



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for August 6th, 2020

Call to Order: Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The following officers were present:

Directors: Ted Pitt (Chairman), Georgia Coulter, Karen Jennings, Diana Pinto, Ken Wong, John Palmer & Scott Johnson.

Game Warden: John Palmer

Secretary: Robb Wolfe (excused absence)

Treasurer: Aushim Sarkar

Absent: Robb Wolfe (excused)

Announcements:

MSP (Motion Second and Passed) by Karen, seconded by Georgia to approve the minutes, as revised for July

Sam Hewlett submitted his resignation from the board and as the rifle and pistol chairman.

LaMarr Hood was selected by the board to fill the director position vacated by Sam Hewlett.

Steve Traverso was selected to fill the position as Rifle & Pistol Chair.

Robb Wolfe was selected by the board as Vice President

Ted announced that Gary Young was in charge of the Telehandler maintenance and driver training.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Need to move some bags around to get ready for hunting season.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun is looking good. People have been shooting, bunker is going well too. Our July state shoot went well. We had 3 squads the Adolph Haugen shoot is the 14th thru the 16th. We will combine that with the juniors and SCTP group.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

No match for August, this would have been the 29th anniversary of WESTMATCH. We are hoping for an improvement in COVID restrictions, so that we can resume monthly matches in Sept.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

The CMP match was held on July 25. Only 2 competitors shot the match. \$14.00 was turned in to the club. We are planning to hold a match on August 22.

Grounds: LaMarr Hood:

The Grounds Crew has been outstanding with the work they have put in; this month was no different. Some come in on Monday and others on Tuesday or both days.

Tom Chandler has moved to south Tacoma, so Robb Laird started watering trees along the rifle range, out to the 300 berm, we also removed trees off the fence line and cut up trees too big to handle.

We continued general clean up at the rifle & pistol range, build up target backers and sawed up 2X4s into target legs and repaired staplers. Bill (one of our main painters) painted the shooting bench tops and the shelf behind the benches on the pistol range, with help from other crew members (John & Lynn).

At the club house, we weeded and barked the planter, repaired the broken slats on the benches on the shotgun range, moved up to the entrance road and Dale weed whacked the brush along the fence to and around the gate and all along the driveway to the lower gate. Next, we moved across the road and trimmed the laurel bush. We added chips along the fence to the main gate.

Monday a tree came down on the fence about half way down the driveway, we remove it and took down two other dead trees next to the fence and at the bottom of the hill broke off two large dead limbs from the large maple tree.

Gary pressured washer and lube Godzilla and Dale and I filled the diesel barrel and the two cans. Back to the front gate. Dale repaired it once and it seems that someone has again bumped the gate and bent the center post making it hard to open. Dale later went to check it out but it appears someone had already fix it.

All in all, a very busy month thanks to a good crew we got done and thanks to Quentin for a good job of mowing.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

All in person future classes are cancelled until further notice.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Watering of the latest bare root native plants continues. The vast majority are doing really well so far.

IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

Stages: 7

Shooters: 67

DQ: 1 (shooting before ready command was given)

MD: Mike Vandewall
Registration: Deanna Atkinson

Total Net Revenue: \$935

Membership, Open

Junior	23
Annual	326
Senior	118
Family	63
Military	3
Life	19
Total	552

Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:

274 members and guests. Spotting scopes are being used on the rifle range, plastic sheeting is down in doorways, to be cleaned as needed.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Nothing to report

Steel Matches, (OPEN):

No matches are scheduled for 2020.

USPSA, Dave McClure:

Stages: 7

MD: Dave McClure

Registration/Stats: Marcel, Keith Tsang

Total of 63 competitors. There were 3 DQ and one DQ was for a negligent discharge.

Financials: Total Net Revenue: \$899.00

Range Condition upon arrival on Saturday 8/1 & 8/2: Nothing to report other than the bays looked great!

Range Condition upon departure: Area policed for trash and equipment. Targets and trash taken to respective bins.

Safety Issue: Berm wooden barrier in bays 1-3. Running steel targets is or was hard to minimize bullet strikes. Restricting use of steel pepper poppers in those bays is the last mitigation step I would like to take in those bays. Perhaps we can see about using some additional material attached to the face of the wood would help.

Black Rifle League, Aushim Sakar:

Black Rifle League was held on Saturday August 1st after what felt like a decade long break for pandemic restrictions by participants. We moved from our usual Saturday to accommodate USPSA and a couple of our participants took advantage of this to take part in the USPSA match. We noticed their newfound preference for speed over careful shot placement.

We limited participation to 30 shooters total in order to stay within gathering size guidelines. This was based on using all three rifle bays and having 10 people per bay. We had begun the process of using all three bays before the shut down in order to lower wait times. We refined the process this time so that we had two shooting stages and one qualifier stage to test skills. Each shooter went through a stage once. We finished the match in about 2 hours which is a large improvement in cycle time over our previous matches.

The following people were ROs for the match

- Aaron
- Aushim
- Barry
- Chuck
- Marcel
- Scott Collins

Shooters in the first stage engaged 13 targets with a long gun and required a transition to a sidearm. Two of the targets were a special design by Scott C and Marcel which amused everyone and was fully understood by no one.

Shooters in the qualifier stage used only their primary firearm with no transition to a pistol. They engaged a single target from standing and kneeling positions from two locations. Our younger shooters still in the service or with recent military experience enjoyed this stage. Our middle-aged participants with higher Body Mass Index numbers had more complaints.

Shooters in the third stage engaged 12 targets with a long gun and required a transition to a sidearm. There were no “special” target situations in this stage.

Scott Collins deployed a drone over bay 1 which allowed for a unique perspective on the stage. The angle of recording is inherently anonymous. It was very useful to assess how shooters progressed through the stage and review the effectiveness of our design. We recommend this to all the action bay disciplines.

We had one disqualification for breaking the 180. We had one shooter cautioned to secure his long gun during transition to sidearm. We also had a discussion with our military shooters about using “high-port” on our rifles while loading them and asked them to keep dust covers open so ROs can

verify the chambers are clear while at the action bays. They were exceedingly polite and compliant.

We are in discussions with Derek and Cowboys to secure our next match date.

Action Shooting International (ASI), Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

Rick Breneman reported: Fifty safety-conscious shooters attended the ASI match at RF&GC on Saturday, July 11.

The shooters meeting included reminders about social distancing, and special mention of the new wood panels in bays 1-3; don't shoot 'em!

The action bays were in spectacular condition upon arrival, and the same upon leaving.

There was one DQ, a 180 violation.

Total revenues of \$705.

Precision Rimfire, Ken Wong:

All matches cancelled until further notice.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

Group size, social spacing, and members only restrictions have virtually put a halt to Kids Day so far.

August 23rd is officially cancelled and September 20th is almost a given cancellation as well.

Our Shoot With Santa event scheduled for December 13th is not cancelled as of now and is still hopeful

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Renton Steel Dragons have had an exceptional month. We entered 22 athletes in SASP National Tournament this July. We participated in 16 events with squads of 4 kids competing in their specific disciplines. In total, there were approximately 700 squads entered in the tournament. Our Rookies (5th grade and under) were just outstanding and placed 2nd in rifle iron sights, and 2nd in rifle optics. So, the Dragons will be adding two more national trophies to their collection.

In addition to the team trophies, we had three athletes podium in the overall category.

- Ethan Chewning, Senior Varsity, placed 3rd overall in rimfire pistol.
- Rachel Ralston, Intermediate Entry, place 2nd overall in rimfire rifle iron sights.
- Levi Ralston, Rookie, placed 3rd overall in rimfire rifle iron sights.

While we are incredibly pleased with our performance, it is important to note, we are not a win-at-all-cost program. Our primary mission is about participation. We simply want kids to come out and participate in a great sport. That said, we can sure be proud of our Dragons.

I also think it is important to recognize and give a special thanks to those who support us. Thank you, Pinto's Gun Shop, for supporting our club with your generous donations of money and ammo. And

thank you, Renton Fish and Game Club for providing these kids with your resources, time, and use of our awesome action bays.

Old Business:

1. Updating member handbook and range rules – table to a future meeting
2. Action bay upper berm repair. Steve has started the work (Monday and Tuesdays).
3. John Palmer - Creating policy and forms to document any safety incidents. In progress
4. Diana Pinto - Publishing the club's policies and procedures. In progress
5. Aaron Lyons - estimate to place cameras in the action bays: It was brought to the attention of the board that there may be existing wires/lines installed in the action bays years ago that could be used for cameras. Aaron and Steve will research / locate these lines and see if they can be used.

New Business:

1. Safety Items for July:
 - a. Water hose hit on east berm about 25 yards from the 200-yard target line. Not sure what or who caused the damage, will be repaired by Monday crew.
 - b. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices. Range will be open to the public starting Aug 12th, continuing to follow established COVID-19 practices (every other bench, no more than 2 people in clubhouse, etc).
2. August 10th FAAR grant webinar. Tim and Aushim have expressed interest in listening to the call (no commitments).
3. Steel Dragon Project reported by Roy Rasmussen
On August 3rd, the following members met to begin planning and organization the Steel Dragon improvements in the Action Bays.
Ted Pitt
Tim Ralston
Scott Johnson
Dale Shawley
LaMarr Hood
Steve Traverso
Roy Rasmussen
Per our agenda, we established the following:

- 1) Covid safety plan
- 2) Preliminary design elements
- 3) Commencement of underground conduit system in about 2 weeks dependent on availability of Steve's equipment
- 4) Division of labor
- 5) Material payments will be transacted through RF&GC
- 6) Steve Traverso will provide equipment

Current progress report

August 4th, Dale, LaMarr, & Roy did preliminary conduit routings. We will review them with Steve before he starts digging.

Roy is developing a material list for the underground work. Roy will place an order for the material on August 5th so material is on hand when Steve starts digging.

LaMarr will meet with Tim after dark to familiarize Tim with capabilities of currently proposed lighting.

Tim Ralston agreed to act as project manager

4. Gary requested the club purchase come sort of hands-free communication device to be used when operating the tele-handler. Ted will check into this.
5. Ken will not be offering expedited hunter sight in this year, Chuck offered to take over for this season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary