

Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for April 6th 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, Scott Johnson, John Palmer & LaMarr Hood

Kevin Michellich (Game Warden)
Sean Wade (Membership)
Robb Wolfe (Secretary)

Absent:

Brian Howard (excused)
Wayne McCann (excused)

Announcements:

MSP (Motion Second Passed) to approve the minutes for March

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery Ted Pitt:

Looking good.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

The continental shoot went well, no breakdowns. Renton won the team trophy.
The bunker clinic went well.

We had 18 people attend our April fools shoot, we had 5 squads and brought in \$840.
Ordered targets getting ready for the work party.

Cowboy, Brian Howard: (Derek Mirkle reported)

We had 27 shooters show up for the Saturday match and 17 on Sunday.

Weather was great on Saturday. Sunday was very nice again, but a little cooler with the rain holding off until we met for dinner at Doofers.

Overalls.

Congratulations to Rick O'Shea, Lawbreaker, and Mudflat Mike on their top three overall for the Saturday match, and to Rick O'Shea, Mudflat Mike, and Zocato for their overalls today.

Clean Shooters:

Saturday, we had two clean shooters, Freddie Sykes and Lead R'Rip.

Sunday, we only had one clean shooter, congratulations Mudflat Mike.

Derek Mirkle volunteered to cover for Brian while he is out.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Bob Hull:

4 shooters. \$28

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

The crew has been keeping up with target backers and general cleanup of the rifle and pistol range buildings.

This month we started trimming trees from the front gate to the back gate. The limbs were mostly dead limbs and we left them along the side of the road. The plan is for the limbs to be picked up during the work party and hauled to Lynn's park where we plan on having the chipper set up.

We plan on cutting up the OSB boards on Monday the 3rd if enough of the crew shows up. Thanks to Sam for bring in the boards.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

No Report

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

Next Online class this coming Monday the 10th.

Full schedule for review and approval.

May 15

June 12

July 10, 11,12 & 13

Aug 14, 15, 16 & 17

Sept 11

Sept 12

Oct 2

Oct 9

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

I was here 7:30 to 10AM to open the Action Bays, help set up & see the initial start of the match. Then had to leave for other family obligations.

Euan Garden reports:

Pretty quick match given the weather, monsoon for the first 4 ish stages, usual rivers and duck ponds Range was in decent condition we arrived and Rob policed everything up before we left but there was a black rifle match in Bay 3 and Kids Steel Challenge in 1, 2 and 5 so can't speak to the state when we left. We could have done with a bunch more people to hang around at the end and help tidy up, worth a reminder at the start of the next match.

Match Director: Rob Beals

Stats/Reg: Euan Garden

Stats/Reg Padawans: None, we need to get more volunteers

NSO: Mike Meisner / Jon Stein

49 Competitors

2 DNF's

1 DQ Eli, Bay 1 had an up range start he drew then turned, Robb Potter was the SO.

Scores posted to Practiscore and the forum 14.38

Total Receipts: 840

Total Expenses: 0

Breakdown:

2 Renton Members x 15

2 Active Duty Mil x 10

10 SO's x 10

Stuff that needs work;

- All the timers are dead and we have no batteries, I lent both of mine out. Scott was going on a Costco run before next week.
- 2 of the tablets are being weird (showing incomplete stages despite being complete, weird responses to input) 3 and 6. I think they are fine but we should keep an eye on them. There have been updates to Practiscore but apparently, some of the changes for USPSA "leaked" into IDPA so we should wait until next month to update.
- I fixed the one keyboard we had and (re)paired it via Bluetooth to the master, I also setup the spare keyboard and paired it.
- We are almost out of foam ear plus for emergencies I presume someone knows where we can buy more of the industrial sized box.

- We are almost out of tape, there is enough for the USPSA match as long as Dave does not get carried away with the round count. Scott was going to order more.
- One of the power strips in the safe has come lose from the mount, I wedged it up there and it stayed for the match and tear down, not certain it is “fixed”

The Next IDPA Match is scheduled for 4/15/2017.

ASI, Sandy Wylie:

The March Renton ASI match had or standard match with 4 stages and 3 bonus stages. It was a rainy day and a little on the cold side. The range was in good shape when we arrived and we left it in good condition as well.

There were 26 shooters at the match with one junior shooter and 2 women. With the help of Euan and Alan we used the practice score tablets for the first time and got some people trained up on that.

Membership, Jay & Sean

Membership as of 04-06-2017

Junior:	22
Family:	88
Senior:	233
Annual:	526
Life	24
Total:	893

USPSA, Dave McClure:

Match Summary: MUD, RAIN, WET, AND MORE MUD!

MD: David McClure

Registration / Stats: Alan Feucht / Keith Tsang

The match was a 7 stage, no classifier mud fest. Setup was on Saturday and we had a pretty good turnout for a change. The match started at 10am and ended about 3:30. Scores posted on Practiscore under Renton NW05 USPSA March 2017

Can we get an update in the plans to mitigate the mud in bays 1, 2, 3, and 4? Only 63 shooters for a season opening match is pretty bad considering Marysville had over 100 last weekend in their opener. Overwhelming consensus from the crowd and staff is that they would rather stay home then shoot in the mud from now on so I'd expect the numbers to keep dropping until something can be done about it.

Total number of competitors and staff: 63

Total DQ's: 2. Specifics unknown since they did not tell the MD or me about them. This will be addressed in future shooter meetings.

Gross Revenue: \$1,111.00

Expenses: \$94.50 to USPSA for activity fee
\$63.00 to Rick Langson for USPSA Section fee

Net Revenue: \$952.50

Fee Breakdown

9 @ \$0
1 @ \$10.00 (junior and a DQ winner)
13 @ \$17.00
40 @ 22.00

Stats

Juniors: 2
Senior: 6
S. Senior: 6
Lady: 2
International: 1
Military: 2
Law: 3

Range Conditions

Range condition upon arrival: Some trash in the bays including targets, target bags, and mud everywhere.

Range condition upon departure: All bays were checked for trash and to the best of our ability cleaned up. Old targets and trash taken to respective bins. Mud was left in the bays.

Supplies

- I brought AAA and 9V batteries so we are good for a few months.
- I didn't check the tape, targets and target bag supplies so next person that is at the range should check and get them ordered if needed.

Maintenance

- I have a broken timer that I'll repair and returned next month.
- One of the tablets (11) is having issues. We'll need to update the OS to see if that is the root cause before taking other steps. Use caution if you use that tablet.
- We should get a range cleanup day on the calendar soon. There is a bunch of steel, lumber, and props that needs to be sorted and disposed.
- I'd also like to get the car picked up and I'll start looking for a donation to replace it.
- Can we get at least 50 yards of 5/8 minus to address the mud in the common areas around the shack, containers and behind the bay in 1, 2, and 3?
- The platform in front of the stat shack entry door was replaced on Saturday with treated lumber. The old platform was a safety hazard. Total cost to the range to replace: Zero

Announcements

- Renton to host the 2017 USPSA Section Championship match. This will be a one day match on a normal USPSA match day, date to be determined. Expected crowd to be over 100 competitors
- All NW Section clubs have agreed to raise the match fee structure eff. 5/1/17 as follows:
 - Standard fee: \$25.00 from current \$22.00
 - Working RO: \$15.00 from current \$17.00, max 2 per squad.

Renton Specific fees:

- Saturday Setup Crew: \$0 - no change
- Stats/Reg/MD: \$0 - no change
- Junior: \$10.00
- Active Military: \$20.00

Other expenses:

NW section fee increase from \$1.00/shooter to \$1.50/shooter. Classifier and activity fees remain unchanged.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Our first meet is this weekend, we will be taking twelve shooters to SST for a weekend event. State meet is also this month at end of April. Only six to state in Spokane. Wish us luck.

Rifle and Pistol, Sam Hewlett:

The ranges are looking good considering the amount of rain we've had. Our new part time employee Sam Cody has been well received. Everything has been running smoothly, a little sunshine would be nice.

Adult	267	\$4,918.14
Junior	12	\$110.53
Total	279	\$5,028.67

Steel Challenge, Cel Alvarez:

Steel Challenge at RFGC for March 12, 2017 had a total of 59 participants. There were 22 Juniors, 18 RFGC Members, 19 Non-Members, and 14 extra guns for the match. We submitted \$372.00 to RFGC and had \$32.85 of expenses. It was an overcast day but the no rain. This was the most participation we have to date. There were 4-5 shooters that left early because they were tired of waiting. There were no DQs.

We bumped up our total stages to 6, which will bump up the round count to 150 rounds minimum. This will thin out the squads and there will be more shooting and less waiting. We hope it will also speed up the finish time of the match. We will see.

Our Junior members has also increased. The practice sessions set up Coach: Dan Paczosa has also seen a lot more participation. He works very hard to try to coach each new and seasoned shooter that shows up. We are getting a healthy population of junior shooters.

Thank you for generosity and supporting our teams.

Sincerely,
Cel and Vanessa Alvarez
Renton Steel Dragons

Black Rifle League, Sean Wade:

We had another great turnout for black rifle with 28 shooters. Unfortunately, we had our first DQ for a safety violator. A shooter fell during the course and discharged a round, (into the berm) while slipping and falling to the ground. He acknowledged his negligence and was told that he could stay for the rest of the match but not participate.

I did not let another shooter participate after his rifle proved to be unsafe, hence the shrapnel to my face. Ouch! He was told that he could shoot next month's match at no cost but not with the same rifle. Other than that, all had a good time and enjoyed the course set up. Thanks again for all who helped out and to Kevin Nguyen who again supplied wonderful food. Next match is set for April 15th.

Old Business:

1. Muzzle blast shield update – LaMarr. The next step is to test different insulation materials. Sam suggested they try horse stall blanket material. Kevin also suggested Dynamat.

2. Entrance road fix: Sam contacted Northwest Asphalt and another company to correct the drainage.

Two bids:

\$8,600 to add a new drain on the entrance road (partial fix).

\$24,000 to completely redo the drain system and upgrade the road.

\$4,331 to grade the range parking lots.

3. Fee reduction policy for volunteer hours worked was submitted by LaMarr (Sam is looking for membership feedback):

Work Hours for fee deduction. Total needed 20 hours

Fee deduction as approved by the Committee Chairpersons

Conservation; Current Club related conservation projects are as follows:

Spring Native plant bare root planting & summer watering of plants

Trout pond help at International Sportsmen Show

Misc. habitat projects

(Cavanaugh Pond is being torn out by the county so no more projects down there)

Assisting with youth shooting programs.

Shotgun, Action, or General Shooting Programs of RF&G

Grounds Maintenance and Projects

Annual Work Party, Mowing, trimming, range restoring, general Maintenance and/or up dating.

Membership Drives
WAC tables, Etc.

Working RSO as assigned assisting the Range Masters
As needed for Hunter Sight In and cover for/or assisting Range Masters.

4. Safety meetings. John updated the list of commonly used chemicals, cleaners stored at the range. He will ask for another voluntary inspection in April.
5. Membership drive proposal:
 - a. Conduct a membership drive with the goal of at least 1000 members. A five-year plan to accomplish this seems reasonable.
 - b. Decreasing membership fees: for July 1 would be 175 family, 150 regular, 120 senior and go down \$10 July 2018, \$5 July 2019, \$5 July 2020 and \$5 2021. Therefore, at the end of the five year drive it would be 150 family, 125 regular and 95 seniors.
 - c. Do away with the initiation fee for new memberships for 2017, the first year of the drive. Based on drive success, the initiation fee could be eliminated on a year by year basis by the Board.
 - d. During the 5-year membership drive, award a \$10 RFGC gift certificate for each new member that is brought in by the member sponsor.
 - e. Major capital projects, \$20,000 or more would be outlined to the membership in the spring so there is plenty of time to discuss them prior to the renewal date for memberships and as approved the expenditure would be divided by 1000 (membership goal) and the resulting amount presented to the members either renewing or new members coming in within that fiscal year as a "capital project assessment". For example, if we determine the main road needed drainage at a cost of \$25,000 during 2017/2018 and we presented this need to the membership and it was approved as a capital project the "special assessment" for July 1 2017 through June 30 2018 would be \$25 added to each renewal or new application. There would be a cap of any assessment at \$40 per year.

Sean had a suggestion that he will submit to the Board.

Sandy Wylie asked if we have considered using a service such as "Wild Apricot".
<https://www.wildapricot.com/>

New Business:

1. Work party meeting took place tonight. Master list was created.
2. Robb Wolfe asked for approval to order one ShelterLogic 10x20 1-3/8" 8-Leg Canopy (White) from Costco for \$169.98 plus tax for use in the action bays. If it is a good quality canopy, we will want to order two more.
MSP to purchase one shelter for \$169.98 plus tax
3. Safety items for March and April
4. Bruce Davidson's generous offer: He would like to donate his gun collection to the club as part of his will. He is also considering paying for a capital project.
5. Greg Fortin had four items regarding Kids Day

Item 1

Kids Day RSO Dale Baker has offered to subsidize the non-member fee. The non-member will pay \$5 and Dale will pay \$5 (up to \$500 total). The purpose is to make the event affordable, and increase attendance. Revised proposal of \$5 per child up to \$10 per family.
MSP rate of \$5 per child up to \$10 per family

Item 2

Promote Kids Day on Face Book.
With the volunteer help of Sean Roe, I would like to have a presence on Face Book. Editorial and Pictures would be tailored to the general public. No financials or faces. The purpose is to increase awareness, and attendance, by touching a broader market.

Item 3

By process of eminent domain, I have taken possession of the locker formerly occupied by the Seattle University shooting club.
Reasons – Better door & lock. Heavy Duty Mosler Gun Safe. More shelving.

Item 4

Both Tiffany and I are still looking for help.
WANTED posters have been placed at shotgun and rifle club houses.

6. Robb made a motion to send flowers to Brian Howard, spending up to \$100.
MSP to spend up to \$100
7. Dave McClure: We are hosting the USPSA section series championship match in June. I'm expecting ~ 100+ shooters, and would like to leverage 8 squads and bays to make for a better match experience and squad rotation. We are requesting the use of the safety area (same as WA IDPAC) for a stage.
MSP to use the Pistol range instead

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Submitted by Robb Wolfe, Secretary