

Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the WAA Membership  
Letchworth State Park  
Castile, New York  
August 28, 2010

President Scott Van Arsdale opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. He thanked Doug Bassett and Sue Mercer for putting the event together.

The issues discussed at the Board meeting were described for the membership. Scott told how Ken Faucher of New Hampshire had suggested having a national championship. Doug Bassett designed the competition, and he and Scott thought the annual meeting was the best venue. Should the WAA have anything official to do with this competition? The Board had thought not, since the WAA is a world organization and the atlatl world is already heavily weighted toward the U.S. Scott asked for input. Someone thought we would need a U.S. association to handle this event. Doug is willing to organize the U.S. championship at annual meetings, and it was agreed that this seems like a good compromise.

Scott brought up another issue discussed by the Board, that of a bound volume of newsletter articles. The problem is finding people willing to do the work. John Whittaker had offered to do some. Bob and Cheryll Berg might help.

The candidates were invited to speak. Len Riemersma, running for president, presented his credentials. For Board members, Linda Brundage and John Whittaker spoke for themselves, Scott spoke on behalf of Greg Maurer, and Ray Madden spoke on behalf of Jon Wood. Scott also thanked the election committee. The results of voting were not announced during the meeting but were as follows: President – Len Riemersma, Treasurer – Richard Lyons, Board of Directors – Linda Brundage, John Whittaker, and Jon Wood.

Richard Lyons had been absent at the beginning of the meeting. Upon his arrival at 7:41 the meeting could officially begin. It was moved to open the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Ray Madden. Motion carried.

Scott presented two President's Awards: one to Doug Bassett and one to Gary and JoAnn Fogelman.

Richard Lyons presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance on July 1, 2009 was \$7326.58. Income since then has consisted of \$5315.16 and expenses have totaled \$4690.50, ending in a balance of \$7951.24 as of June 30, 2010. Margie Takoch thanked Richard for finding a less expensive printer for the newsletter. Len moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Margie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott asked if anyone had any issues with the minutes of the 2009 meeting. No one did. It was moved to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by John Morris. Motion carried.

John Whittaker asked if the WAA should have a presence on Facebook for public outreach, mainly as a way to point interested people to the website or to Paleoplanet. Linda Nolf volunteered to take on creating and maintaining a WAA Facebook page.

The issue of backups, which had been discussed at the Board meeting, was talked about. The treasurer has the secretary, who is also authorized to write checks for the WAA, as a backup, and the president has the vice president. The newsletter editor has no one, and the newsletter, as the

main benefit for most members, is an important part of the WAA. Russell Richard had offered to help. Margie is still the editor.

Russell had hoped to have the 2011 meeting in Saratoga, Wyoming to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rod Laird taking his class out to atlatl. Regardless of the annual meeting location, there will be an event to honor Rod.

The meeting was opened to the general membership. Margie thanked Doug Bassett and Dana and Kay Klein for organizing the event.

Ray Madden would like to see experimentation with unfletched darts. Several people offered comments, including throwing separate ISACs or throwing unofficial unfletched ISACs. John Whittaker pointed out that anyone can do any experiment s/he wants, and Scott pointed out that event organizers can include whatever kinds of competitions they want.

There was applause for Scott as president.

Scott thanked everyone, including the nominating committee.

Andy Majorsky had some of Chuck Butorajac's atlatl items for purchase. Scott said that the Board thought we might be able to have the general public bid on the items. Russell talked about Chuck and encouraged people to get out to other events, although travel can be difficult.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Birkett  
WAA Executive Secretary

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