



## **Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Sam Hewlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following officers were present:

Directors: Sam Hewlett (Chairman), Sean Wade (Vice Chairman), Georgia Coulter, Ted Pitt, Ken Wong, Diana Pinto, John Palmer, Scott Johnson & Robb Wolfe.

Game Warden: Kevin Michellich

### **Announcements:**

*MSP (Motion Second and Passed) by Georgia, seconded by John to approve the minutes, as corrected for October*

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Archery Ted Pitt:**

Archery looks good.

#### **Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:**

Shotgun has been a bit slow but picking up.  
Did some work on the skeet field moving wads.  
Bunker has been slow too but picking up.  
Continental league starts up soon.  
Need to order targets

#### **Cowboy, Derek Mirkle**

October 5 & 6 report:

Friday set up saw Jus Dan D (Dan Dupertuis), Knucky McPolack (Steve Polack), T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong), and Carlsbad Kid Karl Mayer) coming out in the rain to help me git 'er done. Thanks to Contingent Fee McGee (Lance Palmer) for writing the stages for both days, even though he can't shoot with us right now.

The weather cleared up and we had two very nice days for shooting, even if it was a bit chilly in the mornings.

We had 24 shooters on Saturday, three that shot clean; Grandpa Dillon (Dave George), Hank Hills (Van Bradley), and Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert). The top three were; Lawbreaker, Hank Hills, and Driften Rattler (Bill Hanson).

On Sunday, we had 21 shooters. The clean shooters were Kodachrome Kid (Chuck Ropel) and Hazy Grey. The top three were Driften Rattler, R&R (Russ Holm), and Just Dan D.

We had 4 new shooters; Terrible T, Bart Slade, Huckleberry McCoy, and Curly Nawgun.

With four shooters comped, \$410.00 was turned into the Club.

November 2 & 3 report:

The RUCAS Cowboy and Cowgirls had great weather for the whole weekend. The Range was in good shape when I arrived for set-up on Friday afternoon, though someone had left the national flag up on the flagpole. My thanks go out to Carlsbad Kid(Karl Mayer), Just Dan D (Dan DuPertuis), Half Fast Smitty (Dan Ferriera), and Knucky McPolack (Steve Polack) for comin' out to wrangle the steel with me. I'd also like to give special thanks to Carlsbad Kid for building a herd of new horses that we use to stage our long-guns on.

Just Dan D also wrote the stages for both days as well! Dastardly Dean (Gary Sandwick) did yeoman's duty in the Scorekeeper's hot-seat both days and even got us using the club tablets and Practi-Score, finally. Thanks to Alan Feucht and for his technical assistance in getting us up and running on this.

Saturday, we had 22 Pardes and Pardettes come out to foil the bad guys, including a couple from Florida. Sunday saw 24 upstanding, law-abidin' citizens join the posse to thwart the steel evildoers.

Saturday's top three were: Driften Rattler (Bill Hanson) in 1<sup>st</sup>, Rick O'Shea (Russ Silverling) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Wrongo Starr (Barry Turner) in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Driften Rattler was our only clean shooter.

Sunday our top three competitors were: Rick O'Shea in 1<sup>st</sup>, Wrongo Starr in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bjorn E. Ville (Eric Simonson) in 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had four clean shooters on Sunday, they were: Half Fast Smitty, Long Colt Dave (Dave Scholl), Carlsbad Kid, and Broncho (Dennis Holm).

With four shooters "comped" \$420.00 was turned into the Club.

Our next matches are scheduled for Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec.1<sup>st</sup>

Westmatch request was made for 2020. Members of the board will meet with Derek

**Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:**

The next match will be in January.

**Grounds, (open):** Position is open LaMarr reported

We have continued to check out the night lights and have replaced those that are not working on the pistol range. Replaced sensor and changed the routing to the night light next to the Rifle office. Now all lights are working. We had a time with checking out the four cameras that were not working on the rifle range, now up and working. Turned out it was the power supply. The trap closed signs holders on the shotgun range, were tighten. Now that the hunter sight in is over, we refaced and chipped the 50 yd. and 200 yd. berms. We have been keeping up with backers and general cleanup of the ranges. The end beams, down range, on the pistol range are shoot up pretty bad and will need to be changed in the near future.

On Monday, the 28th the Monday Crew was re-certified for RSOII in the action bays. Thanks goes out to Scott for coming out and putting on the class for us.

LaMarr will talk with Sam about adding chips to the impact areas of bays 5, 6 & 7.

Roy installed new distribution panel in the action bays.

Sean asked about doing something about the low beam on the pistol range and if something can be done about it.

#### **Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:**

No new Hunter education classes for next season on the calendar yet. Should have them for December meeting.

#### **Conservation, Gary Emerson:**

Nearly every new plant survived this summer. Natural rains came as if planned. Watering was only done 7 or 8 times.

I'll be looking to replace plants lost summer 2018 in Spring 2020.

#### **IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

October 19th was our most recent monthly IDPA club match.

This was a VERY WET match. A lot of rain gear was tested and found lacking.

There were 8 Stages setup in 7 Bays.

37 Shooters participated. There were no DQs or safety issues.

#### **FINANCIALS:**

Gross Revenue: \$595.00

Expenses: 23.36

Total Net Revenue: \$571.64

The next scheduled Match will be on November 16th.

## Membership, Sean

Membership as of 11-07-2019

Junior	34
Annual	517
Senior	268
Family	97
Military	4
Life	19
Total	939

### Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

Attendance peaked this month with 1,217 people using the range. Members accounted for 654 and guests 563. There were 433 paying guests that brought in \$8548.24 to the club.

We had some computer problems early in the month and Chuck came in and made some upgrades and everything is working.

The heater in the club house was replaced after one of the fan blades came off. Lyn was able to weld the blade back on and the heater was used until the replacement was installed.

Four cameras lost power and the Monday crew tracked down the problem and corrected it.

Greg reported on kids match. Slim Lunden has volunteered to be Santa this year.

### Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Not much fun practicing in the rain not much else happening.

**Steel Matches, Cel Alvarez:**

Tim Ralston will be taking over the Head Coach position for the Junior Team.

Steel Match at RFGC for October 13, 2019 had a total of 24 participants. There were 6 RFGC Members, 16 Non-Members, and 12 extra guns for the match. We had 36 guns for this match. We submitted \$252.00 to RFGC and had \$32.80 in expenses. Jeff Mortel was the Match Director and Jason Femino was in charge of registration. There were only 4 squads instead of 6 and they used 6 bays. It was a smooth match. There were no DQ's to report.

The next match is on November 10th and we plan on 6 stages with 150 round minimum.

So far, there hasn't been anyone to step up to run the monthly steel match.

Thank you all for your support. It was a good 7 years but we are ready to move on into the next chapter of our lives.

Sincerely,  
Cel and Vanessa Alvarez

**Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:**

Balances (as of 11-07-2019):

Savings	\$232,254.76
Checking	\$63,412.21
CD	\$100,729.48
Total	\$396,396.45

CD matures this month. We will be moving \$200K to another bank with better interest (money market account)

**USPSA, Alan Feucht:**

This was our monthly club match for October 2019 and the last match of the 2019 season. The theme was Halloween so there was candy, decorations, and a costume contest.

Stages: 7

MD: Matt Carlson

Registration/Stats: Keith Tsang & Alan Feucht

Total of 81 competitors. There was 1 DQ's and no negligent discharges reported

Financials:

Gross Revenue: \$1,570.00

Expenses: \$400.59  
Total Net Revenue: \$1,169.41

Stats:

Junior: 1  
Senior: 9  
S. Senior: 9  
Lady: 11  
Military: 3  
Law: 2  
International: 4  
Renton Members: 18  
SO's: 14

**Black Rifle League, Sean Wade:**

Black rifle had its annual Halloween shoot on the 26th.

We had a total of 18 shooters and took in a total of \$230.

The range was in good condition and left set up for USPSA's event the next day.

No safety violations or DQ's.

Chuck Mueller provided pulled pork sandwiches.

Our next shoot is our Veterans Day event on the 23rd of November.

**Action Shooting International (ASI), Scott Johnson:**

Co-Match Directors- Jacquelyn Hallinan and Carrie Parker

This match consisted of 6 stages, 62 rounds of ammunition were required.

