

# Blackhawk Archers of La Crosse, Inc.

## Annual Meeting Minutes 2026

February 2, 2026 at Clubhouse 6:00 pm

Attendance: Ed Ludwig (President), Tim Dakin (VP), Kevin Horstman (Range Captain), Karl Horstman (Range Captain), William Horstman, Terry Wright.

### **Minutes:**

President Ludwig Called The Meeting to Order at 6:10 after a pizza dinner. He distributed the agenda.

#### Review and Approve the Agenda:

Ed reviewed the agenda and asked for additions or corrections. The Constitution item under President's Report was crossed out. **Kevin made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Tim seconded. Motion carried.**

Review, Revise (if needed), and Approve 2025 Meeting Minutes. This was not done since the Secretary/Treasurer was not in attendance, and we didn't have a copy available.

### **Reports:**

#### • President's Report

President Ludwig delivered his report to the club. They are summarized here.

*Summer Leagues and Club Championships-* The club held leagues for field, target, and 3-D. We had 5-8 shooters for each league. We held a club championship in each type of league with the exception of target. The leagues ran for 3 Wednesday nights for each type.

*Shoots-* (3-D, Field and Hunter Round).

We held the Redding Style 3-D Shoot in April of 2025. The shoot was a success. We had 17 shooters. The number was not as high as we would like. The food was great at the shoot.

Thank you Eric Crammond!!!!!!

We held the Field/Hunter Round on June 21, 2025. The shoot also served as the club championship for the Field/Hunter Round Championship. Attendance was low with only 10 archers shooting (with fewer than 5 being club members). Justin McGrath won the club championship. The food was once again great. Thanks again Eric. I had donated pies for dessert, but attendance was so low I awarded the winners a fresh pie to take home. The men's and women's winners were very appreciative. I was thinking of calling this shoot the Pie Shoot!

#### • Membership Report

Membership stayed constant at about 102. There were 27 family members, 75 single members, and 21 daily members. I had problems with my email notifications from Paypal for about 3 weeks, so I don't think that number is totally accurate. I would like to try to double check these with the help of Eric if possible. I would like us to have a membership goal of 125 members for 2026.

Income from membership for 2026 will be higher since we had raised the membership in the middle of the summer last year.

I am serving on the WAA (Wisconsin Archers Alliance) Board at this time. It is the Wisconsin official organization for USA Archery and NFAA (National Field Archery Association). I made a proposal at the Board to allocate \$1000 to put on a Field Archery Academy at Blackhawk. The money is to be used to cover the cost of bringing in a presenter and provide a lunch. They approved. I was able to contact Rod Menzer (former Wisconsin, USA and World Champion) and he was glad to volunteer as lead presenter. We will be hosting this Academy at Blackhawk on May 2 this year.

#### • Financial Report (Treasurer's Report)

This was not reported on since Eric Crammond (Treasurer/Sec) was not in attendance.

*Balances of Accounts and 2025 spending-*The financial report was not presented at the meeting. SEE SPECIAL NOTE BELOW.

## **New Business Items:**

- 2026 Schedule of Events

President Ludwig presented his suggested calendar of events for 2026. It includes April dates for setup and cleanup of the ranges the first two Saturdays on April 4 & 11, the Redding Style 3-D shoot May 2-3, The WAA Archery Academy on May 2nd (1 day only), Field Shoot May 3, Leagues, Field/Hunter Round June 20, 3-D Target Days August 22-September 11. **A motion to approve the calendar was made by Tim and seconded by Kevin to approve the calendar (see attachment). Motion carried by voice vote.**

- Range Improvement Proposals

A short discussion of needs for range upkeep and equipment took place. Ed said that isn't known if stuffing for the target butts is available yet from the recycle company. He is going to check into that. Kevin brought up the need for a better mower for range trails. He is going to get a price on a suitable machine and bring it to the next executive board meeting. **A motion by Kevin and seconded by Tim was made to allocate \$500 for the purchase of new 3-d animals. Motion carried by voice vote.**

- Election of Officers for 2026

**The following officers were elected by unanimous consent. Ed Ludwig-President, Tim Dakin-Vice President, Eric Crammond-Treasurer/Sec.**

- Other Items

President Ludwig pointed out that the other items under Other Items to discuss and approve were already covered in discussion or motions. **He asked to entertain a motion of adjournment if there wasn't any objection. Tim made a motion and William seconded it. Motion to adjourn carried.**

\*SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S NOTE: After going home and opening my email, I realized that Eric had sent me an email with the financial report and budget from 2025 that afternoon. He also said he would be unable to attend the meeting due to a new job he had acquired. I wasn't aware of this email before the meeting. I, Ed Ludwig attach his report to this annual meeting minutes as a point of information after the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: AGENDA, SPENDING REPORT, CHECKING AND SAVINGS BALANCES.