Report of the Vice-President for the 2022 Archery Alberta AGM

It has been my privilege to work with a very dedicated group of Archery Alberta members on the Board of Directors for the past year. These members are committed to the association and to its members. They give up a great deal of personal time with little or no thanks and absolutely no compensation. Why? They do it because they love archery and work diligently for the Archery Alberta members.

In all associations, issues arise. I believe that this Board of Directors confidently dealt with issues in a timely and appropriate manner. Some of the issues arose because it is human nature to complain. However, the complainers never seem to want to work with the association to improve or change what they perceive as wrong. Undo stress and anxiety is foisted on these dedicated members.

Having a face-to-face Executive after the Covid19 pandemic was very beneficial. It is necessary to meet in person not only to discuss issues and programs, but to better understand the viewpoints of the members of the Board. The Board is a group of passionate people who work together to do what is best for the association. It is my hope that this will continue in the new year with two such meetings.

This year it was my great pleasure to be a member of the Archery Alberta ASA Tour Committee. This group worked very well together and produced an excellent 3D Tour for our members and archers from neighboring provinces. You will see from the final report from the ASA Tour Committee that the tour was a huge success. I would like to commend Jamie Brehaut for his vision and the success that it brought to Archery Alberta. Barry Peters also did a fantastic job by being at every event and assisting in too many ways to count. Archery Alberta is the envy of other provinces because of the Tour and has been lauded by Archery Canada for its success. Spikes in membership occurred prior to each of the events. This is an excellent outlook for our future as an organization. We have, because of the ASA Tour, acquired a commitment from one club that will gain the association 300 new members. New members means more funds to use for programs that will benefit all Alberta archers.

I also have been working on a program to provide outdoor camps for juniors to become familiar with the Outdoor Target, Field, and 3D disciplines. It is my hope that Archery Alberta can provide an introduction and basic training for these aspects of our sport. If you would like to assist in this project and sit on a committee, please contact me.

It is disheartening that, with close to 1200 members in the association, so few members feel the desire to assist in any manner. Leaving all of the tasks to a few dedicated members will, in time, lead to burn out. Many people find fault with programs in the association and cause issues to arise, but are unwilling to step up and work to improve these programs. Please consider devoting some of your time to the committees that work so hard and that need help from people who really care about the association as a whole.

Respectfully,
Jude Hooey