



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for October 1st, 2020

Call to Order: Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The following officers were present:

Directors: Ted Pitt (Chairman), Georgia Coulter, Karen Jennings, Diana Pinto, Ken Wong, John Palmer, Robb Wolfe, LaMarr Hood & Scott Johnson.

Game Warden: John Palmer

Secretary: Robb Wolfe

Treasurer: Aushim Sarkar

Announcements:

MSP (Motion Second and Passed) by Karen, seconded by John to approve the minutes, as revised for September.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Need to do some maintenance otherwise looks OK.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun has been going well. This summer our shoots went well. The 5-stand went fine having Quinn opening on weekends was great. I will be putting it away for the winter soon. We got targets last week, Gary Young got them unloaded for me.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

Our first "Covid-19 aware" cowboy matches were held Sept 5th and 6th. There were a few folks that wore a mask, and we generally kept our social distances. Most participants said they liked the "everyone knows what to do" approach that our club has adopted, "If you're sick, STAY HOME, if you think you're gonna get sick, STAY HOME!"

We had 25 shooters on Saturday which started out a bit moist but dried out and became a fairly nice day. Rick O' Shea (Russ Siverling) was the Match Winner, T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrang) placed Second, and Mudflat Mike (Mike Perin) was Third. Rick, T-Bone, and Carlsbad Kid (Karl Mayer) were clean for the match (no misses, procedural or safety penalties),

Sunday was a very nice day, if a bit cool in the morning. We had 21 shooters come out to do battle with the steel bad-guys and once again Rick O'Shea was the Match Winner, with Lawbreaker (Tim

Thibert) in Second, and T-Bone Shorty placing Third. All three of these gents were clean for the day. I guess it pays to shoot clean!

There were no DQ's or problems of any kind, and \$420.00 was turned into the club.

Our next matches are October 3rd & 4th, when we'll be trying out the newly improved North Bays!

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

The last CMP rifle match was conducted September 26th with two competitors and \$14.00 turned into the club. This was the last match for 2020. We will start up again in January.

Grounds: LaMarr Hood:

Pistol & rifle range we did general clean up, replaced shot up target backers and also watered the trees around the rifle range and clean out the rain gutters on the R&P range buildings.

Most of the crew have been spending most of our time in the action bays working on the Steel Dragons grant under Roy Rasmussen's directions, on both Monday and Tuesday the past eight weeks and have completed the lighting portion of the grant.

Next to bay 7 we took out some dead trees, one next to the light pole and one large one on the pistol berm, cut them up and moved to the wood pile.

Thanks to Steve and his crew for the help with the trees the stumps and the grant.

Respectfully submitted and "Happy Trails"
LaMarr

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

Volunteers not allowed to teach any classes this year. State Employees still teaching in person classes for students 10 years old and under.

Online classes are available for all other students. No hands on or live fire required.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Watering continued last week, hopefully for the last time this year.

IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

This was our monthly IDPA club match. This month was a Postal Match.

Stages: 7

Shooters: 55

MD: Joey & Jackie Russo

Registrations: Deanna Atkinson

Total Net Revenue: \$890

SAFETY ISSUES: Regarding Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing was encouraged, masks were worn as needed, and hand sanitizer was added to buckets and distributed around the range.

Membership, (Open)

Data as of 10-01-2020

Junior	21
Annual	274
Senior	95
Family	48
Military	3
Life	19
Total	460

Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:

Rifle and pistol brought in 1259 people this month, we are almost out of all our ammo. Ammo order has been made a few weeks ago and have no idea when it will be here. Quin is down he does not know when he will be able to return. We are looking for some help on the weekends until Quin can return.

The steel box on the 200-yard line needs to be repaired.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Some practice but no ideas about future events

Steel Matches, (OPEN):

No matches are scheduled for 2020.

Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

The club had a net income of \$8,608.58 for August.

