



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for March 2nd, 2023

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

Directors and Officers attendance:

Directors	Present	Absent	Excused
Chairman of the Board: Ted Pitt	√		
Vice Chairman: Robb Wolfe	√		
Georgia Coulter	√		
LaMarr Hood	√		
Tim Ralston	√		
Scott Johnson	√		
Dave McClure	√		
Scott Pontrelli	√		
Steve Traverso		√	
Treasurer: Georgia Coulter	√		
Game Warden: John Palmer		√	
Secretary: Robb Wolfe	√		

Announcements:

1. **MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by Georgia, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as submitted for February.
2. The board authorized LaMarr to spend up to \$2000 to trial target retrieval system for the pistol range.
3. The board approved the donation of a one-year membership to the club and a one-hour coaching session with the Steel Dragons to:
 The Renton Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling & Annual Auction
 Lindbergh High School Booster Club annual auction fundraiser

Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:

Balances as of 03-02-2023

Account	Balance
Checking	95,631.05
Savings	495,179.26
BECU	40,222.83
Total:	631,033.14

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Looking good. Mark has been working on bags and we need to buy some 4x4's for posts to hang bigger bags.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun has been slow. Our big shoot is Sunday

Bunker is going ok. Our first shoot is April 1st.

We are getting targets on March 2nd.

Rifle & Pistol, Steve Traverso:

No report

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

Another slow month, Dale has been filling the trap houses every week and the others taking care of the shooting needs of target backers and general clean up. We took down the tree leaning by the corner by the rifle range parking lot and cut up the wood.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

No report

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

No report

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

Next event will be May 21st

Scholastic Clay Target Program (Renton Crushers), Mike Beck:

- Thank you! Renton Fish and Game, for supporting our shooters for another season.
- Team: 12 shooters, 10 active currently (wrestling season ending will bring others back).
- Coaches: Mike Beck Head coach, two registered assistants Bob Louser, Tony Guidotti.
 - USAYESS, just conducted their new Level 1 and Level 2 coaching certification February 25th in Selah, WA. We had all three coaches complete the training as a refresher, but we also had 6 parents become certified coaches. We will get them officially registered as team coaches (this will greatly improve our on-field supervision of the team as we really help shooter growth in the sport).
- First Tournament this weekend SST: Shotgun Challenge is this weekend we have two squads (10 shooters), 300 bird event, skeet, sporting clays and Trap.
 - I'll send the results to the board for our first tournament next week.
- We are promoting the Bunker event (Junior Olympic event etc.) with the team and hope to have several shooters this year.
- We've been using the double trap the past several weeks, thanks for keeping it up and running, there are a number of training games, in addition to basic double trap, we've been able to do using that field. Note to Ted: next time you're here with Mike Beck, Tony or Bob please show us how to release the double trap machine...we have a method but we're not sure it's correct.
- The office staff continues to be extremely helpful, and I think we've found a process to make sure that when we have new shooters and their families visit the team, we get them to the clubhouse to sign paperwork etc. We would appreciate any feedback they might have on the team's interactions during practice or as club members when they're here, we want our athletes and their families to be good stewards of the club.
- Use of the clubhouse during practice? Pre-Covid we would have our shooters meet in the clubhouse, we'd do paperwork, present our safety briefing, and discuss team business. Since Covid restrictions being lifted, we've been unable to resume this due to the tables in the side room, and at the request of the desk staff (it's noisy for the time we're gathering) and we've been unable to meet in the clubhouse. Meeting outside works but there's a number of distractions and gunfire noise making meetings tough. Is there a way we might leverage the clubhouse for 15 min (11:30-11:45) before going out to the field to assemble as described above?

Pull It, Shoot It, CRUSH IT!

Mike Beck

Head Coach, Renton Crushers.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

Renton Steel Dragons - season kickoff meeting with parents and athletes on March 15th at 5:00 in the action bays.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle (Daniel DuPertuis)

Cowboy Matches on Feb 4 & 5

28 shooters came out Saturday. The top cowboy overall was Diamond Slinger (Matt Randolph) followed closely by Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) and R.P. Dodge (Richard Otto).

18 shooters came out on Sunday, T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrang) took the top cowboy spot followed by R.P. Dodge (Richard Otto) and Rick O'Shea (Russ Siverling).

There was a DQ on Saturday, a shooter put down a shotgun with a live round in the chamber. The shotgun was cleared prior to leaving the firing line. This pointed out a weakness in our safety briefing, we are changing our safety briefing and our procedures for shooters in the Ranger category. The ranger category allows shooters to use modern firearms including semi-auto shotguns at our cowboy matches.

\$430 was turned into the club for the two days.

Our next monthly match will be on Sat. Mar. 4 and Sun. Mar 5, 2023

There will be an RO class on March 17 & 18

Civilian Marksmanship Program, Don Miller:

We held the February CMP Rifle match on 2/25/23 in the sub-freezing cold. Brrrr! We had 3 competitors and \$30.00 was turned in to the club. The next match is scheduled for 3/25/23.

Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:

Primary MD Mitchell McFerran

The Feb match went well. 21 registered / 20 actual shooters. Great response from all competitors both members/non-members in response to an ask for help for setup prior with over half showing up early and everyone staying for post-match clean-up. Weather was a little cold and wet in the morning for set-up but cleared to make enjoyable for everyone. There were no incidents to report the match concluded with no safety concerns. The general consensus is the COF for the match was challenging yet fair. I was noted that the newer shooter population to the disciplines growing with a number of return participants expressing interest in joining RFGC knowing that NRL22 available. The expectation is with the coming spring/summer warmer/dryer weather the participation will grow.

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

The most recent IDPA Match was held on February 18th.

Jon Stein served as Match Director & created 6 Stages for 57 Shooters.

There were 2 DQ's both breaking the 180.

\$855 was turned into the Club.

The next Match will be on March 18th.

In April I'm thinking about doing the IDPA Match with 22 Long Rifle firearms, just to do something a little different. All other rules will still apply.

USPSA, Dave McClure (Marcel Englmaier):

Next match is March 26th

Black Rifle League, Sean Wade (Aaron Lyons):

No events currently planned at Renton.

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

David Matsudaira was the Match Director for the February 11th match.

There were 7 Stages and 124 shooters.

Unfortunately, there were four Disqualifications:

One person swept their hand while clearing a malfunction.

The other three people broke the 180.

\$1985 was turned into the club.

\$372 will be paid to ASI

The next match will be on March 11

Membership, Georgia reported:

Data as of 03-02-2023

	2022	2023
Junior	64	76
Annual	614	606
Senior	312	296
Family	185	146
Military	19	18
Life	19	22
Total	1213	1164

Game Warden Report, John Palmer:

The February meeting attendance is below.

If a member feels their attendance was not recorded correctly, they should contact the Game Warden at: game.warden@rfgc.org

Last Name, First Name	Member #
Baxter, Ken	6835
Benzion, Irv	540
Bridges, Kevin	5446
Collins, Scott	4333
DuPertuis, Dan	3735
Hood, LaMarr	1856
Johnson, Scott	108
McClure, David	3613
Meisner, Mike	3941
Palmer, John	3133
Pitt, Ted	257
Ralston, Tim	3465
Rasmussen, Roy	2633
Sporrong, Terry	5470
Traverso, Steve	4548
Vasco, Todd	6431
Wade, Sean	3919
Wolfe, Robb	156
Wyle, Sandy	2075
Moeller, Scott	6408
Nelson, CJ	7020
Tong, David	6915

Old Business On hold (no need to discuss)

1. New financial and membership system for the club – **Georgia**
2. Trophy case for the Crushers – **Mike Beck**.
3. Possible changes to clarify what calibers can be shot on the pistol ranges. **Diana / Chris / Ken**
Status: Ken submitted a Dirt Displacement Study on February 28th

Old Business:

1. Electricity to the Wi-Fi transmitters in the action bays - complete
2. 200-yard rifle range steel – Evan cut firehose and Ted provided shackles. Ron has been testing it. Still in work.
3. Come up with a plan to track members volunteer's hours.
Evan will look at the volunteer sign-in sheet for tracking hours – he modified the sheet, and it is now available at both offices. – Closed
4. Discussed the pilot for a target retrieval system on the pistol range (short end). Roy felt that it would be less expensive to purchase a system rather than building one. The sub-committee plans on meeting next week.

New Business:

1. Safety Items for February:
 - a. None to report
2. Tristan Foster who teaches at the range thanked the club for being able to conduct his classes. He asked if there were any friction points with the club – there were none reported. He plans on partnering with another instructor / company to expand his offerings and will submit his proposal to the board.
3. Action bays will be closed next Wednesday to set up the new shelters.
4. There are anti-gun bills passing the state senate and house that are moving forward.
5. Tim Ralston asked for a Saturday afternoon and all-day Sunday to have a match in the action bays. Potential of June 10 & 11
6. Tim Ralston mentioned that there is a high-school shotgun program starting.

Good of the order:

Derek is back and feeling good

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary