

## Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for August 10<sup>th</sup> 2017



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

The following officers were present:

Directors: Sam Hewlett (President), Georgia Coulter (Vice President), Ted Pitt, Robb Wolfe, John Palmer, Scott Johnson & LaMarr Hood

Kevin Michellich (Game Warden)

Sean Wade (Membership)

Robb Wolfe (Secretary)

Absent: Wayne McCann (excused)

### **Announcements:**

*MSP (Motion Second Passed) to approve the minutes for July*

Kevin Michellich has been appointed to a Director position by the board to fill Brian Howards term until December.

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

Balances (as of 08-01-2017):

Checking	\$47,000.58
Savings	\$57,114.14
CD	\$100,499.86
Total	\$204,614.58

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

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

Range is looking good. Need to replace a bag.

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

Adolph Haugen international bunker match is this weekend  
State match was in July. Three squads.  
Picked up a new mower.

**Cowboy, Kevin Michelich:**

July match: 20 shooters \$0.00 (\$620.00 donated to Brian Howard)  
Cowboy Annual Match \$7830.00

Donations collected and given to Diane Howard \$3,746

Howdy all,

Wow... What an incredible week.

I keep hearing people say that this was the greatest Westmatch they had ever been to. Many of those were from people who have been shooting Westmatch for ten to fifteen years and more.

I had some big shoes to fill. Jess Ducky, Elder Katie, Johnny Buck and Moe MacDandee have all put their heart and soul in to this match. I can now say that you have seen my vision. I had some ideas to breathe new life into this match. Over the last few years, as with many major matches, the participation has declined. It's only a slight increase, but I may have to put a cap on next year's match. That's not a bad thing, but something I will keep in mind.

My plan was to please at least 90% of the people out there.

After reading through the comments in the questionnaire, I think I've reached my goal.

I need to get something out there.

This match would not be anywhere near as good as it was, if it were not for some great behind the scenes people.

If you liked the stages, come out for our monthly matches. It's the same guy that has been designing most of our monthly matches for well over a year now. A huge thank you to; The Honorable - Contingent Fee McGee. From the flexibility and options given to the shooter, to the target size and distances. You have done so much to improve things around here, and I thank you for everything you have done. You asked me what kind of stages I wanted. I said, "think Winter Range". You sir, have delivered.

The stages really do make the match.

A special crew of guys have reworked many of the props and gear around the range, they are Carlsbad Kid, Driften Rattler, and Appy Dan. You three really pulled things together from safety to dressing up the bays.

Long Range was designed and run by Marcus Truegood and Zwarte Piet. These are a couple guys that I can go to for help and get a realistic answer and ideas for a solution. A huge thank you, to you both. It sounds like these new reactive targets were a bit HIT.

That wonderful shooters book was laid out by Cedar County Sheriff with those awesome stages by Contingent Fee McGee.

Cedar even corralled a bunch of us for the Wild Bunch side match, plus he got the name tags and t-shirts designed and ordered.

Moe MacDandee keeps on ticking with his help around the range. Though he did not shoot, he helped with many of the things that people care about. Food, comfort and shelter. He's another cowboy that knows how to get things handled. Thank you for your help with Spirit of the Game.

Speaking of Spirit of the Game, that went to Hellfire Hattie.

Your enthusiasm brings back the love of the sport to so many shooters

You are an inspiration to us all.

You deserve that buckle.

I think if the heater was turned down a couple degrees at mid-day, we would have had more people participate in the "couples" match with the help of Hellgate and the man on man and the grudge stage put together by Lead R Rip. It was just too hot, and people were just too tuckered out from all the fun shooting the main event.

The Hills gang has come through again. From Hank and Heather setting up their stage, to Heather corraling who she could get to bear the heat for the costume contest.

Speaking of costumes, thank you once again to the - Somewhere in Time, Unlimited – ladies. You have a thorough knowledge of the outfits and dress of many ages. I love how you question the competitors on why they have chosen certain items for their outfit.

Lawbreaker you are wonderful on the mic. Everything you get your hand into, is guaranteed to turn out better.

Nelly, Debbie Skaar (aka Freddie Sykes wife) and Hellfire Hattie were so much help on the administration side of things. Debbie was the one running around in the side by side wheeler to keep the ice and water jugs full to keep us cool.

Bones, Bones, Bones... Bones McCrackin, What can I say? I love ya man. The things you accomplished to make bay seven usable were beyond what I thought could be done in time. Only a week before the match, I had made the decision that it was unusable and we would have to use the back up and sit out in the heat. Between you, Cedar and a couple others, yall talked me into staying cool, and that you could clear out the mess left behind after the berm work done over the last two weeks. We all owe you for keeping us out of the oven.

Best stage went to Rick O'Shea, Nelly and Mudflat for stage 2, and you did it with the least number of targets and spaghetti for shotgun targets.

To our Vendors, I thank you. I think this is an important part of a big match. I hope to really grow this area next year. It's a great way for people to get a feel for what is out there.

Finally to Hellfire Hattie and Slick Henry. You two saved my bacon and made this match such a joy to be a part of.

Now for the numbers.

We had 108 people sign up. With cancelations, the final tally was 98 shooters to start the match.

There were 13 clean shooters.

Arbitrator, Dakota Slim, Dallas Dancer, Doc Sievers, Gifford Gringo, Hank Hills, Hey Granpa, Lady Crowe, Lawbreaker, Saber Tooth, Sandy Charm, Shot-Z Lady and Silver Jack Hammer

Congratulations to Lawbreaker and Ivy Hills on a third year in a row being our SASS Washington State Champions.

**Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Bob Hull:**

No match, no report.

**Grounds, LaMarr Hood:**

Another busy month, more to do then man power do to summer actives, vacations and work schedules. Thanks to the crew who were able to come out.

A lot of sawing target legs and making target stands was a priority, along with general clean up, with some lawn mowing at the pistol and rifle bays.

Thanks to Gary and Godzilla we were able to clean up the action bays 1, 2 & 3, by widening and moved the berm back around 6 feet deeper, along with raising the berms by about 2-3 feet. Gary did some clean-up of bay 7 before the contractor came in and then after he left, along with bay 6. We spent Thursday unloading cement ecology blocks. Sam and Dale finished up Friday. In the pistol bay, we cleaned up the brush on the back of bay 7 and cleaned out the target stands and replaced with new ones at the 50-yard berm also shoving back the berm and raising it. On the back of bay 7 we shoved dirt up on the block and again making the field wider.

The laurel bush by the front entrance was trimmed to increasing the visibility to and from the main road. Also, adjusted the front gate for better fit and easier to close.

We will bet taking the month of August off, so very little will be done by the Monday Crew this month.

**Conservation, Gary Emerson:**

Weekly watering of native plants is keeping most of this spring and last year's plants alive during our record setting days without rain.

**Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:**

Classes are filling up as soon as posted. Our final traditional class of 2017 will be next week.

We have six Online skills evaluation classes left this year.

**IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

I was not at the July match, but Alan Feucht reports: ...The weather was perfect. We had to reduce the stages to 6 since bay 7 repairs have not been completed.

72 competitors, 2 DQ's

There were no ND's reported in the match.

**Financials:**

Match Revenue: \$1,185.00

Other Revenue: \$ 6.00

Expenses: \$0

Estimated Total Net Revenue: \$1,191.00

**Stats:**

Junior: 2

Senior: 8

S. Senior: 5

Lady: 4

Military: 2

Law: 1

Renton Members: 8

SO's: 16

The next Match will be the WASIDPAC (Washington State IDPA Championship) August 19-20.

Action bay closure: Closed on Tues-Sun 8/15 -8/20

Rifle bay & Pistol bay closures: Closed on Wednesday starting @ 1800, 8/16-8/20

Skeet range closure: Closed 8/16-8/20, starting morning of 8/16, the same venues as last year:

- Action Bays
- Small & large pistol bays
- Rifle bays
  - 200 yard rifle
  - shorter rifle bays for parking
- Skeet range: similar hay berm as this year

### Membership, Jay & Sean

Membership as of 08-01-2017

Junior	8
Annual	254
Senior	137
Family	61
Military	2
Life	22
Total	481

### USPSA, Dave McClure & Alan Feucht:

Great match. Thank you to Craig and Matt who came on Saturday to setup while everyone else went to Oregon. Had it not been for them we would have cancelled this match so a big thanks to them. We had one classifier that had to be downgraded due to illegal execution which is why we didn't have to pay USPSA's classifier fee. We had a total of 9 helpers on Saturday which made setup much easier.

Stages: 6

MD: Craig Allen

Registration/Stats: Alan Feucht, Euan Garden, Keith Tsang

67 competitors, 0 DQ's

Financials:

Gross Revenue: \$1,360.00

Expenses: \$201.00

Total Net Revenue: \$1,159.00

Stats:

Junior: 1

Senior: 5  
S. Senior: 11  
Lady: 7  
Military: 0  
Law: 4  
Renton Members: unknown since we don't track that for USPSA  
RO's: 12

**Range Condition upon arrival:**

The range was in decent condition. Some trash laying around but not bad. There were a few squad buckets in the container that were not returned to the Stat Shack with timers and tape guns in them. No big deal since they were not left outside.

Bay 7 remains closed and was not used during this match.

**Range Condition upon departure:**

Craig and I personally walked the stages for trash and made sure the range was in the same condition as on arrival. All trash and recycling were taken to their respective bins.

**Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:**

No report this month.

**Action Shooting International (ASI), Sandy Wylie:**

Monthly match: 49 shooters \$785.00

Small hand sized championship: 75 shooters \$1650.00

Good weather with 75 shooters, 8 women and no Juniors.

ASI members paid \$20 non ASI members \$30.

We had plaques and framed certificate awards along with a modest prize table. One sponsor set up to display. Dillon Precision was a sponsor with a reloading press and a few other items. Dillon also requested another article be written on ASI about this match.

The safe that the scoring tablets are stored in would not open in the morning with Euan trying. Our on-site safe tech got it open, but at the end of the day it did not appear to be serviceable to lock up. We communicated that to Euan and others the next morning. Lots of communication and drama on Sunday. Robb went there Sunday to try to lock it up and found it already locked.

**Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:**

Nothing out of the norm. Business as usual.

Adult	231	\$4,381.38
Junior	42	\$381.78
Total	273	\$4,763.16

Kids Day report from Greg Fortin

<b>Kids Day July 2017</b>	
<i>It just seems to be getting better. How, you ask?</i>	
<i>This month we saw a lot of repeat kids from the past two months.</i>	
<i>Interesting is that 21 of the 22 were Non-Members! \$210 Revenue.</i>	
<i>Also, most of them stayed 2+ hours based on extra ammo sales.</i>	
<i>The extra effort by our RSO's was greatly appreciated.</i>	
<i>Tiffany's BBQ did a booming business, as always.</i>	
<i>Within the next months, we'll start to update our rifle selection.</i>	
	
<b>We really went through them today.</b>	<b>Everybody blows up balloons</b>
	
<b>The First Wave</b>	<b>An Army of RSO's</b>

**Steel Matches, Cel Alvarez:**

Steel Challenge at RFGC for July 9, 2017 had a total of 75 participants. There were 27 Juniors, 20 RFGC Members, 28 Non-Members, and 20 extra guns for the match. We submitted \$507.00 to RFGC and had \$43.76 of expenses. The weather was clear and we had a very good turnout. We had one of the scoring tablets battery die and some of



our participants lost their scores. Next time, we will remind everyone to keep track of their battery life so we can switch out the tablet.

Congratulations to the Renton Steel Dragons Junior Varsity Team on reclaiming the 1st Place Rimfire Pistol and 2nd Place Rimfire Rifle Iron Sights at the 2017 Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) Championships in Morengo, OH.



Thank you for your support and having our team practice and participate in the Action Bays. The efforts provided by the coaches, parents, and volunteers have paid off. We are very happy to represent Renton Fish and Game Club proudly at a National level.

Sincerely,  
Cel and Vanessa Alvarez  
Renton Steel Dragons

**Black Rifle League, Sean Wade:**

Black Rifle had another good turnout for the month of July. It was a patriotic theme for America so the shooters were encouraged to "gear up". There were 21 shooters, 7 of them being new for a total of \$150 turned into the club. We ran a two-bay system and had no DQ's.

There is no match for August, the next match will be September 9th.

**Old Business:**

1. Muzzle blast shield update – LaMarr. Still testing different insulation materials.
2. Entrance road drainage and parking lot project. Work is complete
3. At the last meeting: *Kevin asked about people parking next to the cowboy storage units and using the action bays when they were set up for a match. Robb will talk to the person who was parking there and inform them that they cannot use the action bays when they are set up for a match.*  
**MSP:** To not allow shooting in any bays that are in use for an event, or if it setup for the next day's event.

Kevin and Derick volunteered to mark a fire lane next to the cowboy TCU.

4. Rebuilding the fence in bay six and seven. Sam and the crew completed the work before westmatch. Expenses submitted so far: \$10,675
5. Lead recovery from shotgun range. Work is complete.

#### **New Business:**

1. John reported that the Department of Labor inspected the range for noise. We passed and will not need to inspected for two years.
2. Safety items for July
3. Kids Shoot Proposal
4. Club house condition after West Match: Restrooms were messy.
5. LaMarr asked about routing water to the action bays. He will plan for it in the 2018 budget.
6. Randy brought up the issue that on Wednesday before the cowboy match there was not sufficient signage noting that the range was closed.
7. Ted Robinson and Jeff Mau from Tenecore expressed interest in using the range for training (product testing, develop and marketing). He does not charge for the class. He will be able to reserve a bay through Jay and just pay daily fees (as applicable).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

**Submitted by Robb Wolfe, Secretary**