Balances as of 9/30 (these are not final statement balances as the month hasn't closed)

Account	Balance
Checking	\$ 58,157.22
Savings	\$ 408,060.41

USPSA, Dave McClure: (report added after the meeting)

The Movember match went off without any issues, except for our normal food truck not being able to cater the match, due to staff contracting CV19. Even without the usual food, awards, auction table, etc.' it was great to see the turnout. Each year we slowly have more IDPA participation; which is great to see. Match flow was great, we ended fairly sooner than one would expect for a crowd size as well. We were able to raise \$4500.00; which will be evenly split and donated between the Movember and Prostate Cancer foundations. The big win is still hearing folks sharing the stories about getting engaged in their male health; and in some cases, catching Prostate Cancer in its early stages. I still believe that we all are doing a good a work. Again, I personally want to thank the board for the continued support of the charity event!

Stages: 8

MD: Dave McClure

Registration/Stats: Marcel, Keith Tsang

Total of 96 competitors.

0 DQs.

Total Net Revenue: \$4500.00

Issues raised at the board meeting (10/1/20):

Issue #1 was that there were no spare targets left behind.

Answer: This is the first, since taking over the program, I have never heard of this policy and/or courtesy. We were always instructed to remove all the used targets and throw them into the recycling bin by the shotgun shack. That being said; we would be happy to oblige, we can leave all, or some subset, of targets behind on the table in front of the TCU.

Issue # 2 was a concern regarding the wooden berm retaining wall in bays 1-3.

Answer: There was no steel used in bays 1 or 2; nor were there any cardboard targets placed to wear there would/should have been any bullet strikes. All the steel, used in the match, was used in bay 3; there were 46 - 48 pieces of steel used, essentially all the available steel we had. Due to the quantity of steel used there was not sufficient steel left to protect the wooden berm. All that said, it's worth mentioning that the USPSA program is not the only program that uses steel in those bays, the youth program Steel Dragons and Cowboys use those bays with steel; as does the membership at large. In fact we had a member apparently sign in and start shooting steel in bay 1 while our match was still ongoing we had active squads in bays 3, 4, and 5. Unfortunately by the time I saw it he was well underway, so I allowed him to continue. I think to effectively protect those retaining walls we need a more comprehensive approach. One that ensures all peeps using those bays are also following a mitigation plan; using our steel will mitigate our match space; as well as the other programs referenced. However regular members do not have access to the storage container and will be unable to leverage the steel.

Black Rifle League, Aushim Sakar:

We did not hold a match in September. We thank the Cowboys for offering their weekend, but we were not able to get enough RO's to work the match on a holiday weekend with less notice than usual. We will work with ASI or IDPA to figure out a Sunday date in October.

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

60 shooters

No DQ's

All shooters finished the match

New Shooter Briefing: Ben Sumaoang

At least 4 new shooters (more than 10 shooters attended new shooter briefing but not all were new)

Stat Shack: Martin Pawlina and Connie Bowlby

Finances: Martin Pawlina

Stats: Martin Pawlina

Stage Safety Officer: Mike Meisner

\$820 was turned into the club

There was a concern from Mike Meisner, the Stage Safety Officer, about the distance of targets to the proximity of the wood around the perimeter of Stages 1, 2 and 3. Steel was placed behind the popper targets to prevent the wood from being hit by stray bullets.

Injury on Bay 1 – Shooter tripped on the stage box, slipped and fell, keeping his firearm pointed down range the entire time. He was treated at the Stat Shack for deep abrasions on his arm, he was able to complete the match. Thin wood boxes that could not be nailed down were used. After injury was brought to MD's attention these boxes were immediately replaced with metal boxes that were nailed down. No further incidents on this stage.

Precision Rimfire, Josh Harney and Victor Vuong:

The Practical Precision Rimfire match for September was our first match back since the COVID 19 regulations have been relaxed slightly.

It was a fairly light month, with 6 participants, but that's to be expected with folks not knowing yet that's it's back up and running again. I have \$30 in fees that need to be turned in. I'll have that for you tonight at the board meaning. All participants were well known to us, and there were no issues with safety or procedure.

Ken has stepped back from running the matches, as he's been busy with other things, so myself & Victor Vuong have stepped up to keep the matches going.

Looking at turning that match into a national registered match

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

September Kids Day was cancelled.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Dragons 2020 season is coming to a close. We had our end of season awards and recognition event this last Monday and it was highly attended. We had a great season with several outstanding accomplishments – notably placing 2nd in two different categories in the SASP National tournament.

Our focus now is preparing for the 2021 season. We will continue to practice through the fall and participate in some events. Our next event is the Oregon State Steel Challenge Championships on October 10th where we are taking 13 kids to Bend Oregon for the match.

Our roster currently stands at 33, a few decided not to participate until there is a vaccine for COVID, and others are taking a break until next March when our primary season kicks off. Thus, we have 21 active shooters in the program for fall/winter season.

As many of you know, lights have been installed in the action bays. It was great effort by many members to make this happen and the Steel Dragons want to extend a special thanks to all that contributed their time. So, THANK YOU! From all the kids. We have been using the lights already and they work perfectly and all of us are simply amazed.

Regards,

Tim Ralston

Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

They will be establishing regular meetings soon.

King County Health wants to work with them on the Lock it up Program

Old Business:

1. Updating member handbook and range rules – Diana will follow up.
2. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 (Steve).
3. Diana Pinto - Publishing the club's policies and procedures.
Still in work
4. Gary's request for a hands-free communication device to be used when operating the tele-handler. Ted has been looking at options.
5. Reminder for Employees, Officers and Discipline Chairs – The First Aid / CPR class is October 7th at 6:00PM
6. New (pink) porta-potty for the women in the action bay was ordered.
7. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted. Ted has two bids.

8. Adding Fire Lane and parking signs between the action bays and the pistol range (Derek).
Four "Fire lane" signs and three "Park here" signs were delivered at the BOD mtg.
9. Creating a member only section on the RFGC website (Aushim & Chuck)
Still in work.
10. Steel Dragons / Action Bays – Roy reported: I'm pleased to report we completed all the action bay lighting. Thanks to the hard work of a number of volunteers we have completed our portion of your project ahead of schedule. I will bring all my material cost records to Jim Newman on Saturday to reconcile costs. I believe we are under budget estimate but will verify later this week. Some final aiming of lighting may be required. LaMarr Hood will coordinate any adjustments requested. Thank you for making this improvement to RF&GC possible.

New Business:

1. Kerri Reeves (neighbor) inquired about using the club on Mondays and Tuesday for canine nose work. They do interior and exterior searches.
Karen made a proposal to allow Kerry to use the range free of charge up two time a year.
Karen will be the prime point of contact and coordinate any events.
MSP to allow use the range free of charge up two times a year.
2. Safety Items for September:
 - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
 - b. One item was noted in the IDPA report.
3. Aushim reported that due to internet outages and the following effects it has had on club operations: No credit card payments at the shotgun office resulting in lost revenue, No sync between POS systems resulting in no deposits being made at the bank and not being able to run the payroll information.
We are working with CenturyLink to fix the problem.
Also considering switching to Comcast, Chuck is meeting with them next week.
4. Derek asked about submitting the biannual fees for the rucascowboys.com and the westmatch.com web sites for reimbursement. He can submit them to Jim for reimbursement.
5. The bylaws for providing election ballots are not specific on how they are to be delivered. In the past, members had to come to the range and pick them up

Section 2. Election ballots will be made available two (2) weeks prior to the December meeting for all club members eligible to vote and unable to attend the December meeting.

Suggest that the Game warden email numbered ballots to all eligible voters, after the end of the November meeting.

Those ballots would then be either returned by email (or postal mail) to the Rangemaster (Jim) or brought to the December meeting.

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.

MSP to provide ballots to all eligible voters via email. If email is not available, phone contact will be made.

6. Chuck noticed that USPSA did not leave any used targets out for people to practice with. Also did they put any steel to protect the boundary boards? Robb will coordinate with the USPSA crew.

Nominations for Directors and Officers

For reference from the bylaws:

Nominations for officers shall begin at the regular September meeting, and shall close at the end of the November meeting.

Any member who has been a member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years and have attended six (6) Board or Member meetings in the eleven months (January through November) prior to the annual election shall be allowed to be nominated & elected to a Board position.

Directors expiring in 2020: LaMarr Hood, Ken Wong & Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Directors:

LaMarr Hood
Steve Traverso
Aushim Sarkar
Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Secretary:

Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Game Warden:

John Palmer

Good of the order: Steve said that parts for the telehandler were ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary