

# BMB BoD Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2025 / 7:00 PM

## Attendees

**BMB Leadership:** Chuck Gilbert, Viet-Tam Luu, Lilith Mariano, Mark Nishihara, Ron May-Pumphrey, Chris Plumeau, Dawnel Scott, Winston Wang

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

## Minutes of Last Meeting

Board members reviewed the minutes of the August 6 meeting, made corrections, and approved the minutes as amended (motion: **Dawnel**; second: **Ron**).

## Monthly Reports

### President

**Chris** said that he had spoken with **Debbie** from BowHunters Unlimited, who affirmed that the County is also holding BHU's permit until they procure a business license. **Chris** said that the County had explained that the reason they were requiring a business license is that BMB is not currently officially incorporated as a nonprofit with the IRS, so we should pursue that. He added that **Debbie** is also pursuing the same course.

**Chris** reported that he had met with County Parks, and summarized what he had discussed and learned.

Regarding the permit fee increase, **Tere** had written a letter to the County asking about it, and the County's response was that the base permit price was unchanged, but they were adding surcharges, specifically for exclusive use of the parking lot which is shared with other parts of the park. **Dawnel** noted that the permit fees we paid for the MTBA 900 may not be correct, so should be reviewed. **Chris** added that the County also wanted a separate surcharge for opening the gate earlier than usual. **Tam** asked if it might be possible to hold shoots in the upper parking lot, which is not shared with any other parts of the park; **Dawnel** said it would be a hassle to move everything. **Chris** said he had asked what the parking lot surcharge would mean for Club Shoots.

**Chuck** asked if we had challenged the County about the value we bring with all the maintenance we do. **Chris** said that the County seems particular about what they are responsible for, so we should push them to do the maintenance they're supposedly responsible for. **Ron** noted that we

should make sure we clarify what's included in an eventual lease agreement; **Chris** said he had been discussing a lease agreement with **Richard** from the County.

**Chris** said that the permit for the State 900 had been filed and paid for. He noted that he had opted not to pay to have the site opened early; we'll simply do setup on Friday evening as had been done for the MTBA 900.

## **Treasurer**

**Ron** reported the club's funds currently totaled [REDACTED], with [REDACTED] in Wells-Fargo, and [REDACTED] in PayPal.

**Ron** presented the balance sheet and noted some income this past month from a number of new or renewed memberships, thanks to the MTBA 900. He reported that there had been some expenses related to range maintenance, and said that he anticipated an upcoming expense for bales, as we've almost run out.

The Treasure's Report was approved unanimously (motion: **Chuck**; second: **Dawnel**).

## **Secretary**

**Tam** reported that the BMB website had experienced issues in the last week, being unavailable or extremely slow to load at times. He had investigated but failed to find any cause for the problem. He said that the problem seemed to have been alleviated and that things seemed to be back to normal, but if problems returned he would have to reach out to HostGator's technical support.

**Tam** said that a number of renewed or new members had joined as a result of the MTBA 900, which requires current membership in an MTBA club. It seemed that a number of members with lapsed memberships weren't aware that their memberships had expired.

## **SJSU Updates**

**Chris** said that SJSU is back in session, and that SJSU archers would be helping out at Work Parties. He said that he was working on renewing a written agreement between BMB and SJSU.

**Chris** said that SJSU were working on holding their second annual Spartan CAT shoot on October 26, the last Sunday of the month. **Tam** asked if SJSU requires anything specific from BMB; **Chris** said he was working on it.

**Tam** asked if SJSU had a County permit for the event, and **Chris** confirmed that they had already filed for one.

**Chuck** noted that bales on some targets on the Upper 14 would need to be replaced to make them usable for the shoot.

## **Old Business**

### **Work Party**

**Tam** reported that we have only about dozen bales remaining, which will limit how many targets can be serviced.

**Tam** asked **Chuck** how passable Upper 14 was. **Chuck** said that the first half looks good, though there's one spot midway where you have to duck under poison oak; he said there's a short section in the middle where weed trimming is needed.

**Tam** said that **Paul** had called to say that he wouldn't be able to make it. **Chris** said that he has a truck now for moving bales.

### **Tractor repairs**

**Tam** said that he would talk to **James** to see if he can work on the tractor at the Work Party that coming Saturday.

### **Tool shed termite treatment**

**Chris** said that he had emailed **Shawn DeLong** but had not heard back.

### **Coyote 600**

**Chris** said that he had sent **SF Archers** another email at the end of August but had yet received no response.

### **Golden Arrow tournament**

**Chris** reported that he had started drafting a plan for an event, and hoped to have something to present at the next meeting.

### **MTBA Regional 900**

**Tam** said that setting up for the event on Friday had worked out well. **Dawnel** added that from an administrative point of view things had run smoothly and we had received plenty of help.

### **CBH-SAA State 900**

**Chris** said that he had ordered more target faces from **Predators**, and that he would have them early the following week.

**Tam** noted that Friday setup for the event would need to start earlier, as the sun would be setting earlier than it had around the MTBA 900. **Chris** replied that SJSU would be finishing practice around that time and could help.

**Chris** reiterated that the event permit was being finalized. He added that **Curtis (Predators)** had given BMB \$1500 in store credit in return for the club's help at the State Outdoors earlier this year.

**Dawnel** asked if **Tere** had requested an extra porta-potty for the event; **Chris** confirmed that he had, and that he (**Chris**) would handle it.

## **New Business**

### **Target bales sourcing**

**Chuck** reported his findings to date about getting new target bales. He said that he had reached out to 18-20 different archery ranges, asking about what bales they used, and what they plan on doing going forward if they had been using **PacBow** bales. He noted that PacBow's target bales business had been sold to **Little Sioux Archery Targets** in Iowa.

**Chuck** said that about half of the clubs he had contacted had responded so far. About a half-dozen clubs had told him that they don't use straw bales. He said he knew of two that use straw bales, adding that **Oranco** had recently purchased 100 PacBow bales. **Santa Cruz Archers** had expressed interest in splitting an order, but they don't currently require many bales, whereas we need about 52 to outfit the rest of our range.

**Chuck** estimated that he could probably get about 200 bales on a semi trailer, so we should look into splitting an order with other clubs on the west coast; he noted that with transportation costs, pricing might be as high as \$150 per bale.

**Chuck** reported that **Yahi Bowmen** compress their own bales with a powerful hydraulic compressor, photos of which he presented. He said that **Darrington Archers** in Washington has a compressor that produces bales that are comparable or superior to PacBow's.

**Dawnel** asked about **El Dorado Archers**; **Chuck** replied that they now get foam targets from **Big Boy Targets**. **Dawnel** wondered if they might still have a compressor they might be willing to sell.

**Tam** suggested talking with **Yahi Bowmen** about taking a closer look at their compressor so that we might build our own. **Chuck** said that alternatively, we might pay them to compress bales for us or come up with some such arrangement.

### **Upper lot trailer repairs**

**Ron** reported that the semi trailer in the upper lot currently holding really old 3D targets was presently unusable due to damage to the doors. He suggested replacing damaged doors with a wall with a smaller door in it, or maybe installing a new door on the side of the trailer, in which case a set of steps leading up to it would be needed.

## **Next Meeting**

After some deliberation, the next meeting date was set to Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 7 PM. **Tam** noted that he would be on vacation and not available to attend the meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.