



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for February 6th, 2020

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

The following officers were present:

Directors: Ted Pitt (Chairman), Sean Wade (Vice Chairman), Georgia Coulter, Karen Jennings, Diana Pinto, John Palmer & Robb Wolfe.

Game Warden: John Palmer

Secretary: Robb Wolfe

Absent: Scott Johnson (Excused)

Announcements:

***MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by John, seconded by Karen to approve the minutes, as submitted for January*

At the Directors meeting:

Ted Pitt was elected to the Chairman position

Sean Wade was elected to the Vice Chairman position

The board of directors directs that Ted Pitt and Aushim Sarkar to have access to the RFGC deposit box, checking, savings and as check signers. Georgia Coulter and Sam Hewlett will be removed from the deposit box, checking, savings and as check signers.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Archery looks ok. I will order bags for the work party.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun is picking up when it's not raining.

Been getting ready for our continental shoot in March.

Our bunker schedule is done. We added 2 more one-day shoots as requested by our shooters.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

The RUCAS cowboys really lucked out as far as the weather was concerned. The TV weather-wizards were saying we were gonna drown on Saturday and freeze in snow on Sunday. WRONG! Though it was quite wet during set up on Friday afternoon (Bay 4 was almost completely underwater. Turned into Lake Ducky!), Carlsbad Kid (Karl Mayer) and I managed to get the match ready except for painting the targets, and Saturday the rain had stopped by the time we started the match, and Sunday, while cold, was bright and sunny the whole day.

Speaking of Karl, our construction expert, he (on his own dime I might add) built and installed the small roof above the windows, and new shutters on the 3 windows of Fort Runamuck in Bay 4, so that any discipline using it can close off any of the windows without having to screw material over the openings. Each shutter can be hooked open or closed (or not) as the course of fire dictates. Thank you Karl!

Saturday saw 12 shooters come out and 13 on Sunday. So much for anyone caring about some lame football game that the Seahawks weren't even playing in!

Saturday, we had no clean shooters, but Sunday we had 3 shooters that managed to shoot clean matches. Carlsbad Kid, Appy Dan (Dan Glor), and R&R (Russ Holm). Match winners were GD Rattler (Bill Hanson) on Saturday, and Rick O'Shea (Russ Siverling) on Sunday.

With 4 shooters comped and no expenses incurred, \$210.00 was turned into the club.

Our next matches are scheduled for Feb. 29th (Leap Day) and Mar. 1st.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

The CMP Highpower Rifle match was held on January 25th. We had 4 shooters. Revenue to the club was \$28.00. One of the competitors was a junior. He did well in spite of it being his first high power rifle match.

Grounds: Positon is open LaMarr reported

We have been keeping up with target backers and general cleanup of the ranges. Clean out the culvert and the creek of leaves, next to our entrance road, again. This last rain the culvert seems to be handling the water flow. We brought in 10 sheets of OSB and cut them up for target backers. We will be in good shape until the work party.

It was brought to my attention that the metal target cage is in bad shape and needs repairs. Gary and Dale checked it out and made a list of materials needed.

On January 7th Gary Bachmeier Supervisor Road Services Division King County, came to the RF&G and I was able to meet with him. I showed him the creek and culvert problem first hand. He said he would send in a crew and dig out in front of the culvert to create a sump pond or sediment hole, and put it on the watch list for future problems. Also, they may put in a rack to catch the leaves before they reach the culvert. He remarked that the culvert was small for what it has to do. This was the same person that Sam had talked too. He gave me his information.

Purchased rope to place in front of the pistol benches. Will install next Monday.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

Finalizing 2020 class schedule

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Review of PBRs and updating our compliance. We need to provide King County with documentation of compliance. Various letters from user groups- ROTC, Police, Conservation, Hunter Education, etc.

Native plant pick up and planting in March

PBRs = King County "Public Benefit Rating System" Program. Georgia provided the following: I wanted to update you with the progress of the letter I mentioned at the executive meeting on January 16, 2020. I did some investigating and this is a conservation program. I contacted Gary Emerson and he is aware of the program and how it works and what is required. Gary has submitted the required documents to King County in the past. Gary has agreed to handle this with King County and keep us in compliance.

Gary provided additional information regarding the program and our past participation.

IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

This was our monthly IDPA club match.

Stages: 7

Shooters: 43

MD: Robb Wolfe

Registration: Deanna Atkinson

FINANCIALS:

Total Net Revenue: \$655.00

STATS:

Junior: 0

Senior: 14

S. Senior: 3

Lady: 6

Military: 1

Law: 2

Renton Members: 11

SOs: 6

International: 1

New Shooters: 4

DQs: 4

2 for 180 while moving and reloading
1 for 180 while turning and drawing
1 for swept right leg with muzzle on draw

Membership, Sean Wade

Membership as of 02-06-2020

Junior	43
Annual	282
Senior	588
Family	5
Military	110
Life	19
Total	1047

Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

Attendance was slow this month. We had 649 members and 313 guests for a total of 962 people using the range. This is not bad considering the weather we have been having. The range brought in a total of \$3,626.91. The contractor that installed the new heater in the rifle range office continues to trouble shoot why the pilot light keeps going out. This month they have been out twice and they replaced the gas valve on the last visit. They also will be replacing the thermopile when the part comes in. Hopefully this will correct the problem for good. They have been very diligent in getting this problem resolved.

The truck light on top of the baffles is back in operation after receiving the repaired power supply. This was done under warrantee. Thanks go out to Roy and Dale for their work on this issue.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Just practice with meets starting soon. Hopefully then we will have some good news. Several new shooters showing much promise.

Steel Matches, OPEN:

There has not been a person identified to replace Cel Alvarez so no matches are scheduled for 2020.

Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

Balances (as of 02-06-2020):

Savings	\$358025.79
Checking	\$29174.67
Total	\$387,200.46

USPSA, Alan Feucht:

There was no January match. Next match will be March 22nd

Black Rifle League, Sean Wade, Aushim Sarkar reported Black Rifle Monthly Report for January 2020

Last month's edition of Black Rifle League was held on January 25th. We were lucky to get a break from the rain for the duration of our shoot so we could enjoy the boggy marsh that is Bay 3 without a downpour. I would like to thank Randy and the rest of the ASI crew for working with us to allow us to use Bay 3.

The match was held simultaneously with an ASI special match and several of our shooters took part in both events. Two of our shooters noticed the 1911s on display on some of the ASI shooters' hips and reached out to Martin to ask about coming back for an ASI match.

In the absence of our match director who chose to spend the day enjoying the bright lights and moral ambiguity of Las Vegas, the following members stepped up as RSOs for the match –

- Barry Calhoun
- Aaron Lyons
- Aushim Sarkar
- Ken Wong

In addition, Scott Collins, Pete Limberis and Chuck Mueller worked in a roving RSO capacity to watch shooters waiting for their turn.

We had 29 paid shooters and turned in \$460 to the club.

Shooters engaged 12 targets with a combination of long gun and side arm. We had one DQ for breaking the 180 and one for having a round chambered in their rifle after they had finished their course of fire. Both shooters recognized their error and fully agreed with the RSO's decision.

We received consistent feedback about the time it took to run through the shooting stage twice for each shooter. In response, we are going to change our procedure so that two separate stages are shot by two groups of shooters with the aim of reducing the time spent by a third. We did not finish the match until 3pm this past month. We are hoping that with the new setup, the same number of shooters will be done by 1:30

Next month's match will be held on February 22nd. We anticipate a lower turnout for this match due to the return of our highly unpopular match director whom no one likes.

Action Shooting International (ASI), Scott Johnson:

39 shooters participated in the January 11th match. It was wet but the new target covers worked well \$595 was submitted the club.

Report from the ASI special match on January 25

Rick Breneman reported: We had 30 participants and quite a few new shooters, a good time appeared to have been had by all.

For all the gloomy weather, I don't think it rained a drop during the match

Congrats to Martin for high overall and first Single Stack.

Single Stack finishers in 2nd through 12th place were separated by nine seconds!

Precision Rimfire, Ken Wong:

January match was cancelled.

The February match had 7 shooters, \$35 was turned in.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

No event in Jan.

Next scheduled in May, June, July, Aug, Sept, & Dec.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

We've created a formal business structure for the Dragons. We incorporated as a non-profit in December and submitted for the 501C3 status in early January. We have not yet received the 501C3 determination letter from the feds, but are expecting it sometime in February. The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage sponsorships and donations.

The 2020 season kickoff meeting was held on Jan 24 and we had a great turnout...full house. To date 22 kids have signed up. The team composition at this point is as follows:

Total Dragons	22
High School age	9
Middle School age	8
5 Grade and under	5
14 boys and 8 girls	

We are applying for a range development grant from Midway USA for improvements to the action bays, with the goal of increasing youth participation. Our request is for lighting and shelters for 4 bays, which would then allow the use of the facility during the fall and winter months. Hopefully we get the 501C3 determination letter soon, as that is a must have requirement to get the grant.

Regarding the Western Washington Youth Action Shooting league, we're trying to develop. Snoqualmie is having trouble getting a coach to lead the team. Interlake is working to generate interest and have coaches to support, but only a couple kids to date have expressed interest. Issaquah however, was able to put a team together with 20 kids. So very encouraging. So far 4 teams in the league – Renton, Issaquah, and two teams from the Bellingham area.

Next is a sponsorship campaign, and trying to recruit someone to take on the monthly Steel Challenge leadership role. We need to find someone to step up and lead that discipline.

Old Business:

1. Updating member handbook and range rules. Sean will take on updating the handbook.
2. Unhealthy tree removal in the action bays (Sam). We may wait until Spring.
3. Safety Items for October regarding the upper pedestrian gates (closing them off) and fence repair (Sam).
4. Action bay upper berm repair progress report (Sam)
Waiting for the weather and Steve's availability.
5. Creating a barrier under the benches at the pistol range (LaMarr and the Monday Crew).
Will be completed on Monday
6. Third reading of the by-law amendment change. Submitted by LaMarr Hood #1856

Amendment Changes to read as follows, (changes are added in bold print and underlined).

ARTICLE V: Election of Directors and Officers

Section 5. All full members must have attended at least two (2) Board or membership meetings in the previous eleven (11) months to be eligible to vote on amendments to the by-laws, or to vote in the annual election of officers. **Exception: paid full-time employees at the time of the vote, will have full voting rights without the two required meetings.**

Of the members present that were eligible to vote, 13 votes were needed to obtain the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed to pass. 20 voted yes so, the proposed change passed

New Business:

1. Safety Items for January
 - a) The Shotgun range experienced a safety incident at approximately 11:15 am on January 18, 2020.

A member was shooting a game of Continental Trap on Field #2 when their over/under shotgun's upper barrel blew apart. They suffered minor cuts to their nose & finger. One lens of their safety glasses was knocked off the frame and their hands and face were coated with spent powder. They do not believe they suffered any strike to their head or body by any part of the gun.

The top barrel was flared at the throat and was about 15' downrange of their firing position. The bottom barrel remained on the stock and laid on the ground near them where they tossed it. Fellow shooters helped clear the field of debris. The top barrel fired first and was clear. A spent hull was removed from the bottom barrel. No other obstruction was found in the bottom barrel.

The member was using their own loads.

John Palmer will look into creating policy and forms to document if this were to happen again.

2. A draft Rifle and Pistol Range Brass policy was shared, discussed and tabled until the next meeting

Spent brass collection at Rifle & Pistol Ranges

Patrons of the ranges are welcome to collect their spent brass after shooting on either range. Collection is to be done in a safe manner without crossing the firing line. The patron may take their brass home with them or donate it to the range by depositing their brass in special collection containers located on the range. If the brass is not removed by the end of the day it becomes the property of Renton Fish and Game Club. The brass will be collected on a daily basis by the Range Master or their assistant and deposited in special collection containers located on the range. The used brass will be sold to local recycler's and the proceeds deposited in the club's bank account.

Spent brass in the Action Bays

The spent brass in the action bays may be collected by patrons or donated to the club by depositing it in a special collection container located by the stat shack. Until otherwise posted, any current member in good standing may collect brass from the action bays and use it as they see fit. The member collecting brass in the action bays must sign in at the Rifle Range and also on the sign in sheet at the stat shack. The member must follow all Action Bay Rules and only collect brass when the range is safe.

3. Water on road / repair diversion of the water to keep off our property.
Decision was made to wait until the work party – Aaron Lyons will lead outreach to the county related to this.
4. Budget / Work Party Meeting will be Monday February 17th at 6:00PM
Directors, Officers and Committee / Discipline chairmen will be invited.

5. Randy Hill asked the board to publish the policies and procedures.
Diana volunteered to follow up on this.

6. CPR/1st Aid training was last held in April 2018. Cards expire April 2020 so we need to recertify our employees. Last time we also offered the class free of charge to our Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen.
MSP to schedule the class before the expiration, offer it free of charge to the Directors, Officers and Committee / Discipline chairmen.
Jim Newman will be asked to coordinate the class with Merit Emergency Education for a time that best works for our employees

Meeting adjourned at 9:11

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary