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## WA STATE MEETING MINUTES

**Time:** After the Shoot

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Venue:** Southwest Bowmen

State Representative WA Mr. Steve Linaker to chair the meeting.

Apologies: Keith Speight, Rob McKenzie, Nick Lintern, Wayne Hanley, Sue Wallace, Heather Pender

Attendees: Les Simpson National Secretary, Steve Linaker, Kevin Warns, Ian Ramsdale, Ken Hart, Brian Back Jack Rice, Clay Dunlop, Vanessa Hendry, Alex Hendry, Noel Stone. Michael Shine, Mick Mellores.

1. Welcome from Steve. Thanked LS for travelling out to WA. Welcome new member MM. Discuss TAA growth in WA. This Shoot will be continuing. There is a raffle with donated prizes from SL and TAA. Please support as all funds raised will be going to TAA. For those that are staying for dinner tonight all funds raised will also be going to TAA. Thank you for TAA member support to donate food and their time and skills with the cook up.
2. Les gave a brief overview of the TAA Management Structure.  
SRM (State Representative Managers)  
Executive Committee.  
Alliance.  
Suggested to WA TAA members that this shoot from next year is called the "Ken Hart Trad Shoot" this is to ensure that one of their founding members is recognized.
3. LS discussed promotional gear. This is the way we receive funds to operate. Please support and purchase copious amounts of promotional gear.  
T-Shirts  
Polos  
Caps
4. LS discussed TAA funding: Memberships / Promotional / Sponsorship / Shoots. Always looking for more ideas. Please get involved.
5. LS: Invitation to Attend our other shoots. National Trad Family. AGM Please vote.
6. LS: Memorial Shoots. Each State. Support from members is needed. Vote to have an Annual perpetual shoot at Southwest Bowmen.
7. LS and SL: TAA Medal. Presentation of the Medal. The first WA TAA Medal of appreciation was presented to Ken Hart. LS discussed the importance and only the elite of Traditional Archery receive this medal. It is only given to persons nominated by a member to the SRM and approved by the TAA National Committee. SL spoke of Ken's love of Traditional Archery and his support and promotion of the sport. The special appreciation from Southwest Bowmen for his many years of devotion and



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continued efforts to the sport.

Ken Hart thanked TAA and especially the WA TAA members for this honor. He said that we must encourage the young archers and teach them the right way. Respect of the sport and this will make them better members of the community. Spend the time on the kids they are our future. Please see attached photo of this presentation.

8. LS presented SL with a special framed letter of appreciation from the Executive Committee. SL has only been in his position for twelve months and has grown the membership from three to 34 and counting. Steve is a likeminded person with a passion for Trad Archery. Thank you Steve.
9. SL discussed plans for the WA TAA group moving forward. There was a general discussion between members.
10. Meeting Closed at: About 1800hrs. Discussion continues through the night with great entertainment from the members. Good food and a little drink was had by all. TAA is strong and growing in WA. I encourage all Committee Members, RSM's and members from other states to make the trip next year. It will be bigger and better.
11. Steve made a presentation to TAA member Clay Dunlop of a custom made recurve bow. This bow was made by Peter Kosonen Peter is now over 90 years old. I personally had the pleasure of meeting this man a few years ago. He gave me the honor of shooting one of his custom made recurves. I would have to say it would have been one of the smoothest bows I have ever shot. Similar to the "Swans". Heavy well balanced handle with great cast. Very stable.

This bow was found in a pawn shop by Steve. Clay has wanted one all of his shooting life. Peter did not sell his bows but made them for special friends and family only. They are very hard to get!

This great gift is an example of the Trad Fellowship we have. Needless to say that Clay was shooting that bow well into the night.

Next Meeting: June Trad Shoot 2017

On behalf of the committee and personally I would like to thank Steve and Southwest Bowmen committee, members and especially Bonnie Cabrini for their support and hard work to set up and promote this shoot. I look forward to attending again next year.

Les Simpson  
National Secretary



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