

**2007 AGM  
March 15, 2008**

**Attendance:**

Gun Lemke – Records Director  
Delin Watmough – Youth Director  
Calvin Briggs - Webmaster  
Rob Speedie  
David Watson – Communications and Information Director  
Bryan Down - Treasurer  
David Sherwin - President  
Terry Brew – Special Events Coordinator  
William – Director at Large.

Congratulations to Gun Lemke, who won a dozen arrows in our shed competition. He recieved 6 arrows for the biggest shed, and additional 6 arrows for the most sheds. Gun graciously gave 6 arrows to Rob Speedie, who was runner up for the biggest shed found.

**Reading of Last Years Minutes:** David Sherwin

Motion to accept: unanimous  
Carried

**Presidents Letter:** David Sherwin

Submitted, will be attached to minutes.

**Vice-Presidents Report:** MIA

**Treasurers Report:** Bryan Down

\$4400 in bank

Monty Brown (\$958) is the only outstanding expense.

Will submit a breakdown of the HCJ to David W. to include in the minutes.

\$200 – David Sherwin’s expenses: mailing and Calgary sport show.

**Membership Report:** Bryan Down

25 members as far, 2 families and the rest are singles.

**Group Hunt Report:** David Sherwin

4 people turned out for the group hunt.

Just like everything else, people get busy and it is hard to get people to commit.

**Webmaster:** Calvin Briggs

Will be stepping down, lots of room left on the website, 10% is used, and it is paid for a few (2) years in the future. The bill should come to Bryan, or it will be charged to Duane’s credit card, but Calvin can figure this out. Traffic is down on the website, maybe moving to a forum type of format. The forum type would introduce an increased “babysitting” by the webmaster, but should be less work overall as the forum is more interactive.

Original website was created with Microsoft frontpage. This might be an issue for the next webmaster, as Microsoft frontpage might be needed to edit it. Or the webmaster may have to start from scratch.

All the current HCJ stuff is on the website, and Calvin has a few discs containing all of the data that is on the website.

Calvin will update the website with basic stuff until a new suitable webmaster can be found.

**Quiver / newsletter report:** Calvin Briggs

A lot of work, and really hard to track down content for the newsletter. The ABA is giving out points for stories and pictures, and then rewards frequent contributors. It must be communicated to the membership that we need pictures and stories to keep the Quiver enlightening and intriguing.

Microsoft publisher is used to create the Quiver. The program is available to the club, as well as the printer and the stapler.

**Youth Director:** Delin Watmough

People were very impressed with how committed the ATBA was to the youth and getting kids involved. Good volunteer effort made this possible.

Some youth members competed in the winter games, and Delin has invited these youths for the HCJ.

Maybe the ATBA could look as sponsoring some of these kids if they are competing in events such as this.

**Special Events:** Terry Brew

4/6 outhouses are reserved

A couple of tents are booked.

Terry needs somebody from a southern location to take over this endeavour.

The same location is booked for 2009, just in case Drayton Valley falls through.

Maybe have a group stump-shoot. Broken arrow round.

**Records:** Gun Lemke

6 entries this year.

The knife was going to be made by Wade Pirnak, but this is on hold due to health issues.

Terry has access to some knife blanks, and equipment. A few other people are available to make the knife.

Gun is going to look at the certificates and see if he can "jazz" 'em up a bit.

Gun is also going to review the percentage idea (seems to be biased against bears)

**Elections of Officers**

**President: Dennis Dobrowolsky**

Bryan nominates Dennis Dobrowolsky

Rob seconded:

Unanimous

**Vice-president: Terry Brew**

Clear now that Dennis Dobrowolsky is the president.

Rob nominates Terry,

William Seconded

Unanimous.

**Group Hunt Director: Terry Brew volunteered.**

Mel doesn't have the time to commit.

Group Hunt Director could coordinate people putting in for draws and hunting places like Wainwright and such.

This is important since we are a bowhunting organization.

The group hunt could also be some international hunts, such as Javelinas or such that people are interested in.

The director would kind of be more of a coordinator and communicator, and the people going on the hunts would be responsible for most of their own legwork.

David nominated Terry

Delin seconded

Unanimous

**Webmaster: Ben Dobrowolsky maybe**

**Newsletter: David Sherwin**

Dennis' son may be able to step up to the plate. Calvin will talk to Dennis to see if his son, Ben, is up to the task.

David Sherwin is willing to step up to the plate with the newsletter if no one is willing to step up to the task. William is willing to edit the articles to make them more coherent.

Delin nominates David Sherwin

Rob seconds

**Communication and Information Director: David Watson**

Maybe have a Christmas card from the president to the members.

With every quiver, maybe have an update as to what the executive has been talking about since the last quiver.

William nominated David Watson

Bryan seconded

Unanimous.

