

Minutes for Idaho Traditional Bowhunters November 14, 2024 Zoom Meeting
The meeting recording can be accessed on our website

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pmMST by President Janet Houlihan
2. After a brief welcome and attendance (8 attendees) the meeting began with a presidents' report. Janet reported that there have been no volunteers for secretary or treasurer and she has been taking care of those duties in the interim. She filed the ITB business report with the Idaho Secretary of State for 2025, She is currently researching target trailer insurance. Plans for the Expo are moving forward. Annual audit of books is underway.
3. Vice Presidents report by Shawn Carman; renewed domain name for 2 years, updated website with current events.
4. Secretary-treasurer Report done by Janet Houlihan since no one has volunteered for the positions(s); Current bank balance: \$9533.12
Expenses: \$49.74 Debit card Fuel for Janet to drive to Grangeville to deliver records for audit to Kathy Warford and Diana Schlegel.
 - \$43.55 Check to Lisa Hall for renewing target trailer license for 10 years
 - \$422.78 Check to Payette tire for new target trailer tires.
 - \$38.00 Debit Card for renewal of domain name on website.
5. Reports from Regional Directors and Director at Large. Only regional director present was Ray Gorney and he shared about looking for an area in the central region to put in an archery range and so far hasn't found a good site. He reported that Nate Steen harvested a moose this fall. Way to go Nate!
Janet reported that Dennis Michael wasn't able to attend but had reported to her that AG Labrador was promoting legislation that would transfer federally owned public lands into state control and suggested we should oppose that. Idaho Wildlife Federation is sending out an email to folks to reply with your opinion on the transfer.
Bob Bourland contacted Janet about a committee in the Southeast Idaho region that formed to study the Mule deer seasons to allow recovery of the mule deer population after the hard winter of 2023-24. He suggested we contact the members of the committee and advocate for a traditional only archery season in the area. Janet has sent out a club email with the link and information about the committee. Please consider contacting the committee members with the proposal for a traditional only archery season.
Director at Large Mike Schlegel was present and reported how the Fish and Game uses committees to gather information about policy and hunting season changes.
6. Items for Discussion: Dave Hall has replaced the tires on the target trailer after getting a weight of contents and finding out we are about 1000 pounds over weight. With the new beefier tires and plans for off loading some of the trailer contents, we should be much safer. Thom Tash has completed a target inventory and we have 57 targets. He gave a report and will be emailing the target list to Janet at the ITB email address. We only need 45 targets for our shoots, so a proposal to auction off 10 - 12 targets was made. Shawn made a suggestion to donate a few targets to Fish and Game for targets that were burned in the WMA fire. It was mentioned that the fire was caused by an electrical problem with Idaho Power equipment and they may be paying for restoration of losses due to the fire. No decision was made about the target auction and we will revisit this issue at the December meeting.
Discussion of getting insurance for the target trailer was favorable but more details are needed. Janet will continue getting information from the insurance company and giving them the estimated value of the trailer contents for replacement if needed. Question was raised about deductible and Janet didn't know how much it was and said she'd find out. Tentative quote was about \$860 per year for \$65,000 coverage.

Mark Wood is investigating the possibility of replacing the steel rebar with new fiberglass stakes to reduce the weight of the target stakes in the trailer.

John Warford reported that he inventoried the existing target PVC stakes and found there were four colors and only 30 stakes of each. A vote was made and passed to reduce the number of colors to 3 increase the numbers of stakes of each color to 40. John is making repairs and repainting the stakes. Thanks John!

Discussion and voting on dates for upcoming shoots:

Dave Dewey reported that a group of traditional shooters are planning an event at the Nampa Bow Chiefs facility for February 8, 2025 from 1-5pm with shoot activities including a Vegas round, speed round, kids balloon targets, moving targets, etc. We are encouraging ITB members to participate. There will be a nominal shoot fee but no rental fees for the facility since the folks organizing it are members. Vendors are welcome to set up. Food may be a possibility, ie Pizza? This sounds like a good option to have a local gathering in February in place of the banquet we used to have before the Expo came along. Janet will contact Daryl Robison and Christopher Blessing about helping them design a moving target option.

 Fallen Archers; Voted to happen March 1, 2025 unanimous

 NorthWest Traditional Expo March 21,22,23, 2025 at Convention Center next door to Roundup facility in Pendleton Oregon. Cost for the rental \$3400 split 3 ways. Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Nevada are participating but Nevada too small to contribute financially. Voted and passed for ITB to contribute \$1100 to our portion of the venue rental. Venue is much bigger with a better layout for vendors, seminars, and banquet. Riley got a new caterer for the dinner. Shoot area to be determined.

 Bowbirds and litter pickup now on Highway 52, safer for kids, Voted for April 5, 2025

 New Meadows Traditional Rendezvous June 27, 28, 29, 2025

Alex Martin gave a brief report of his involvement with Fish and Game HAT committee. They are getting a pitch from manufacturers/sellers of very expensive, highly technical big game hunting gear that doesn't really apply to traditional archery. More to come as the committee meetings progress.

Alex agreed to go to the shoot card meeting scheduled for Nov 23 and give them our shoot schedule. Thanks Alex!

Meeting Adjourned. 7:40pm by President Janet Houlihan

Please "fact check" this report by going online to our website and listening to the Zoom recording of the meeting. Forgive any omissions or errors. See you in December, the 12th at 6:30pmMST on Zoom.

Submitted by Janet Houlihan
November 15, 2024