The stages were constructed the morning of the event by volunteers, and were inspected for safety by: Steve Case.

We had 72 shooters divided into 6 squads. Two shooters had other obligations and left early, therefore, did not finish.

We had 10 shooters in the New Shooter Orientation. The class was taught by: Mike Meisner.

There were zero disqualifications or safety issues during this match.

Martin Pawlina was in charge of the stat shack.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped!

Many thanks to the Renton Fish and Game Club for hosting this event!

### **Precision Rimfire, Ken Wong:**

5 shooters, no DQs, everyone had fun, \$25 turned in.

### **Old Business:**

1. Updating member handbook and range rules (Ken Wong).
2. Unhealthy tree removal in the action bays. Sam will be getting another quote and then move forward with the removal. We may wait until Spring.
3. Safety Items for October regarding the upper pedestrian gates be checked out and possibly closed off. Sam will follow up.
4. Action bay upper berm repair progress report. Bedding materials have been delivered.
5. By-law amendment change (Third Reading and vote).

**Amendment Changes to read as follows, (changes are added in bold print and underlined).**

#### ARTICLE V: Election of Directors and Officers

Section 5. All full members must have attended at least two (2) Board or membership meetings in the previous eleven (11) months to be eligible to vote on amendments to the by-laws, or to vote in the annual election of officers. **Exception, All RF&G Club Life Members along with full time employees, will have full voting rights without the two required meetings.**

Of the members present that were eligible to vote, 16 votes were needed to obtain the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed to pass. 15 voted yes so the proposed change did not pass.

### **New Business:**

1. Safety Items for November
  - a. None reported
2. Scott Johnson requested August 29, 2020 for the ASI Hand Sized Handgun match. Request was approved.
3. Georgia suggested that we have a potluck at the December meeting. Karen will coordinate.
4. Discussion regarding Initiative 1094

## 5. Renton Steel Dragons Proposal

The board was in full support of the proposal.

Objectives:

- Build upon the incredible history and success of the Renton Steel Dragons.
- Increase local participation - Develop a local SASP league with nearby ranges.
- Have squads in each of the 3 age divisions (rookie, intermediate, senior).
- Have fun, model sportsmanship, responsibility, teamwork, and above all teach safety.

League: There are a few teams in Washington state that participate in the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP), which is a great program for youth. As the new coach for the Renton Steel Dragons I'm looking to expand participation locally in order to create a more fun and engaging experience for the youth athletes.

Currently to compete, the kids participate in matches held by the ranges on Saturday or Sunday. These matches, since there are many participants, take up most of the day. We will still encourage participation, but for many of the younger athletes it is just too long, there is too much downtime between stages, and the kids lose interest.

Thus, a league with matches (one-on-one contests) that are 1 ½ to 2 hours in duration, that could be held at convenient times such as evenings, makes sense. These matches prepare and lead the athletes to and through the local, regional, state, and national championships.

Schedule: There is flexibility with both schedule and league format....but a logical sample schedule looks like this.

- Now through February – Promotion and team development
- March – Season start, practice begins
- April through May – League matches
- Early June – League Tournament
- Late June – SASP Washington State Tournament
- Mid July – SASP National Tournament

The Renton Steel Dragons would like to hold practice on Wednesday evening for the Senior athletes and Friday Evening for the Rookies and Intermediate athletes commencing in March.

Depending on the success of league development, the Renton Steel Dragons would like to host matches on either the Wednesday or Friday evening, and reserve the other day for practice. Occurring April through May.

Again, depending on the success of league development, the Renton Steel Dragon would like to host a league tournament – early to mid-June.

I request your continued support of youth action shooting program. There are so many important reasons, which I know you are acutely aware. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Regards,  
Tim Ralston



## **Nominations for Directors and Officers**

Directors expiring in 2019: Sam Hewlett, Scott Johnson & Diana Pinto

Nominations for Directors:

Sam Hewlett  
Scott Johnson  
Diana Pinto  
Derek Mirkle  
Steve Traverso  
Karen Jennings

Nominations for Secretary:

Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Game Warden:

John Palmer

Nominations for Treasurer:

Georgia Coulter  
Aushim Sarkar

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21**

**Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary**