



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for November 4th, 2021

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

Directors and Officers attendance:

Directors	Present	Absent	Excused
Chairman of the Board: Ted Pitt	√		
Vice Chairman: Robb Wolfe	√		
Georgia Coulter	√		
LaMarr Hood	√		
Karen Jennings	√		
Scott Johnson	√		
John Palmer	√		
Diana Pinto	√		
Steve Traverso	√		
Treasurer: Aushim Sarkar	√		
Game Warden: John Palmer	√		
Secretary: Robb Wolfe	√		

Announcements:

- 1) **MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by John, seconded by LaMarr to approve the minutes, as submitted for October.

Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

Balances as of 10-31-2021

Account	Balance
Checking	\$76,488.27
Savings	\$510,113.14

\$40,000 will be transferred electronically to the BECU savings account over November as part of a new transfer process.

We are still seeing a gap in information in the POS system related to two days in August. This will require some time to resolve as we will need to solve this internally as Quicken customer support is not helpful.

Commentary

The club was able to generate positive net income in the month of September despite some higher than usual expenses. Club revenue dropped 19% compared to July but expenses increased 40%. We were still able to maintain a positive difference between revenue and expenses but not enough to add to our reserves in September. The club's records for the month of September were complete as fixes were implemented to the point-of-sale system.

The club recorded \$39,109.19 in revenue and generated a net income of \$5,748.27 for the month.

Revenue Report

Membership revenue was \$13,598.01 for September and still accounted for the lion's share of club revenue at 34.8%. This continued the downward trend from June but the fact that it is still the largest contributor to total revenue is a good sign. There were few late renewals in September and a good proportion of this revenue was from new members. Match revenue was \$5,905.00 or 15.1% of our total, helped by \$3,025.00 from USPSA and \$1,755.00 from ASI. Rifle and pistol revenue was \$6,259.31, up 95% from July driven by the precursor of hunter sight in October. Shotgun and archery was down 20% compared to July and was at \$4,159.93

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

The range looks good. Helped a person sight in his crossbow.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun is going well. People are shooting, we have the continental warmup shoot December 19th and our real shoot is March 6th

Bunker is doing good to despite the weather

Rifle & Pistol, Steve Traverso:

All is going well. It has been busy, and we are starting to get ammunition.

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

We got done what we could in moving the short pistol berm then the rain came, and we couldn't do any more with the heavy machinery. We need to remove a lot of rocks off the new berm and off the road before we can chip the area. More work is needed on the two target lanes. Most of the work will have to wait until the ground dries out.

What we have accomplished: all the night lights are working, and old lights have been updated to new LED's. What limbs were down removed; leaves blown away from the baffles to help keep them out of the shooting range building.

The crew has continued with general clean up and maintaining target backers.

Also checked the culvert to look for blockages.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

Gone hunting, no report.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Gone hunting, no report.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

No event in October. Next Kids Day Sunday Dec 12th. Looking for RSO volunteers.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

No report

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Dragon's participated in the SASP Fall Classic and had another good showing. As individuals, Ethan Chewning took first overall in rimfire pistol iron, and optics rifle. James Meade took 2nd overall in PCC, and Robyn Pontrelli took 2nd overall in PCC for the women's division. Overall, we had 8 finishers in the top 4 across the various disciplines.

Place	# of Dragons
1 st place	2
2 nd place	2
3 rd place	1
4 th place	3

For team (squads of 4) results, our Intermediates took 1st place in optics and iron rifle, our Senior's took 1st in optics rifle and 2nd in iron rifle.

Place	Our finishes
1 st place	3
2 nd place	1
3 rd place	2

Even though the weather is inclement, we still have around 10 or so kids show for practice and are taking advantage of the trigger time opportunity. One of our shooters, Mia Huisman, who's only in her 2nd year with the team, consistently shot in the 1.30's last night at practice. That's 5 targets shot in 1.3 seconds. That's incredibly fast and show's how dedication and practice time leads to great results.

The kids are having tons of fun and are really excited about their performances. It's great to witness.

Ron Martinson also noted that: Kai Martinsen came in 1st overall for the Intermediate Entry class for Rimfire Pistol and Rimfire Rifle Optics for the National SASP Fall Classic.

Robyn Pontrelli (PCC), Jimmy Meade (Iron Pistol & Rifle), Levi Ralston (Pistol) & Kai Martinsen (Iron Rifle) all had record Go Fast times under 1.50 seconds for 5 targets. Our kids are getting faster and more consistent!

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

Our next matches will be Nov. 6th & 7th.

He needs to renew the SAS annual fee

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

Next year's matches will start on January 22, 2022

Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:

The NRL22 October match went smoothly. It was great to have a non-rainy day and good visibility on the entire match. We had 21 shooters show up, with a few new shooters and half a dozen spectators interested. We had a few regulars miss due to conflicting centerfire national level matches and some vacations.

There were 8 stages, 5 official NRL22 and the 3 bonus stages. The course of fire can be seen here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1krvHEz0ByxEhkF2389IV_GajXmwJUsUJ9UAeTeXm1fQ/edit?usp=sharing with targets ranging from 25-200 yards.

Our total take this month was \$300, with 4 staff, 8 members, and 9 nonmembers. It looks like monthly we have a few more nonmembers converting to members after shooting our matches, and we offer members a \$5 discount. We then paid out \$70 in trophies (7 trophies), \$35 NRL22 fees, and \$15 to get some conduit to raise some targets. Netting the club \$180.

Sean brought up the issue that the entire range is shut down for their matches. He asked that they allow non-match members to use the unused portion of the range.

There will not be a match in October to avoid hunter sight-in.

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

This was our October 16th IDPA club match, with a Halloween theme from the movie Young Frankenstein.

The weather was very pleasant, dry and partly sunny.

There were 6 Stages for 46 Shooters. No DQ's. \$690 was turned into the Club.

The Next match will be on November 20th.

USPSA, Dave McClure:

October 24th match report

Stages: 7

Shooters: 64

Financials:

Gross Revenue: \$1664

Total Costs: \$665.06 [(\$157 Halloween Decor, water, & candy (, (\$52.80 for range expenses (wood lathe)), (\$210 match discounts), (\$21.06 Stripe fees), (\$224 USPSA related fees)]

Net Revenue: \$998.04

Next Match will be on March 27, 2022

Black Rifle League, Aaron Lyons:

Black Rifle League held its annual Black Rifle League – ZOMBIE SHOOT on October 30th, 2021, which is one of our few nighttime shoots during our ten-month season.

We had a total turn out of 60 participants navigating through multiple different stages of difficulty throughout the match. Each participant received a glow-in-the-dark BIOHAZARD patch at this year's event, bringing that extra piece of flair for our Zombie Shoot event.

This year, we upgraded our fog machines, allowing more fog to fill up Bay 1, providing an additional challenge for participants. We also upgraded our no-shoots to include both reflective tape and IR patches for those running night vision optics throughout their run.

Safety was vital for us this year, as all participants were required to wear chemlights / glow sticks for the event, ensuring that we could keep a keen eye on participants downrange as it began to get dark inside the action bays.

The additional expenses this year totaled \$345.00, which added value to our event, leaving many participants eager to come back to the next Black Rifle League event.

In total, we collected **\$1,145.00** from event fees, after adding in the **(\$345.00)** of expenses, leaving a net check to the club for **\$800.00** even.

Within the Black Rifle League's seven-year history, this event marked several major milestones.

- The highest number of participants to date – **60** – With some folks at shotgun questioning if USPSA was holding a match given the sheer number of vehicles on the property
- The highest amount collected in event fees - **\$1,145.00**
- The most significant net proceeds coming back to the club is **\$800.00** to be invested in future improvements.

We are conducting the annual Toys for Tots toy drive. We are collecting gifts and cash donations.

We will be talking with the rangemaster to hold matches on the weekends that USPSA will not be using this Winter.

Action Shooting International (ASI), Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe

The October match was fun. Sandy Wylie provided guidance on the stage setup and as one shooter said: "they were a little more spicy" (challenging). Good weather & good attendance.

There were 93 Shooters. We shot six stages and were wrapped up by 2:30

\$1290 was turned into the club

The next match will be November 13th

Membership, (Open)

Data as of 11-04-2021

	2021	2020
Junior	50	21
Annual	499	274
Senior	293	95
Family	166	48
Military	18	3
Life	19	19
Total	1045	460

Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

There has been no new information.

Old Business:

1. New internet connection (Chuck)

Dave McClure reported that he conducted some research with Verizon. He will also explore Xfinity and Comcast. Ron Martinsen also had some good ideas.

2. Karen: Alan Gottlieb from the Second Amendment Foundation will be speaking on November 10th @ 7:00PM. It will be at East Renton Community Church.

Old Business that is on hold

1. Updates to the rifle / pistol range orientation video (Aaron Lyons)
2. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 (Steve).
On hold until the equipment that can do the work is available to rent.
3. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).

New Business:

1. Safety Items for October:
 - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
2. Ted asked the rangemaster on October 27, to have nonmembers view both videos on their first visit (they can also do it at home), and to require a waiver for each visit (as we do for the action bay events).
Decision(s): Combine the videos into one. Rangemasters will only require the video for the range that shooter will be using. Waivers will be required by each non-member, each visit (until we have an electronic system in place).

Ron Martinsen can combine the current videos into one so that users only watch one video in the future.
3. Diana requested an executive board meeting to discuss complaints about staff members. She would like to also make sure there is an open period of discussion for members and non-members to voice their issues, good and bad, at this meeting.
Discussion: It was suggested that an anonymous survey could be effective. Also, that it should only be addressed by the board, not in a public setting.
Suggest that they be coached and guided.
Decision: There will Director's meeting to discuss staff concerns on November 17 @ 6:00PM

4. Clarification to the Membership handbook regarding shotguns on the rifle range. The current statement is “Shotguns are allowed on the 50 yd rifle range with lead slugs only.” It will be revised to read: “Shotguns are allowed on the 50 & 100 yard ranges with lead slugs only. Following the same rules and guidelines as rifles (there are no other restrictions or limitations).
Decision: Approved.
5. Karen proposed changing the one round policy to “Shooters may fully load magazines but may only expend one round per second. Violations of this policy will limit the shooter to one round per magazine”
Decision: Approved
6. Paul and Sean will be attending the NRA Range Safety Officers class on November 7th. Ted has arranged coverage for both ranges.
7. December Voting, Robb proposed that we follow the 2020 process:
 - a) The Game Warden (John) will send a list of members who are qualified to vote, to the Rangemaster.
 - b) The Rangemaster (Jim) will email numbered ballots to all eligible voters, after the end of the November meeting (after validating that they are in good standing). If email is not available, phone contact will be made.
 - c) Those ballots would then be either returned by email (or postal mail) to the Rangemaster (at the main clubhouse) or brought to the December meeting.
 - d) Jim would provide the postal mailed ballots and print the ones he receives via email (without names), to be counted at the December meeting by the committee.
8. Ron Martinsen – would like a quicker response time to make changes to the club website.
Decision: the board would like Ron to be a backup administrator.
9. Scott Pontrelli – Little house on the skeet field needs repaired – Ted has received the parts to repair it. Also, would like lighting in the action bay safety areas so when they work with their rifles to remove a squib or install sights it will be well lit. The Monday crew will add lights.
10. Derek asked about doing a cowboy night shoot. Date TBD

Board nominations:

Directors (3 positions open)

Ted Pitt
Georgia Coulter
Aushim Sarkar
Tim Ralston
Dave McClure

Secretary (1 position open)

Robb Wolfe

Treasurer (1 position)
Georgia Coulter

Game Warden (1 position open)
John Palmer

Good of the order:
Steve had a successful hunting trip.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary