

RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2012



Call to Order: Wayne McCann, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02.

The following officers were present: Wayne McCann Board Chairman; Karen Jennings, Brian Howard, Ted Pitt, John Sandefur, Sam Hewlett and Derek Mirkle, Directors; Kevin Michellich, Game Warden; Georgia Coulter, Treasurer.

It was MSP to approve the minutes for September.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

On archery income for August looks good. They did the bunker presentation last week in Olympia and that went well. Shot shell bags are getting filled. The trucks go all the way to Colorado, so they need a good load before we call them.

Cowboy, Brian Howard:

We had 26 competitors at the Washington State Wild Bunch match. There were a number of other matches going that weekend that impacted participation.

Membership, Wayne McCann:

Senior: 183; Junior 11; Family 69; Regular 437; Total 700 paid. 9 Life.

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

This month we spent most of the time cutting target backer boards from the panels Ted brought in addition to cutting up 2X4 for legs. Two times someone also dropped off some plywood, chip board & 2X4's, which we made into target backers and legs. We still have more to cut up. We haven't had much time to make many target backers for the range, so they are running low.

Monday we hauled down from the 200 yard line some old hay which we added to the 50 yard rifle berm.

We installed florescent lights in the CMP storage room, and also installed three florescent lights in the store room and wired in a small base board heater (110) to keep the chill & moisture down in that room.

The side of the 100 yard bank by the road has been cut back to help on the views down range.

More grounds discussion: We have a new member Kelly Cook with experience in landscaping. Sam is going to give him a breakdown of some projects needed around the range. We need to improve drainage on the road and improve the drainage so that trap one won't flood every winter. They are going to talk with Kelly some more to develop a plan. The berms in the action bay are sloughing badly. There was a discussion on maybe getting some grant money to help with the cost. The rifle range berms also need some work. We need to be careful about what work might need permits. Kathy has a potential contact in soils engineering that might be able to help with the planning. The Seattle Police Range has a good berm design that we may be able to emulate. Ideally we would like to add eyebrows to the bays both to improve sound abatement and safety. The wood chips have improved conditions on the pistol range. We have an arrangement with the tree service people who removed our trees to take their chips when they are working in the area.

Another suggestion was that cedar bales be used in place of straw bales on the pistol range. They may last longer and be easier to handle. Sam will look into getting the bales replaced.

IDPA, Scott Johnson: Submitted by email.

Our last regular monthly match was held on September 15th. We had excellent weather conditions and a safe day of shooting.

On Sunday September 16th the Safety Officers gathered in the Action Bays for some casually competitive shooting and a "show & tell" of firearms. We also used the Club House for a pizza dinner & discussion of this year's events.

Our next match will be on Saturday October 20th.

With the approach of winter and having longer night hours we are in the planning process for several "Safety Officer Night Shoots".

USPSA, Gregg Peria-Hansen: Submitted by email.

We had a very nice day. Everyone had a great time and the match went on quite long. The match participation was up this month so that made setup much easier. That may have something to do with the weather.

We did not have a match last month but we did have a bunch of people show up and Tom Kettells, was nice enough to group them up and setup a very small match for them so they did not come out for nothing. Tom gathered \$5 from everyone to compensate for the targets.

I would like to request the Sunday after IDPA for November and December to hold a match if available. These will be much smaller matches just so people can at least come out to shoot something.

Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

It's starting to get busy but not crazy yet. Hunting season is coming up soon. Numbers are actually up from last year, but a lot of members have stepped up to help on the line. It has made a world of difference in how the range is running. We really have to thank the members who are helping. Greg Fortner; in particular; has been helpful. The video is working very well to orient new shooters to the range rules.

The dry summer has been hard on the range. Sam is going to talk to the paint company because there are some problems with how it was done. The floor paint is not adhering to the concrete.

There was a discussion about whether we needed a paid RO on the pistol range. If we can get some members to help out there as well, that would be helpful. Wayne pointed out that it is very rare to have both Range Officers in the range house. They are normally working the line.

An idea was proposed to offer shooters a discount if they shoot suppressed guns while they are here. So if they shoot suppressed then the range master would give them a discount ticket that could be used on their next visit.

Member Recognition for the Washington State Distinguished Pistol Shot competition. Bob McGowan won a Gold and Distinguished Medal placing the 13th in the state. Bill Freyfougle is another Gold and Distinguished Medal shooter. He is known as "Bullseye Bill" by the Monday work crew. Congratulations to these members for their fine marksmanship.

Treasurer's Report: Georgia Coulter gave the treasurer's report.

August shows a high income for using the action bays for police training.

Old Business:

Club House Remodel Phase I: We should have a permit in hand by October 23. Wayne and our contractor went down and talked to the permit office and answered questions. It took several hours of polite conversation, including

meeting with two supervisors, to answer questions and get the final approval. They were assured that we will have a permit in hand on the 23rd. Way to go gentlemen! We need to have pictures of the club before and after the remodel.

Bunker Project, new automatic traps: Georgia did the final presentation and it went very well. Karen said she was excellent and made a very good impression.

Club House Remodel Phase II: Wayne did the presentation for Phase II. Karen was impressed with how eloquent Wayne's presentation was.

Employment Security Audit: We had the employment security office audit. She was here for an hour and a half and left with a smile and said everything was fine. Rumor has it that many gun related businesses are being audited.

Sales Tax Issue: Groups involved with this issue have requested that the IRS give clearer directives for gun clubs. We will not wait for the IRS to decide what that will be. We will try to take a proactive approach with our record keeping.

Nominations for Board and officers:

Directors: Wayne McCann, Ted Pitt, John Sandefur, Georgia Coulter

Secretary: Kathleen Loucks

Game Warden: Kevin Michellich

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws submitted by Kathleen Loucks: Second reading.

Article V: Election of Officers

Section 5. All full members must have attended at least ~~four (4)~~ *two (2)* Board or membership meetings in the ~~previous twelve (12) months~~ *eleven (11) months prior to the election* to be eligible to vote on amendments to the by-laws, or to vote in the annual election of officers.

Club History: If we decide to do a club history, Georgia will need a lot of help from various groups to help collect materials.

New Business:

Complaint to King County Solid Waste: A gentleman came in from King County Solid Waste following up on a complaint from a neighbor that we were composting on the property. The complaint was made on the basis of satellite photos. He and Wayne walked out to inspect the area under question. It was clear we were not composting, and he said that he would close out the complaint.

Dumpster: Ted pointed out that we don't need as large of a dumpster since people are recycling their shot shells. We could save some money with a smaller dumpster now.

Membership: We haven't had a membership chairman for a long while. They used to get fliers out to gun stores and have a table at the WAC show. It would be great if we had another one.

It would be nice if we had a job description with responsibilities would help to recruit a chair. Robb Wolf will write up a draft and email it to Wayne.

Web site: Jim noted that the web site looks great. A lot of people are looking at the safety video on the web site. Minutes aren't showing up on the new web site. Kathleen will check into that. It might be great to have a safety video for the shotgun range.

Theatre Seats in the Club House: The theatre seats in the club house are for sale if anyone knows a buyer.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary