

RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB MINUTES FOR JUNE 7, 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; Scott Johnson, Vice President; Karen Jennings, Brian Howard, Ted Pitt, Bob Hull, John Sandefur, and Sam Hewlett. Directors; Kevin Michelich, Game Warden; Georgia Coulter, Treasurer.

It was MSP to approve the minutes for May.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Same as last month.

Trap & Skeet, Ted Pitt: They got the bio targets in. The bios are black rimmed and a little harder to see on the skeet range, so they are using some old targets on skeet.

Bunker is going well. They are averaging 30 rounds a weekend. The state match is next weekend. They are getting good help to run the events, so it is working out well.

There are now recycle bags for shotgun hulls on traps 1, 2 and the skeet range. Members can bring their hulls from home if they would like to. Don't put in cardboard or wads. Just put hulls in. There was a suggestion to put a bag in the action bays.

CMP, Bob Hull:

There were 5 shooters and they all had a good time

Cowboy, Brian Howard:

The May cowboy match 83 shooters.

The June match hosted Un Hombre Muy Malo. This is a match where you reload rounds until your fingers bleed. [Hyperbole] 45 shooters registered and 39 came to shoot. It was universally hailed as a wonderful match and everyone had a good time.

There were 9 regular shooters Saturday and 19 shooters on Sunday. Everyone had an outstanding time.

Kathy Loucks was the match director and John Sandefur scored the match.

Membership, Wayne:

2012 Senior-150; Junior 13; Regular 673.

2013 Family 7; Regular 76; Senior 40; Junior 3.

Life 9

Total 971

Renewals have been emailed for any members with emails on file.

Grounds, LaMarr Hood: Given by Jim

LaMarr has some questions for the board. First of all, what is up with North West Asphalt, are they going to redo the parking lot at the rifle range? And when? Is this what they plan to work off for their scheduled "Shooting Day"?

Wayne explained that it is not work in return for benefits. There are no "trades". Both events are cash and cash. Wayne wants to get a bid for the disabled parking permit. The parking lot in the rifle range is going to be a display piece for them to show their customers.

The second item concerns our neighbor next to our lower gate. A year or so back they piled dirt on our side of the fence next to our drive way. Wayne reported that they were going to remove the dirt. They never did. The Monday Crew ended up moving it. This year they laid sod grass in the same area. Now someone is dumping cut grass on top of the sod. Should our driveway be used as a dump area?

Wayne added that he talked to LaMarr about this. Wayne has talked to the neighbor before, but will talk to him again. The neighbor is new, but he shouldn't be dumping grass on our drive.

A third problem has come up from the storm we had this winter; the neighbor next to the back fence next to the rifle range has some limbs that are broken and hanging. Some limbs are broken off and are laying on other limbs. If the limbs fall they could fall on our side of the fence and maybe hit a vehicle or people. A tree climber will most likely be needed to reach these limbs. Someone from the board needs to address this with the neighbor.

We need to bring in a hoist to trim branches that are rubbing on the power line coming in to the rifle range by the back gate on our side of the fence. Also there is a large limb from the neighbor's tree laying crossed the power line.

Sam will look into a tree service he has used. They will rope off the potentially dangerous fall areas.

The final question LaMarr had for the board concerned that fact that he noticed that not everyone using the action bays were signing in both the rifle range office and again in the action bays or out.

Wayne reminded everyone that everyone who uses the action bays that everyone is responsible. The police department was here and found people shooting AR's in bay 6. When asked they said that they didn't know the policy was in place even though they were aware that the rule was being changed.

Now that the questions have been answered, LaMarr wrote the following grounds report. We have been keeping up with target backers, ripping boards Pat brought in and we will be in need for target backers soon. We will have to buy boards if Boeing doesn't come through.

In the pistol range, we moved the red light switch to the right to the next opening to the firing line. This will help people coming back from the 50 yard line to be seen.

We did some more trimming of limbs along the entrance road and pulled out a 50 gal barrel from the hole across from the road by the rental house. There is still another barrel down there that we will pull out later.

LaMarr had Jay order 50 signs from NRA "CAUTION FIREARMS IN USE KEEP OUT", to add to the fencing. I checked the fence line and the West side fence, the signs are good. The south side fence has only 7 all a long it and posted the rifle office; The East side only has a few. Some are missing on the North side. The signs are 12 in. X 18 in. Cost \$20 for package of 10 and are made of weather-resistant pliable plastic. One thing he hasn't found out about is the distance require between signs.

They rewired the parking lot light on the pole next to the rifle range office. Roy with some help did a great job. Bob Poitras was instrumental in getting scaffolding and saving the club the cost of a lift.

It would be nice if those who used power equipment cleaned it up after using them by replacing the gas mixture for the blower or weed eater when they use it up. It always seems to be empty when they get here on Monday.

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

Our last regular monthly match was held on May 19th. There were 83 participants. It was a pleasant day, and ran very smoothly by Robb Wolf.

The next special event will be this Saturday June 9th. It is a BUG (Back Up Gun) Championship. Barrel Lengths must be less than 3.8" for Semi-autos, & 3" for Revolvers. Courses of Fire are 5 rounds or less.

The next regular scheduled match will be a Classifier on the 16th of June. A classifier match has 5 divisions and you get ranked based on speed and accuracy. 90 Shot course of fire will determine the shooter's ranking or classification.

Fun Steel: Kris Erickson Submitted by email.

Fun Steel was held Saturday, May 12. We had 40 shooters. There were no problems to report.

Due to a lack of SO availability to run the June match this Sunday, it is looking like I may have to cancel it. The decision is expected to be made by Thursday afternoon. I will let Scott know either way. Rob reported that the match will be canceled.

USPSA, Gregg Peria-Hansen: Submitted by email.

It was a very nice Sunday. We had 59 shooters make it out despite having two major matches in the area that weekend. We received many compliments on how well the match turned out.

Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

Looks like the weather didn't keep everyone away. 439 Adults 36 Juniors

Sam wants to get a rebid on the paint job at the rifle range. Anyone who has some input on what needs to be painted let him know.

Kid's shoot, Rick Waters

Clouds, rain and cool temperatures appeared to scare off the throngs of kid's we were hoping to see on Sunday the 20th of May. Rick estimated there were 25-30 kids who braved the weather to see what the third iteration of the Kid's shoot would bring. The short pistol range was set up with racks of balloons, clays and the Kid favorite-- Peeps. There were also new oversized paper targets with shooting games like a stock car race and a bowling game. The 50 yard berm was covered in clays and two sets of resetting rimfire targets were low in the front center. There were also two racks of silhouette steel targets set up for the first time. Very popular indeed.

They were able to attract a new demographic by placing two steel dueling trees at 200 yards. This game attracted several of the Club's teenaged Junior members. Greg Byrd provided two scoped Ruger 10-22 rifles for a "Top Shot" style of shooting challenge. Each dueling tree has six, 4" x 4" square paddles, a challenging shot indeed. I understand that Austin, Alec and Connor put on an excellent shooting display.

They are looking forward to the June 10th shoot!
Rick would like to thank the people who help to make the Kid's Shoots such a success:

Sam Hewlett – Thank you for your support, the new steel rimfire target was an immediate kid pleaser.

Christian Snidow - Thank you for the help on Saturday night setup, Sunday morning setup, Range Safety Officer assistance, supplying a spare rifle and Sunday night cleanup. AND thanks for having a pickup truck.

Greg Byrd – Thank you for the help creating the 200 yard steel shoot for the Juniors, and the use of your 10-22's and cooking at the previous two shoots.

Tiffany Byrd – Thank you for the delicious mesquite charcoal grilled cheese burgers you prepared while studying for your college class. One was not enough. I hope you complete your Nursing Degree soon.

Greg Fortin – Thank you for your help with the little shooters and your Range Safety Officer assistance. It was fun to see how much you enjoyed coaching the beginning shooters, they really enjoyed the experience.

Chris Earley – Thank you for your Range Safety assistance and helping to maintain order in the middle of Kiddie Chaos and having spare firearms available.

Jim Goodnow – Thank you for your Range Safety Officer assistance.

Glenn Pickard – Thank you for allowing us to hit the rifle and pistol ranges like a three hour tornado. Your suggestion to use the silhouette steel was a big hit and a major part of future shoots.

Freedom - Thank you for donating the dueling tree for the kids AND the compressor. Balloon detail is no longer a challenge. (P.S. Now you all can't say the Kid's Shoot is a thankless job. Ha!)

There were some questions about the shoot. It is open to all kids. Parents don't have to be members. There isn't an age range. \$6 for kids to shoot and \$12 for adults to shoot. Sometimes the parents want to give it a try. Starts at 10-1:00 on Sunday.

Last night they had their first women's shooting class. These were women who had never shot before. They spent an hour on lecture with hands on practice with dummy rounds. And then they did some live fire. They will try to do this on a regular basis.

Sunday is Father's day. They could use some extra help on the shooting line. They will get three generations of non-shooting shooters that may come out. Please come help.

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

Old Business:

Club House Remodel: They are working on the information they need for the permits.

Sand from Wade's gun range: The board has decided not to be involved with the project.

New FARR Grant for Bunker: Georgia has been working on a new grant to cover the cost of a new bunker system. She has completed the application. Her PowerPoint is completed and she has been working on her presentation. She should be presenting July 29-30. They should know by Oct 10.

New Business:

Cowboy RO class will be here June 16. It starts at 9am. It will run most of the day.

On Thursday night practices the Renton Police Department is staying quite late and taking up most of the action bays which is impending on the regularly scheduled practices. Last time 12 shooters were all on Bay 6. Can they use Bay 7 as a sanctioned event? There was general agreement that Bay 7 could be used for regularly scheduled sanctioned practices when other bays are not available.

On the days that the police departments have the actions bays, they have the bays. Wayne reported that they felt it was necessary to closed off the bays because they were getting casual observers through their training area.

There was some discussion about how many police departments are using the bays and how many days they are using the Bays. There were questions about what aspects of the action bay rules apply to police department use.

Good of the Order:

Wayne McCann shot 200 rifle 200 pistol and 100 shotgun without a single miss at the Un Hombre Muy Malo cowboy match. It's quite an impressive weekend of shooting.

Bob had a story.

Meeting adjourned early.

Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary