotes from alternate station for future events.

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3D League – 9 teams participated in the 12 week league.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers/Board Members – Many concerns reported by multiple members about not having full officer and board member positions filled. All positions are up for renewal. Jim Rau volunteered to design a newsletter to send out to club members to inform them that elections will be held at next board meeting. This newsletter will also include updates on outdoor range, annual festival and the youth programs. It will be a collaborative effort with articles submitted by Gary Krueger & Mitch Tromberg to Jim Rau by 9/23. Amy Tromberg will be asked to assist with editing it prior to dispensing to members.

Memberships – Mitch discussed possibility of changing memberships to an annual renewal instead of a rolling calendar year. That would make it easier to keep track of membership renewals by both the members themselves and by the Secretary. It was also suggested to put a "talent" line on the application for membership, so we could be aware of those members who are electricians, plumbers, have good computer skills, etc. It was also brought up that having membership applications available outside of the gate for someone who comes to the range for information when the gate is closed.

Website/Facebook Page – Currently the "contact us" email on the website is not being answered. Mitch Tromberg volunteered to update the website and monitor for incoming emails. Suggestion was made to form a closed facebook page for members only to improve communication and to access more members.

Emails – Dale Douglas has been working on this, but he will be leaving for Florida soon. Mitch Tromberg volunteered to update/maintain the member email list.

CAC Duties – Dale Douglas and Jim Habas reported that in order to function successfully the Club needs

members to help with communications, advertising and promotion, recruiting, administration, minutes, e-mails, running the web site and conducting shoots and leagues. In other words more member involvement is needed in all aspects of running the Club.

ByLaws – Jim Habas will mail a copy of the ByLaws to Jim Rau to include in newsletter so members are aware of current position requirements. Jim Habas states that the ByLaws are outdated and will require updating. Discussion about amending the ByLaws will need to wait until election of Officers/Board Members to get a formal vote. Bill Sann mentioned that having a copy of ByLaws in bank deposit box is option for safety.

Grant Money – Rayne Edinger and Bill Sann suggested that we look into requesting grant money for future programming and range improvements.

Indoor Range – Discussed possible options to secure a indoor range for the winter. Jim Rau will contact Benoit Community Center for availability. Jim Habas will contact Co-op for possible space. There may also be a building available in Marengo. Will review this further at next board meeting when more information is gathered.

Elks Donation – The Elks provided CAC with a \$500.00 check for the youth program provided by Mitch Tromberg. Jim Habas will bring a Thank You card to the next meeting for members to sign.

DELCO Donation – DELCO gave CAC material for outdoor/indoor bunkers.

Next Meeting - Monday, October 10th at 6pm.
Rayne Edinger will check for availability of room at the Fire Station and get back to Mitch Tromberg to include in email notification and Jim Rau to include in the newsletter.

Dale Douglas made motion to adjourn meeting. Dane Ruberg seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Lisa O'Keefe

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Membership List

Attached you will find a membership list with expiration dates. The list includes all members who have been active within the last several years. Family memberships are listed according to the first name on the membership application; however, all family names are recorded on the club's master list. If you feel there is an error with your membership status, please contact us at ChequamegonArcheryClub@yahoo.com to get it corrected.

Constitution of Chequamegon Archers

Attached you will also find a current copy of the club's constitution. We are aware that as the club grows and develops this document will need to be updated to meet the club's needs. However, it is important that all members are aware of the current constitution in order to suggest any necessary changes.

CONSTITUTION OF
CHEQUAMEGON ARCHERS

ARTICLE I

- The name of this organization shall be Chequamegon Archers.

ARTICLE II

- The purpose of this organization shall be: to foster, expand, **educate**, and perpetuate the practice of archery and the spirit of good fellowship among archers; to encourage the use of the bow in the hunting of all legal game birds and animals; to cooperate with the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for Bowhunters; to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of game; to maintain an outdoor course and conduct archery league and archery shoots; **conduct winter and summer youth archery instruction.**

ARTICLE III

- Active membership shall be granted to anyone upon payment of regular dues and fees, and upon approval of the Secretary as to his good moral character and sportsmanship.
- The Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member of this organization for conduct detrimental to the best interest of the organization.

ARTICLE IV

- The Board of Directors shall consist of 9 members, 4 of which are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined).
- The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policies, and properties of the organization.
- Any Board member having two unexcused absences within one calendar year shall be dismissed from the Board.
- At any meeting of the Board of Directors, one-half of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum
- All vacancies of the Board or of any office shall be filled by appointments made by the Board of Directors.
- The Board shall meet upon the request of the President or any two directors as such time and place as can be agreed upon by the directors.

ARTICLE V

- The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary,

and Treasurer (the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined).

- The President shall preside over all meetings, appoint all committees, and shall, in general, perform the duties incident to his office.
- The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.
- The Secretary shall keep all records of the organization, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondences, present a written report at the annual meeting, and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.
- The Treasurer shall collect all monies of the organization, keep accurate records and receipts and disbursements, make an annual report at the annual meeting, and perform all duties to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer's report shall be read at each meeting.

ARTICLE VI

- The annual meeting of this organization shall be held on the first Sunday in January.
- At the annual meeting the membership shall elect three members to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term.
- The Board of Directors shall elect the President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the board members , to serve two year terms. (The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined).

ARTICLE VII

- Membership fees for active members shall be established annual by the Board.
- Membership will continue for 12 months after payment of dues.
- Archery range fees, league fees, and tournament fees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

- The fiscal year of this organization shall begin January 1.

ARTICLE IX

- Voting privileges are limited to members eighteen years of age or older.
- This constitution may be amended by two-thirds of the membership present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X

- To participate on a club sponsored league, an individual must be a club member.

ARTICLE XI

- Two Board members may bow hunt the land of this organization
- Every year the Board of Directors will chose who will hunt for those who would like to.

ARTICLE XII

- Board members working at an event don't have to pay for said event.

ARTICLE II SECTION 3, AMENDMENT

- **Dissolution clause: Upon dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operates exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986(or corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposed or to such organization of organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.**

ARTICLE VI SECTION 1, AMENDMENT

1. The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in January.

ARTICLE 3, AMENDMENT

- The Board of Directors shall elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the Board members to serve a one-year term.

ARTICLE VII SECTION 2, AMENDED

- Membership will continue for twelve (12) months after payment of dues.

ARTICLE I SECTION 2, AMENDED

- Club members are the owners of the properties and facilities and will be managed by the board of directors.