



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

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

Directors and Officers attendance:

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

Announcements:

- 1) MSP (Motion Second and Passed) by LaMarr, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as revised for January.
- 2) The Directors selected Ted Pitt as Chairman and Robb Wolfe as Vice Chairman for 2021
- 3) From the January minutes, via email the board approved the purchase of new tablets and timers for the action bays (estimate \$2900)
- 4) The board met on January 18 and finalized the updates to the for-profit instructors' rental fees policy (copy is attached to the end of the minutes).

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Archery range is looking ok. Need to order bags. Had a person looking to teach classes, will see how that goes.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun going well, no major issues. People shooting the bunker is going well. We will have our schedule done soon. Two 2-day shoots and 4 one-day shoots. I have been working on bunker microphone moisture issues and broken wires. Will be ordering targets soon.

Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:

We had a total of 973 people shooting at rifle pistol this month. We are still out of ammo and have no new news.

Grounds: LaMarr Hood:

We cleared the culvert some more and removed a tree that up rooted and mashed Steve's truck, filled chuck holes in the parking lots.

The crew added lights to the 50 yard and at the bend in the road for the 100-yard targets. Two truckloads of crushed cement were dumped and leveled along the bend in the road by the 100-yard target line.

We took down two small trees and waiting for dryer weather the complete the lights on the east side of the range. Cut down 2 dead trees in bay 6 and one in bay 7. Removed old boards around trees in and also boards along the walls of bay 7. Cleared out brush and some old stumps behind bay 4 also added a truck load of crushed cement to the area.

Crushed cement was added and leveled by the shotgun wood pile.

All this and maintain supply of target backers, general clean up and the adding the rail on the dividing wall in the pistol range house and keeping traps full.

Thanks to the crew and Steve for hauling the crushed cement.

Gary replaced many parts on the telehandler.

Steve provided some 8-pound fire extinguishers for the range.

LaMarr asked the action bay disciplines to make sure that the target stands are put away so that he can get the machine in there to do work.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

No word from state on when or even if we can teach in person this year. Hoping for outdoor classes this summer.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

The King Conservation district sale was sold out of all the plants I wanted to buy 2 weeks after the sale opened.

I'm looking into other sources.

If I can't get new plants, I'll focus on invasive removal and keeping the existing plants alive.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

No Kids Day activity this month. Events are still on hold due to COVID.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Nothing going on just small practices.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Steel Dragons continued to gather for practice and fun throughout the weeks in January, with 12-13 participants at each practice. We're taking the month of February off to give the coaches and team a short break to re-energize for the actual 2021 season kickoff on March 17th.

We've spent some time working with the Renton Police Department and the Cowboy's in arranging and coordinating the 2021 action bay schedule, and all are happy with the result. I want to give a shout out to Derek and the Cowboy's for a great idea. On a few of the Friday's (when the Dragon's practice is on the Cowboy setup night) we're going to have a "Cowboy Kids Shoot". On these evenings, the Cowboys will introduce and teach our Dragons the gun slinging ways of the West. Both the Cowboys and the kids are excited about this, and it's a great way to introduce young shooters to different disciplines, activities, and styles of shooting. Derek and I will work together and coordinate these activities.

We're also working on a plan with the Action Bay Committee and Grounds Crew on setting an area for a container which will nicely store all our equipment and improve bays 4 and 5. The Dragons can purchase the container as part of the range development grant. We've also settled on portable pop-ups for cover from the rain, as we need the maneuverability to support our varying stage and bay setups.

Thanks to Renton Fish and Game for your support.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

The February matches will be help on the 6th & 7th of this month.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

The CMP match was held on January 23. It was COLD! 3 people attended, with \$21.00 Turned in to the club

Precision Rimfire, Josh Harney and Victor Vuong:

The January Precision Rimfire match had 24 participants.

Fees for the match have been turned in, and amounted to \$360, if I remember correctly. Jim has the paperwork on file.

We had 24 shooters registered, including 4 RO's. 2 shooters in addition to the RO's were members, the remaining shooters were not members.

There were no safety issues, or disqualifications.

Our upcoming match currently has 29 shooters registered, including 4 ROs. Registration for the February match, which is coming up on the 13th, was full within 24 hours of us shooting our January match.

As previously discussed, we will be closing the rifle range for all shooters not participating in the match. The pistol range will remain open.

The board noted that it's important that the calendar be updated to show the hours the rifle range is closed for the match.

IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

Another beautiful day, no rain and mid temperatures

Stages: 7

Shooters: 65

DQ: 4

DQ #1 – Pistol was drawn before command at start position sweeping SO - SO was down range

DQ #2 – Loaded before SO told him to – SO was down range

DQ #3 – Belligerent, aggressive behavior toward other competitors & SO

DQ #4 – Broke 180

MD: Robb Wolfe

Registration: Deanna Atkinson

Total Net Revenue: \$980

USPSA, Dave McClure:

The next match will be in March

Black Rifle League, Aushim Sakar:

We returned to our original range on January 30th. We had 48 shooters. We turned \$650 over to the club. Participants took part in 3 stages including one physically demanding stage designed by Mr. Pete Lymberis. We had one disqualification because a shooter had a round chambered in their rifle when they transitioned to their sidearm. The shooter took correction from Aaron and Scott Collins very well.

- We had nearly 70 people sign up for this event, which is a high number. We had some shooters no-show for a variety of reasons - these shooters were not prepaid. We think that having shooters prepay online is minimizing cancellations. Once ammo prices normalize, I think interest from shooters will outstrip our capacity and we will need to make sure people that take a spot are serious about showing up.
- There is an increasing presence of female shooters at our event, which is fantastic! Four female shooters were out at the event today, and with the growing popularity, I can only believe this trend will continue as word will spread. Female shooters are the fastest growing demographic in shooting sports per the NSSF and this is a good development for our sport and the club.
- We had our first junior shooter at the event today. At only 14 years old, she kept up with everyone else on precision, utilizing tactics such as shooting from cover and engaging multiple threats downrange. She also did a fantastic job in Bay 2! I spoke with her father and her after the event, and she wants to come back next month. We want to encourage younger shooters to take up the sport under parental supervision.
- We continue to engage with our shooters over social media and this has helped us grow the sport and keep participants up to date.
- We were wrapped up by 2:00 thanks to improvements in operations we have been making - I think Pete's stage allowed shooters to appreciate the downtime they had due to fatigue or due to anticipation (of fatigue).
- Finally, we have launched the [Black Rifle League – YouTube channel](#) – This will allow us another way to connect back with participants on the creation of videos or live streams.
- Next event is February 27th.

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

Dry but cold weather for our January 9th match.

We had: 5 Stages; 5 Squads; 61 shooters and were finished by 12:30

\$905 was turned into the club

Membership, (Open)

Data as of 02-04-2021

Junior	39
Annual	770
Senior	315
Family	219
Military	22
Life	19
Total	1384

Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

January 31st balances:

Account	Balance
Checking	\$ 26,664.19
Savings	\$ 455,078.39

Treasurer Report – Month of December 2020

Commentary: December was a bleak month at the club which saw our lowest revenues since the shutdown and our first negative net income month since then. A combination of weather and a relative lack of drivers for shooting activities lead to the start of the club's winter of financial discontent.

The club recorded \$22,605.27 in revenue and generated a net loss of \$2,167.58 for the month.

Revenue Report: Our revenue total dropped 31% from October. Factors that contributed to this drop in revenue were a 29% drop in membership revenue and reduced match revenue as we had no USPSA or Black Rifle matches and ASI, IDPA and Cowboy were all down from their summer peaks.

Researching different bank options for breaking up the funds to stay below the FDIC insurance limits.

Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

Below are the minutes from WWRA. I currently have permission to post her flyer however there is no contact information so I'm waiting for a revised one before we post it.

Western Washington Range Alliance Meeting minutes:

- Guest Rick Lindquist from Port Townsend area
- Su met with Lauren Gibb from Harborview Medical Center Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center and participated in a survey about temporary offsite gun storage in our area. Further information coming about our ranges participating in the survey. Possible resource: [Home » Hold My Guns](#)
 - Interactive Safe Storage Map: [Washington Firearm Safe Storage Map - Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center \(hiprc.org\)](#)
- Discussed meeting the needs of new gun owners and new shooters in our communities and how to reach them:
 - Advertising in local gun retailers
 - Incentives to current members for bringing new guests
 - Working with local law enforcement community outreach officers
 - Flyer for our New Shooter Initiative class will be emailed to you this week if you choose to refer anyone to the program
 - Richard shared the Power Point of the program: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/lz1gdjaa9rfxgp1dcjcku/RTR-WWRA_Basic-Pistol-Class-200712.pptx?dl=0&rlkey=jlx3i2779el9dqavzyz0sikkd
- Discussed new legislative term and 2A initiatives.
 - Internal emails and newsletters to membership to share current and upcoming events and bills
 - Speaking to our different activity groups directly and asking for specific action or assistance
 - Create a template system of points that we will post on our website that all ranges can use. (Su & Ben will update the website). The Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs is a great resource and we will be modelling our activism page after theirs: [ANJRPC Activism Center - Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs](#)
 - Our greatest obstacle is breaking down the bills into easy points that our easily understood and shared. Richard shared resources: [Contact GOAL - Gun Owners Action League of Washington \(wagoal.org\)](#) Su will email them this week and meet with Richard next week to create a template on how to break down bills

Please see Karen for more information

Old Business:

1. Updating member handbook and range rules – Diana
Finished. Will published.
2. Diana Pinto - Publishing the club's policies and procedures – will address one at a time.

Discussed changing the voting absentee policy to eliminate absentee ballots and provide paper or electronic ballots to all eligible voting members.

Presented the following proposal to the board:

Proposal: Voting ballots for all eligible voting members will be made available after the November board meeting and will be provided electronically (email) or can be picked up at the December board meeting. Paper ballots will be mailed only at the request of the member. Ballots must be returned to RFGC prior to the start of December board meeting or at the December board meeting. Any ballots received after the December board meeting will not be counted, including those mailed/post-marked prior to the December board meeting.

Absentee voting ballots for all eligible voting members will be made available 2 weeks prior to the December board meeting. Absentee ballots must be requested by the member and will be provided electronically (email). Paper ballots will be mailed only at the request of the member. Ballots must be returned to RFGC prior to the December board meeting. Any ballots received after the December board meeting will not be counted, including those mailed/post-marked prior to the December board meeting.

After discussion, Diana will reword and resubmit to the board.

Updated **RF&GC Incident Report** was shared, approved and documented. They will be posted near the medical equipment.

3. Gary's request for a hands-free communication device to be used when operating the tele-handler.
Still in work
4. Creating a member only section on the RFGC website (Aushim & Chuck)
No progress
5. Install blocks and rack next to bay 7 for lumber storage (Steve)
Waiting for dry weather and racks

6. New internet connection (Chuck)

I think we got good news / bad news kind of thing. I've asked to go out on next walk thru but, sound like connection point is going to be at Rifle/Pistol.

More good news is that unless they are running low on funds, it will be no cost for construction. There is a funding process and if there is a glitch, they sometimes will ask for customer "donation" to the project.

Sounds like biggest hold up at the moment is obtaining permits. From Comcast:

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. The survey shows that your location requires 114' of aerial wiring, and 1313' of underground wiring, and we will need to acquire 3 permits in order to complete the construction. This will take an estimated 120 days to complete. I have launched your order to construction. For the next phase of construction, our design team will contact you in order to schedule a day and time to perform a walkout so that we can draft a design on how we will complete the construction in a timely manner.

7. Dog Sniffing – Karen reported:

I received a message from Carrie with the requested dates. They are Monday and Tuesday May 17th & 18th, June 14th & 15th, as well as Monday July 5th. I checked with Jim at the range and he verified nothing was scheduled on the calendar, however they are aware that the Monday crew will most likely be on grounds. LaMarr is fully aware of the group's proposal, however not the dates.

They expect to have approximately 25 people attending and would like access to both range houses. They were told that we would have to have volunteers or safety officers on grounds to assure that our property is protected, and they are fine with that.

If we have someone available to open the gate at 7:00 am they should be finished around 4:00 pm each day. I know it's a long day for volunteers but I'm hopeful that we have enough interested people to help.

MSP to approve the dates.

Karen to coordinate the volunteer member.

Items on hold:

1. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 is on hold until next spring (Steve).
2. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).
3. Proposed 2021 Work Party dates: March 27 or April 24 (USPSA setup days but the only viable options). Revisit this when more COVID-19 information is available
March 27th tentatively

New Business:

1. Safety Items for January:
 - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
2. Aushim - giving the club the ability to accept electronic payment directly for matches. Gave a general overview and suggested that the details be worked out at a Directors and Officers meeting.
3. Aaron gave a report on the Toys for Tots drive in December. 300 – 400 toys were gathered. He would like to do it again in 2021 but on a larger scale.
4. Neighbors Concerned trees – LaMarr reported that he met with one of our neighbors who has expressed concern with some trees that border the property. He will work with a company that Steve recommended to remove the trees.
5. Aaron Lyons offered to redo the rifle range orientation video. He was asked to coordinate with Glenn.
6. Jon Gibson offered to help Chuck update the web site.
7. Budget meeting for Directors, Officers, and committee chairs. February 15th @ 7:00PM (virtual and in-person), Robb will send out the notice
8. Jon Gibson introduced himself as a firearms instructor and wants to begin teaching rifle and pistol classes at the range. He will send a list of his classes to the board so that they can review his curriculum (USCCA).
9. LaMarr asked about opening all the rifle range benches. Steve will check on Monday.

10. Action bay new plan – Scott Johnson provided the following report:

Notes from the January 30th meeting: LaMarr, Robb, Tim, Karen & Scott met to discuss and explore the Action Bays for potential areas that could be used for equipment storage by the Steel Dragons. Their equipment is heavy, so we were looking for a location that would be central for them. Our walk about included all of the ground between the Pistol & Shotgun Ranges. In Bay 4 the Grounds Crew had cleared away the brush north of the Covered shed toward the berm. We concluded that this area is a little short for a 40' container. We would like to remove the berm and place a container there. We also want to place a wall of ecology blocks adjacent to the south side of the new container (replacing the berm). This will also potentially make Bay 4 larger. The Berm dirt that would be removed should be used to extend & raise the berm between Bays 4 & 5 and the berm west of 5. Equipment & dirt placement needs to take into consideration the maintaining of a road wide enough for equipment access to these bays.

We also discussed the placement of shelters to accommodate the Steel Dragons during inclement weather. Since several of their shooting positions are down range in the bays, a structure would interfere with other shooting disciplines. A well-made "Pop up shelter", ~10'x10', seems to be more flexible to use & would be fairly easy to store away after use.

The cost of a TCU & its delivery is not covered here.

The cost of renting a front loader or other dirt moving equipment is not covered here.

If we have an appropriate piece of equipment for dirt moving, we should also consider the alteration of the Pistol Range berm for maintenance access.

Steve will do some additional research and will meet with those interested on Monday.

Budget information will be brought to the board meeting on the 15th.

Good of the order:

Today is Liberace's birthday

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary

January 18th, 2021

RFGC Operating Memo: The use of the club by instructors working for profit

This memo covers the use of the club's facilities by organizations or individuals ("instructors" from here on) conducting training classes for profit. Training conducted by law enforcement agencies, the military and courses conducted in compliance with state or federal regulations (e.g. Hunter's Education) are excluded.

1. The instructor or business must have a business license – people conducting classes should be named on the business license as an officer of the business and provide a W9 to show they are an employee of the licensed business.
2. The instructor must carry their own liability insurance that covers firearms training.
3. The instructor must provide a fee schedule to RFGC for their courses.
4. If the instructor uses the rifle or pistol range, they must pay additional \$20 per non-member student per day for use of the rifle and pistol, separate from the fees they collect from the class participants.
5. If the instructor uses the shotgun fields, they must pay the standard rates per target and \$150 per day to reserve a field or accommodate other shooters. Reservations need rangemaster approval.
6. If the instructor wants to use an action bay they must use the following process
 - They must email rangemaster@rfgc.org and reserve an action bay at least one week in advance
 - The fee to rent a single action bay is \$50 per day
 - If they need to cancel their reservation, they must inform rangemaster@rfgc.org at least 2 days in advance or pay a \$100 cancellation fee
7. Instructor's training programs are subject to individual approval by the RFGC Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis and RFGC is under no obligation to approve any course that is presented. The Board reserves the right to approve the course content, the qualifications of the instructor(s) and any other aspect of the proposal they deem appropriate. Approval does not constitute endorsement of the instructor – it simply allows the instructor to conduct training at the club.

Day of Class Procedure

1. All participants will be required to sign the standard waiver and release for RFGC.
2. The instructor must turn in the list of participants, signed waivers for each participant and fees collected to the club.
3. The instructor will be paid up to 90% of the fees they collect for instruction at RFGC. The remaining funds will be kept by RFGC as a fee to the club.