



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for December 7th 2017

Call to Order: Sam Hewlett called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The following officers were present:

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

Kevin Michelich (Game Warden)
Sean Wade (Membership)
Robb Wolfe (Secretary)
Georgia Coulter (Treasurer)

Announcements:

MSP (Motion Second Passed) to approve the minutes for November as updated.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery Ted Pitt:

Has ordered new bags.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Continental warmup shoot is this Sunday. Bunker has been going OK

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

The November matches were rather interesting, weather-wise! Friday afternoon the set-up crew of Cedar County Sheriff, Appy Dan, Jus Dan D, Carlsbad Kid, Kodachrome Kid, Dastardly Dean and T-Bone Shorty had to drive through "The Blizzard of ought-17" to get to the range, but the snow stopped about 15 minutes after we got started moving steel. Then Sunday morning it was snowing lightly off and on throughout the day until time to drive home when it really started to come down heavy. We set up according to our winter standards of using three bays and shooting each one twice each day, and employing the canvas shelters to cover the firing lines, keeping most of the snow and rain off the back of our necks!

The match was once again designed and written by Contingent Fee McGee with his usual skill and imagination. The theme this month, "A Tribute to Burt Lancaster" with all the scenarios and starting lines derived from his most popular western movies. Two days of good, fun stages.

We had 18 Shooters on Saturday, with two shooters shooting a clean match Tacoma Slick, and T-Bone Shorty. The match was won by Rick O'Shea.

Sunday, we had 11 shooters, with one clean, and he was also the match winner, Wiley Bob.

The December Match: Well, another RUCAS weekend is in the books. Weather Saturday was very wet, leaving everything completely soggy, but things dried out and only a brief sprinkle caught us without our umbrellas out on Sunday.

There were 14 shooters on Saturday, and 16 on Sunday.

Next month we will have a RUCAS meeting and a Westmatch meeting after the Saturday January 6th match. Main topic for RUCAS meeting will be, the request to hold a one day "Old Fashioned Match" brought up by the MacDandee's and the Hammer Clan. We need someone from that group to discuss that proposal. Please bring some preliminary stage designs to show what could be expected at this event.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Bob Hull:

No matches until January

Kevin will contact Jay about renewing the club membership.

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

The crew has carried on in my absent. They cut up the OSB boards that Sam brought in, too size, worked on a never-ending project, ripping 2X2's too size for target legs, keeping up with target backers and general clean up.

Dale and Roy & crew, completed the insulation of the light bar on the rifle range, on the end of the baffles.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

I need to order plants if we are going to plant more bare root plants this coming spring.

I will need up to \$200.00 approved for plants.

MSP to approve the purchase of up to \$200 of plants

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

No report

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

The most recent monthly club match was held on November 18th. Tim Smith was the Match Director, there were 7 stages & 69 competitors. 1 DQ occurred for breaking the 180.

\$1,165 was turned into the club.

Several timers appear to need repair. TRon Davis will investigate this at the ASI Match this coming Saturday December 9th.

The next IDPA match will be on December 16th.

Membership, Jay & Sean

Membership as of 12-01-2017

Junior	17
Annual	451
Senior	227
Family	86
Military	2
Life	22
Total	805

USPSA, Dave McClure & Alan Feucht:

Thank you to Renton Fish and Game Club for donating the range for our events 5th year. In that time, we've been able to gift about \$35k to the Movember foundation and this could not have happened without your generosity.

Each year we exceed the last with the number of registered participants; this year we hit 157. Unfortunately given the amount of daylight available we can only accommodate 105 or risk not getting everyone through all 7 stages.

2018 will be a reorganization year with our efforts focus on re-branding and growing the match so that more people can participate. We'll be working on a proposal for the board to allow us to use one of the summer months that has an extra Sunday not typically used for organized events so we can take advantage of the longer days and better weather. Ideally, we'd like to have the match span 2 days and give the option of participating either on Saturday or Sunday. More details to follow in this idea in the December 7th or January 2018 board meetings.

Total donations to NWMHD/Movember collected: \$5,299.25*

**After expenses for plaques and supplies. More donations are still coming in from volunteer matching as well as Microsoft matching funds. Expected total to be around \$8,000.00*

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Practice, practice and more practice. Still getting a few new members so hoping for a good year. Had a little fun before Thanksgiving with a turkey shoot that all seem to enjoy. Not much will happen until mid-spring when competitions start.

Action Shooting International (ASI), Sandy Wylie:

The November ASI match had 58 shooters with a good number of women, junior and new shooters. The weather was marginal but the real rain held off until we were done. ASI will be running a Range Officer course at RFG on December 3rd, with class starting at 9am in the clubhouse and then moving to the action bays.

The range was in good shape when we arrived. There was a broken lawn mower in the action bays and a large amount of target lath outside the container unit. Black rifle was setting up soon after we were done and the container unit was left open for them to use.

ASI recently signed up new clubs in FL, NM and AK. We will be traveling to those clubs in December to help them get up and running.

Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

Slowing down a bit and we have cut down on our part time help. The range is looking good.

Adult	243	\$4,417.74
Junior	13	\$118.17
Total	0	\$4,535.91

Steel Matches, Cel Alvarez:

Steel Challenge at RFGC for November 12, 2017 had a total of 35 participants. There were 11 Juniors, 13 RFGC Members, 11 Non-Members, and 14 extra guns for the match. We submitted \$256.00 to RFGC and had \$6.05 of expenses. We were expecting rain but it held off till the match was over. There were no DQ's to report. It was a great match to end 2017.

There will be no Steel Match for December 2017. Our next Steel Match is January 14

Black Rifle League, Sean Wade:

Black Rifle had a total of 8 shooters with one paying nonmember. Conditions were cold and rainy for our Veterans Day shoot. The range was in good condition other than the small river in the middle. 😊 No safety violations and all had a good time. Next match is scheduled for December 17th and it's a charity toy drive.

Old Business:

1. AED kits: Derek reported that the AED pads were replaced in April of 2016, they should be good well into 2018 / 2019. The batteries have an expiration of 2019, not sure what month. Bill Merritt will stop by and inspect them.
2. Trauma kits for the ranges: Discussion concerning a 1st Aid Class @~ \$40/person, Club will pay for all employees and discipline chairs & made available to Club Members at their own expense. Additional Information from Bill Merritt: Attached are the 2 kinds of kits that I recommend. The larger kit has the tourniquet included. The large one is the one shown with the contents laid out at 139.99 with tourniquet, the smaller one without 89.00 both priced per kit.

MSP to approve the purchase of three of the \$140 kits.

Sam will determine the best time in April for the class

3. Increasing the insurance umbrella policy for the action bay officials, instructors, etc. Georgia review. Dave & Alan researching w/ NRA. Dave reported that he may have more information at the next meeting.
4. Power Pole replacement. Roy talked to PSE, who will follow up.

New Business:

1. No Safety items for November (John). Derek talked about a shooter at another range who set her garments on fire while standing too near to a space heater. Sam will donate chemical fire extinguishers for the action bays.
2. Web master replacement: Sean Wade will follow up with a couple of people who may be interested.
3. Georgia reported that the 2016 taxes are completed.
4. Target prices were increased at the rifle range (first increase in 18 years).
5. LaMarr reported that the gates have been left unlocked recently. The board reminded everyone that the last person out should lock the gate whether or not the renter is home.
6. Roy brought a new state of Washington flag that will be placed on the old pole.
7. Discussion regarding purchasing new steel targets for the USPSA discipline. Dave will bring his proposal to a future meeting.
8. Dave McClure thanked the Board again for sponsoring the Movember match. He asked to run his 2018 match July 27 – 29 and use the small bay next to bay 3
MSP to approve the use of the action bays on July 27-29 for the “Movember” match.

9. Dave McClure asked for funding for a new IDPA club website. The board agreed that this should be part of the normal club expenses.
10. Action bay walls: Walls will be finished when additional blocks are available. Sam suggested that wood (that is on a pallet behind the bay seven safety area) be stood up as a temporary measure. Sam will also look at using the telehandler and placing some of the bad blocks. He will also look at placing more blocks along bay 4 and 5 later in 2018.
11. Jason, who is an USPSA RO asked to reserve some of the action bays in January for a class.

Election Results for Directors and Officers

Directors:

Diana Pinto (Brian Howard term that expires 2019)
Ken Wong
Robb Wolfe
Sean Wade

Officers:

Game Warden: Kevin Michellich
Secretary: Robb Wolfe

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Submitted by Robb Wolfe, Secretary