

**Alberta Traditional Bowhunters Association  
Annual General Meeting**

March 21, 2009, Spruce Grove, Alberta

**Attended by:**

Bryan Down      Yves Blouin      Rob Speedie      Mark Barber  
David Sherwin      Randy Hermann      Tracy Neal

According to the bylaws, a quorum constitutes 5 members in good standing. This condition was met.

**Meeting called to order (10:10 a.m.)** : David Sherwin

**Reading of last year's minutes:** David Sherwin

Motion to accept: unanimous

Carried

**Review agenda for AGM 2009**

**Additions to Agenda**

- Dart League (Bryan Down)
- Mentorship (Bryan Down)
- HCJ- sanctioned ABA shoot (forwarded by Terry Brew)
- Yves's presentation

Motion to accept by Rob Speedie, seconded by Yves Blouin. Carried.  
All in favour-carried.

**Executive Reports**

**Financial Statement**

Bryan Down, treasurer, has completed the financial statement for fiscal year 2008. The statement is attached. To ensure we keep our society status they will be filed with Corporate Registry soon by David Sherwin.

Motion to accept 2008 financial report by Bryan Down.

It was amended to include value of merchandise left over from last year (\$840.00)

Seconded by Yves Blouin.

Carried.

With respect of the Societies Act and our being in good standing, we need to resubmit financial statements, along with executive officers, for 2006 and 2007. David Sherwin is responsible for submission of these as well as this year's documents, to bring us into good standing. The goal is to have this completed by the end of April 2009.

### **Membership Report**

Bryan Down reported that we now have 51 members.

Discussion followed.

Mark Barber suggests the ABA card doesn't come soon enough to use toward ATBA membership fees, to verify paying the ABA rate. This slows the process of application into our organization.

Mark Barber moved that Bryan Down provide a list of members to the ABA who haven't received their ABA number yet. This will show our attempted efforts to ensure that members are actually in the ABA for insurance purposes. In other words, to expedite the membership process into the ATBA.

Seconded by Randy Hermann.

Carried.

Mark Barber suggested mailing out membership packages with pre-filled forms to past members (not more than 2 years past) requesting a cheque to confirm their continued membership. This is an attempt to make it easier for past members to renew their memberships. Discussion only and turned over to Bryan Down for consideration in 2010.

### **Election of Officers**

President - 1 year term

Vice president - 2 year term

Treasurer/membership - 2 year term

Communication & Information Director - 2 year term

Youth Director - 2 year term  
Group Hunt Director - 1 year term  
Webmaster - 2 year term  
Special Events Coordinator - 1 year term  
Historical Records Keeper - No defined term.

Yves Blouin moved to amend list of executive positions.

Discussion:

We need to streamline the number of executive positions to match the size of our membership.

Re: Youth Director position: The role of the youth director primarily is to be the lead of the youth events at the HCJ. Delin Watmough has already committed to doing this for the 2009 HCJ. Randy Hermann identified having an interest in youth. For this year he is not able to step into this position, but expressed an interest for the year 2010.

Re: Group Hunt Director: On three occasions we have tried to put on a group hunt. The turnout has been minimal. In light of the priorities for this year and Bob Kawaza's offer to develop his mule deer hunt in the south into a group hunt for 2010, it was decided to drop this position for this year.

Re: Webmaster position: We will turn this position into a non-executive role.

Re: Special Events Coordinator: Generally the vice president does not have many specific responsibilities. Therefore, we would identify the VP as the owner of the HCJ manual which still needs to be developed. He will then work with a local HCJ coordinator for that year.

Re: Historical Records Keeper: We will turn this position into a non-executive role.

Suggestion by Mark: We will use committees for special projects in lieu of executive positions. The committees will report to the Executive with their findings and recommendations, as well as provide progress reports.

The positions to be filled will be:

President  
Vice president  
Treasurer/Membership Chairman  
Communication & Information Director  
Maximum of 4 Directors at Large  
Seconded by Mark Barber  
All in favour.  
Carried

Mark Barber moved to set up a committee of Randy and Tracy who will work together with website designer, Calvin Briggs, to look into an interactive website. The idea is to keep the look of our current site and enhance it so that members can leave messages on a message board and also upload their own pictures and videos.

Seconded - Rob Speedie  
All in favour. Carried.

### **Voting on Nominations:**

President - David Sherwin All in favour  
Vice President - Terry Brew. All in favour  
Treasurer/Membership Chairman - Bryan Down. All in favour  
Communication & Information Director - Vacant  
Directors at Large  
    Randy Hermann. All in favour  
    Blake Downs. All in favour  
    Yves Blouin. All in favour

A thank you to Rob Speedie who, for this last year has been a Director at Large. He is now standing down.

### **Discussion Re: Priorities for Executive, 2009-2010**

- Concentrate on core items and use more committees to involve members

- Highlights of the minutes will be in The Quiver. The full version will be provided to members on request: by e-mail, or hard copy to those without e-mail
- Executives are to submit reports in the Quiver
- Modernize/update our website.
- Determine how to involve new members and retain the old ones.
- Bring our club up to date per the Societies Act.
- Our financial records will be kept with more detailed breakdown.
- Maintain a historical records book

### **Group hunt Jamboree**

We are a bowhunting group, not a target archer's group.

David presented Pat Morphy's idea of Camp Wainwright providing a natural group hunt opportunity where, all who are interested, put their names in on the draw. Those chosen in any particular year constitute a group hunt. David will contact Pat to develop this idea. The suggestion was made that David put this idea in the Quiver. There members can be listed as to their draw priority.

David moved to create a committee to work on group hunts. We'll confirm with Bob Kawaza to head the committee for 2010, as he already is proposing a group hunt for mule deer in South. David will contact him to request him taking the lead.

Seconded by Yves Blouin.

Carried

### **HCJ 2009**

Randy is heading the organization of the entire jamboree. He updated us on the developments. Discussion followed.

Registration Fee: the discussion centered around lowering or status quo on the fee. It was agreed that, taking into account the features and the effort required, the \$45 (member) and \$65 (non-member) was of very good value and should not be lowered.

Randy is looking for a taxidermist to do a caping demonstration at the jamboree.

Bryan Down will follow up with Roger Murray with regards to a knapping demonstration.

Yves, Brian, Rob will be the committee to source the commemorative jamboree gift.

Tracy Neal moved that Mark Barber find location for the 2010 Jamboree to be located in the Central or South part of the Province.

Seconded by Yves Blouin.

Carried.

### **Additional Items:**

David Sherwin will work with Terry Brew and his proposal: do we want to make the HCJ an ABA sanctioned shoot, or put on another shoot as such.

Mentoring program: Bryan wants to get the ATBA involved with Hunting for Tomorrow, in regards to the mentored hunter program (youth or adult). He will approach Kelly Semple to learn how to move forward with this.

Brian wants to rename the dart league to honour John Schneider who is the originator of the ATBA.

Yves wants his name removed from the Traditional Bowhunters Magazine and David will take over by submitting his name. Yves has stated security concerns regarding having his street address published in a public manner.

Yves wants to donate a bow that was made by John Schneider to be carried by the president of the ATBA and used as a symbol/relic to be used for starting the meetings. Yves states that the bow may be shot by the president but if it's broken it must be repaired to look proper in order to use it as a relic. Yves also states that if the ATBA ever dissolves he wants the bow to be returned to himself.