

Meeting Minutes Zoom August 7, 2025

Idaho Traditional Bowhunters

Meeting called to order by President Janet Houlihan at 6:30pmMDT. Members present: Janet Houlihan, (President), Shawn Carman, (Vice President), Ray Gorney, (Central Region), John Warford, Mike Schlegel, (Director at Large), Thom Tash (Target Master).

Opening remarks, mentioned passing of Jerry Stout, long time member, no celebration of life is planned yet, maybe at Spring Fling (aka Fallen Archers).

Riley Savage confirmed February 14, 2026 as NWTA Expo event date, so we can now work on setting dates for our 2026 shoots, which we will discuss later in the meeting. Members voted on a proposal by Janet to award Dave and Lisa Hall Lifetime memberships for their unfailing support of our club through the years. Unanimously approved.

Shawn Carman reported 19 people have put in orders for new sweatshirts, and he will place the order by the end of the week, so get your order in ASAP! He plans to order a total of about 50 shirts, so if you didn't pre-order you may still have a chance to get one.

Discussion followed about the youth archery program that Janet and Thom offered this July at the Cascade Rec Center, teaching traditional archery to kids 7-13 years and peewees 4-6 years. John Warford and Mike Schlegel are certified to teach bowhunter education, and volunteered their time and equipment to help grow the Cascade program into a "statewide" program. The vision we have is to introduce kids to traditional archery and in the future have them experience our 3D shoots with a mentoring/certified instructor. We are using the old bows from the target trailer, and Pat Lopez made about 12 dozen kids arrows that work really well for their bows. Janet got her certification from USA Archery and is a certified Level 1 instructor. We had 29 kids sign up for the classes, so the interest is there and it's exciting to encourage the young archers.

Janet gave Secretary-Treasurer report: Current bank balance is \$9836.45. All invoices for MVTR and insurance are paid in full. Recent expenses for Porta Potties for MVTR \$600, up from \$525 last year for the same number of units. Also, we paid Ed Olson \$300 for use of

property for camping. Discussed raising the camping fee from \$5 to \$15 to help cover the expenses of porta potties and paying Ed. All present agreed to raise the camping fee for next year. Shawn proposed tracking the expenses to put on the shoot with our new QuickBooks program, so we have a good idea of what it costs us to put on the shoot.

Ray Gorney, our central director said not much happening to report from his region. Thank you, Ray, for faithfully attending our meetings and voting on the club decisions. Your input is much appreciated!

Dennis Michael, our Northern Director texted right before the meeting that he was returning from Africa and would miss the meeting.

Mike Schlegel, our Director at Large reported that a judge in Montana ordered that the Montana Fish and Game needed to revisit their wolf management plan that wolves were not threatened and endangered (since 2000) due to recent concerns raised by environmental groups.

Rocky Mountain Wolf Association has filed a lawsuit against the judge. John W. mentioned an article he read about the EPA not having reasonable criteria about deciding whether a species is threatened or endangered, and currently having 1300 species on the endangered list. Tags that were drawn but not purchased are up for grabs until August 15. Whitetail deer management planners meeting in Lewiston, so look for opportunities to make comments. Thanks Mike, for your information and analysis.

Discussion followed about the upcoming shoot dates and a summary of the decisions for the dates are as follows:

Northwest Traditional Archers Expo in Pendleton Oregon
February 14-15, 2026

Spring Fling (aka Fallen Archers) March 7 (Maybe add additional day if Fish and Game approves, March 8) 2026

Bowbirds and Litter pickup , Hwy 52 Mile marker 12-14.4 March 28, 2026

Meadow Valley Traditional Rendezvous from Wednesday June 24-Sunday June 28, 2026. Father's Day is June 21, so it falls on the weekend we usually do the mowing and campsite prep. We could do it June 20, Saturday, or maybe on Tuesday June 23 and have folks show up to camp and set targets midweek. We're looking for feedback on the idea of extending the camping time for the New

Meadows shoot. Ed Olson is fine with the area being used for a whole week if we want it.

Discussion followed about the target purchases and it was decided to purchase 3 targets from Riley Savage: Hogzilla, (\$750) bedded buck, (\$550), strutting turkey (\$450) plus shipping \$500. Janet will order the targets from Riley. We will auction off two targets at the MWTR so we have a total of 45 nice targets and can keep the trailer weight down. Riley will bring the targets to the Expo and three people will haul them back (Janet, Thom, John W.) With our current bank balance, less our previously agreed upon prudent reserve of \$5000, we have a cash asset of \$4837.45. Target purchases will total \$2250.00, so we will still have \$2587.45 above the prudent reserve for other expenditures that we have for putting on our shoots, getting medals, and administrative costs. John W. mentioned that he knew of a couple who would like to purchase the bedded buck target and donate it to the club...thank you Kathy! Shawn proposed setting up a target sponsorship program for our targets.

Meeting adjourned by 7:30MDT by Janet Houlihan

Thanks all you who participated! Those who didn't, can watch it on Zoom if you want to get the full experience of the lively discussions.

See you next time in November!!

Happy hunting!!

Regards, Janet Houlihan