Whoopie!!!

**Special Events Coordinator:**

Change the title to HCJ coordinator.

This will be a situational position; the coordinator will need to be in the area that the HCJ is taking place in.

David Sherwin will quarterback this for this year, and help out Terry with anything he needs. David will try to contact Bert to see if he can help, as well as trying to find other volunteers to help out.

Location and Coordinator will need to be found for 2009.

**Youth Director:**

Delin let him name stand, and ran unopposed.

**Area Coordinator:**

Tracy Neal is willing to be the director for Calgary and area.

**Directors at Large**

William will let his name stand.

William nominated Rob

Delin Seconded

Unanimous.

**New Business**

**Rabbit Hunt**

Rob and Bryan will work out the details with the weather and with the location. Tentatively set in the beginning of April. We will have a hunt, then some lunch and a get together. They will get the word out once the details are finalized.

### **Group hunt**

Terry knows a guy who has a bunch of land with no hunters; he will talk to him to see if he is interested. Maybe look at smaller group hunts, and just have people inviting other members on their own hunts. This might be more productive than a big hunt, which takes a lot of effort, and only about 5 people make the effort to attend.

Group Hunt Director could coordinate people putting in for draws and hunting places like Wainwright and such.

Put a blurb, with all the details about the direction of the group hunt, in the next quiver about watching the forum on the trad gang.

### **Sponsoring Youths**

It is understood that Delin has really set the bar for future youth events, and it is also known that this is an important focus for our association.

Maybe we should sponsor one kid a year to send to "bowhunting camp", which would be \$150 or so. Delin will set up some criterion for those who are eligible, (community involvement, clubs, grades), and then have members nominate kids. Rob said that Kelly does this with Hunting For Tomorrow, maybe we could piggyback on this, and we could just donate the money to Kelly to sponsor a kid that way, which would free up our time and resources. Delin will talk to Kelly about this possibility.

It would probably be prudent to be sure that as many of these kids as possible will be wearing ATBA gear.

Gun suggested that once we have a bigger balance in the bank, there is no reason that we should have to save money. Maybe some money that will not be going to the next years overhead could be used to sponsor a whole bunch of kids, or the food bank or something. Rob was saying that this might be too ambitious at this time, with refurbishing targets and trailers and such.

### **HCJ**

Should the executive be dressed so that they stand out from the regular crowd, like a hat or a club T-shirt of a different colour. This will happen, and the shirts are the ones that everyone is most happy with. These shirts should be ordered with our other shirts for the jamboree, but in a different colour.

William needs to know how many arrows to have for the people and youth. Delin says to aim for 25 kids, and any extra arrows could be given away. ¼ inch ramen dowels will work, and Dennis can get these cheap. He will spine them for 55-60#. Black and tan for the feathers and they will be capped with white.

Delin says that we can have all the animals (40) available from Picture Butte fish and game, and this will cost us 1 Mule Deer target. SABA will not lend us any targets for this event. Calvin may have a trailer available that could transport targets to HCJ. The ATBA could maybe send down some of our targets with various members and executive.

Delin, do we need practice targets. The answer is yes, we need these, and we do have some practice butts to send down. We will have two launchers, so an aerial target would be nice.

Could we get access before hand to plan a course and be able to get a handle on more logistics? David will call skyline and ask, and then Delin and Leon will scout it out.

Calvin will get David S a website where they sell images, so we can get an acceptable image for the T-shirt.

We could approach artists, get a print or buy a print, and then use that for the T-shirt and then auction off the print, or give it as a prize.

Dennis will follow up with “Jack’s Place” and see if that is a possible location for next years Jamboree. Then we can compare this with Drayton Valley and Red Deer and come to a more informed decision.

William can try to organize a fly-by, but the location needs to be known by September. As a note from the Communications and Information Director, this would be awesome!!

### **3D animals**

May the first is the deadline for the application for the targets.

Trailer – grant is in process.

20’ covered trailer was suggested. We need to have a trailer that would be fairly universal, in terms of having trucks capable of towing it, and whether the right hook-ups are on the truck.

It was discussed, and a single axle trailer would be sufficient, since the use on the trailer would only be semi-annual.

A 17’ trailer would be adequate we figure, since historically this trailer has been more than sufficient in the past.

Bryan is willing to head-up the purchase of this trailer once we get the money. Terry shrewdly suggested that buying south of the border would be easier on the pocket book.

### **David’s Ideas**

What do we value: Volunteers, and members who have historically supported us. Do we want to have a 5, 10, 20 year pins? David could look at the costs of this when he is getting T-shirts organized, and get back to us for discussion.

### **Getting people to the AGM**

There was very little notice about the AGM this year.

Rob suggests that we pick a date, and we keep reminding people about it every quiver and email and mail-out.

Maybe we could have people nominated before hand so new people don’t feel pressured to become too involved.

David Watson will find out when the ABA banquet is next year, so we can nail down our AGM date, and keep everyone informed and up to date.

### **Movement to Adjourn**

Gun

Carried unanimously

## PRESIDENT'S 2008 AGM LETTER

"Please fasten your seatbelts as y'all about to depart for Houston, Texas! " After 31 years of marriage we are embarking on our first winter holiday.

We all live in nothing short of a great country, a great province and all of us are partakers of a great archery association. A great country with freedoms abounding, a great province with the Canadian Rockies and a great association because of its members. All very distinctive, all enjoyable, all who enjoy traditional bowhunting. Wow! My term is now complete. In light of my term, I'd like to share with you my heart for the association.

I stepped in with an expansion objective. Eager to see us more fully define ourselves as an all-Alberta association but knowing our membership was low in the south, I felt this is where our focus should be. Having a jamboree in the south would be ideal. And what a jamboree we have planned this year for the membership, in a great family location: the Skyline Guest Ranch. We've been given a great rate there and I don't foresee such an opportunity will come up like this again. As well, I wanted to see us move to a greater price-point advantage for our members vs. non-members.

Secondly, to promote the association in the south a great offer came to us: a free booth at the February Calgary Boat and Sportsman Show. How fortunate can we be! Hands went up to lend a hand. Would the effort be worthwhile? Well, 75 membership forms and 75 Heritage Classic Jamboree forms were picked up/handed out. One comment we heard often was, "I didn't know there was a provincial association!" And there emerged this younger group of people that were just starting in traditional archery or wanted to. There was positive interaction with these fellows and gals, and I'm hopeful for new members. From what we learned of the value of the booth, I would like to see us do one in Edmonton.

Recently, I read a good article in Traditional Bowhunter Magazine called, I believe, "The Predator Within" by one of the Wenzel brothers. It was excellent, coming from an omnivore's perspective. It described our varying human personalities. Whereas one predator likes to "lie in wait" and another, instead, moves out "in search of". This helps us to understand one another. Whereas, one wants to build and then "wait" for new members to join in; the other says, we've built, now let's go out in search of new ones. As I see it, neither perspective is wrong: there are seasons when both can be accommodated. For such a very young organization we have been very progressive and have expanded considerably. For an association to develop and grow there is a balance to strike: one between being too slow to avail ourselves of opportunities that come our way, or to be too fast having no infrastructure. From my perspective, with the board's support, I saw it as having been quite timely with the opportunities that came our way (e.g. Calgary B & SS Show and Skyline Guest Ranch) to seek expansion through them. Now having said that, I refer to a sagely proverb I read: "The farmer doesn't always plow". Having plowed, he then rests. How do I see that now? I see that we need to take time to turn our attention and focus inward on the members. Herein lie two concerns or shortcomings. One, I believe we aren't communicating sufficiently with the membership. We have a great "The Quiver" but there needs to be more information going forth from the executive. We started to change this by moving the secretarial role to a Communication and Information Director role, primarily to get more information to you, the members. I ask for your patience as we flesh this out. We all are volunteers who have busy, private lives who want to see the ATBA succeed.

My second concern lies around our bowhunting aspect. You will have read my thoughts here in the last "The Quiver". I see three ways in which we do this. One, we enter the ATBA with hunting partners; two, we strike up new hunting relationships (it's encouraging to hear of new reports of this) and, thirdly, by joining in on a rendezvous-style group hunt. (Do you have other ideas?) Here, I'm a little discouraged. I know we live in a very large province which creates a challenge to do this with distances that have to be travelled. But can you think of a much more enjoyable form of hunting: striking out each day individually or with others and then returning to an evening of campfires and tales of the day? Those few who have joined in say one thing, "I very much enjoyed myself - I'll be back!" If I could ask one thing of you, that would be to please make a serious effort to join in when one is held. Camaraderie and fun awaits you.

Finally, I want to close in appreciation of each one of you; your membership is such a vote of "I believe in the ATBA". And believing we all do, may I encourage you in doing so to stay on the "light side" of being patient, supportive of the efforts of the executive and SHARE YOUR IDEAS. And, oh yea, staying clear of the "dark side" where we grumble and complain about this or that. You all have our phone numbers; please avail yourselves of them. I've said "finally" so I need to stick with it. We are an awesome organization because we have awesome members served by an awesome executive, each one giving of themselves as they can, with features that are enviable.

We're about to cross into Texas: bird watching (the whooping cranes winter here), relatives (my wife's side) and bowhunting for Catalina goat! I've wanted to hunt them from back in the '60s when I first started traditional bowhunting and this upcoming week it's going to happen!

My traditional regards to you all, and thank you for a great term of serving you,  
David Sherwin