

BMB BoD Meeting Minutes

06 February 2024 / 7:00 PM

Attendees

BMB Leadership: Ashley Duong, Marianna Finkel, Paul Henry, Katherine Li, Viet-Tam Luu ("Tam"), Chris Plumeau, Dawnel Scott, Kevin Tanner, Winston Wang

BMB Members: Chuck Gilbert

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 2 meeting, and approved them without amendments (motion: **Dawnell**; 2nd: **Paul**).

Monthly Reports

President

Chris reported that he had gone to the Santa Clara County offices and filled out and submitted a use permit. He said the County would get back to him with a concessionaire permit. **Dawnell** asked if the use permit was for a specific date; **Chris** said that it was not.

Paul told the Board he had renewed the club's P.O. box. He reviewed checks that had been sent to the club for membership fees, and from the CBH-SAA for the State 900. He said he would deposit the checks.

Chris reported that the club bank account had been transferred to his control. **Paul** and **Bill** also currently had access. **Tam** would follow up with **Chris** to have himself added.

Financials

Chris summarized the club financials. **Tam** reported the club's PayPal balance, and noted he would likely transfer most of it to the club's account later that month.

Secretary

Tam reported that the club's Zoom account had been renewed for a year; due to the way the account was billed, it was not possible to switch to a monthly plan in anticipation of switching to a lower-cost alternative this year.

Membership

Marianna said that she had been considering the question of prorated membership fees for members joining later in the year. She said she was not in favor of prorating fees because it could encourage people to put off renewing their memberships until later in the year.

Marianna presented the signs she had made about “camping” on field course targets; she said she would post them on the bow racks soon.

Marianna asked if the club would consider individual and/or student memberships, in addition to family memberships, as she had students who shoot individually. **Chuck** opined that given the relatively low cost, it was simpler just to stick to the current scheme. **Dawnell** asked if the fee structure was in the club bylaws; **Paul** replied that it was not.

Old Business

New target rounds

Paul reported that he had picked up the new rounds. **Tam** thanked **Paul** for his work and noted some of the new rounds had been used at the last club shoot.

CBH-SAA petitions

The Board reviewed the 2024 CBH-SAA rule change petitions, with notes on the following petitions:

- 3-24: change ADD to require inspection for events appropriate to the venue.
- 22-24: should require parents or legal guardians.
- 30-24: rules posted at targets won't help.
- 31-24: extra compound tournament seems unnecessary.
- 32-24: seems unnecessary; added extra level of communication between VPs running the tournament.
- 33-24: with modification: delete 8: regional finances do not need to be sent; how regions earn/spend is their own business.
- 39-24: an imperfect solution to a problem best resolved by local event organizers.

Chris asked when the deadline was for comments to be sent to **Alan** (CBH-SAA); **Dawnell** noted the meeting would occur on Feb. 23-25, so **Chris** should submit his comments this week.

3D league

Board members discussed the 3D League fee structure; **Kevin** stated he wasn't sure there would be enough volunteers to set up events every week, so he was in favor of just pay-as-you-go fees.

Kevin noted more volunteers are needed to staff the events, and that he didn't know if or how **Ron** had recruited any. **Tam** said he would send out a call for volunteers, and create an online signup to coordinate volunteer positions.

Paul asked if anyone had prepared a flier for the 3D League; **Tam** said he would reach out to **Jeff** to make something based on last year's flier.

Kevin noted the 3D League usually begins the first Wednesday after the Daylight Saving Time switch, which would be March 13.

Paul asked about event start times; **Kevin** replied that the first event would open at 4pm with group start times up until 6pm, but at later events groups could start later as daylight allows.

The Board discussed payment verification logistics. **Tam** said he would generate a report of online payments before each event for Registration workers to use.

Tournament ideas

Chris reported that SJSU archers had expressed interest in hosting a field and/or 3D tournament for collegiate archers. **Paul** noted that all field targets would need to be in good shape for such an event; if that's too difficult then the event could simply run around the Lower 14 twice with different stakes each time; **Chuck** noted that this could be tricky as different stakes might require different target faces. **Dawnell** asked about range maintenance needed before the event; **Chris** said he believed SJSU archery would help do it. **Paul** asked when the proposed event would happen; **Chris** said they're still working on scheduling, and that it would likely be much later this school year or even next school year. **Paul** asked **Chris** to ask them to set a date well in advance to facilitate planning; **Chuck** noted the state field event is in June, so consider scheduling something in coordination with that.

Winston proposed the idea of a double-elimination format tournament to prepare archers for USA Archery-style events. **Paul** noted the 70m distance would be a problem as BMB doesn't have many targets at that distance. **Dawnell** replied that BMB could use a shorter distance, as what's more important is the event format. **Paul** proposed simplifying the classes and divisions to a few to ensure there are enough participants in the elimination format; **Dawnell** noted the Senior Games do something like this. **Dawnell** said that July might be a good month for such an event, as it's not too busy on the archery tournament scene; **Paul** said maybe an event with recurve archers on one day and compound the other.

JOAD program

Chris proposed setting aside an area at the range for the JOAD kids to practice, in the upper parking lot area. **Paul** added there's some room in one of the containers for target storage if needed. **Chris** said he would work with the JOAD archers' parents on the targets; **Marianna** added that **Curt** (Predators Archery) had offered 10 target bales for the program.

Marianna said she would be registering a USA Archery, JOAD and Adult Awards program, later that month. **Dawnell** noted that JOAD archers may need a waiver from their parents.

New Business

New FITA lane?

Tam asked if it might be possible to set up a second 70m target next to field target 5, noting that it was almost exactly 70m from the top of the small “hill” next to target 5, to the line on which the target 5 bale sits. **Paul** replied that it would need at least 15 degrees of clearance to target 5 to comply with NFAA safety rules, and that such a target would likely be too close to the fence and the “birdhouse” at the corner.

Sun shade structure

Marianna and **Tam** asked about the possibility of building some sort of canopy, notably over the practice range shooting line, which would improve the appeal and usage of the practice range. **Paul** said that erecting any kind of “permanent” structure would be difficult without approval from the county Parks Department.

BMB Discord server

Winston presented and demonstrated the Discord server he had set up for the club to use and Board to use for future meetings. **Tam** said he would send out invitations to current BMB members. **Dawnell** asked who had access to the Discord, and **Winston** explained that certain channels (rooms) are open only to members, and others are open only to administrators and Board members. **Dawnell** proposed trying out Discord for the next Board meeting.

BMB jerseys

Katherine said that she had spoken with **Alan Eagleton** about how Kings Mountain got their jerseys, and that she would look into doing the same; the club will need to choose a logo, mascot, and jersey colors. **Dawnell** recommended against blue or red jerseys as those colors are used by too many other clubs. **Marianna** offered to work with **Katherine** on design and fitment.

BMB mascot

Katherine asked about a new mascot animal for the club. **Dawnell** asked how Black Mountain Bowmen got its name; **Paul** explained the range used to be located on Black Mountain Road, near Lexington Reservoir. **Katherine** said she would send out a survey.

Taste of Archery event

Chris reported that he had communicated with the County about running a “Taste Of Archery” introductory archery event for the general public at BMB, which would be organized by the County. **Dawnell** asked whose bows and equipment would be used; **Paul** replied that the club has a number of teaching bows that could be used.

The Board discussed which of the proposed dates would work best, May 25, June 15, or June 22. With regards to availability of archery volunteers, **Paul** pointed out that May 25 is Memorial Day weekend, and **Dawnell** mentioned that Simi Valley State Archers is the June 21 weekend, but that it shouldn't be a significant conflict. **Chris** said he would tell the County that June 22 would work best.

Dawnell and **Paul** discussed the exact format of the event, and asked if there was a limit to the number of entries. **Chris** said that the County had told him that there would be a limit of 75 people.

Work party

Chuck mentioned that the weather looked very unfavorable for the upcoming work party date, and asked if it should be rescheduled or if maintenance work could be deferred until the March work party date. **Paul** said it was okay to wait until March.

Limiting range access to members

Chuck said he believed that although the County would not be receptive to the idea of restricting range access to BMB members only, there might be a way to frame the conversation that might make them more amenable to it, specifically by explaining that the current situation is not sustainable. **Paul** countered that he didn't believe things were that dire, that the club is doing all right financially, and that the main issue is a need for more volunteers to help at work parties.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm. **Tam** noted that he would be on vacation and not able to attend, but that he would have meeting minutes and agenda prepared. **Chris** said he would run the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm (motion: **Paul**; second: **Tam**).