



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for December 2nd, 2021

Call to Order: Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

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 Karen, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as submitted for November.
- 2) The board thanked and recognized Bill Freyfogle for his generous donation of \$5,000 to the club

Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

Balances as of 12-01-2021

Account	Balance
Checking	\$35,950.79
Savings	\$570,117.35

The savings balance is split as follows:

Key Bank Money Market	\$530,117.35
BECU Money Market	\$40,000.00

Commentary

The club had a positive month in October and was able to generate positive income. The increased availability of ammunition translated into increased range use and ammunition sales, and we did not record major expenses outside of our items and this contributed to a good month financially. The financial results of October helped us to be able to further contribute to our savings base which will help us weather the upcoming lean months in the winter.

The club recorded \$44,225.66 in revenue and generated a net income of \$15,145.87 for the month.

Revenue Report

Membership revenue was once again the highest contributor to our income at \$13,754.01 or 31.1% of our total. We had \$156 more from membership than September or a 1% increase. High membership revenue for the club is a good sign as shows continued interest in the club by the public. Our second highest contributor to revenue was merchandise sales \$11,512.53 or 26% of our total.

Rifle and pistol range use was up 28% from September to \$8,004.02 or 18.1% of our total. However, we did not see the typical surge in revenue from hunter sight in as rifle range revenue was down 40% compared to October 2020. Overall revenue in October 2020 was only 2% higher while membership, match revenue and shotgun revenue last year were lower. Rifle and pistol revenue dropped compared to last year while match revenue and shotgun revenue were higher this year.

Shotgun and archery revenue was up 32% from September which helped counteract a 35% drop in match revenue.

Aushim will move additional funds will from Key Bank to stay within the FDIC insurance limits.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

The range looks good.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun is doing fine despite the rain. Getting ready for a warmup shoot on December 12th. Bunker is still going well folks are shooting and burning firewood.

Scott Collins made some continental mats for the range.

Rifle & Pistol, Steve Traverso:

Ranges are doing well.

Will be addressing the use of short target stands at the short end of the pistol range.

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

We cleaned out the culvert of leaves picked up limbs around the range, filled holes in the R & P parking lot. Built up the wall in bay 4 and added night LED lights to safety areas by bay 4 and bay 5. Refaced the rifle berm at the 50-yard line and cleaned out the slots that hold the target backers, also refaced the 200-yard berm and moved limbs off the flat. We continued keeping up with demand building target backers, cutting up boards for target legs, repairing staple guns and general cleanup.

Thanks to a good bunch of volunteers.

Also noted that when the safety area lighting was requested, it was complete in two weeks.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

I would like to schedule three 4 hour, no shooting, skills evaluation classes for this spring on March 14th, April 11th and May 9th.

If we have enough public demand for those classes I will schedule more for the summer and fall including a 4-night traditional class.

MSP – to approve Gary's request.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Preordering is available for native plants right now.

I would like to order now before plants are sold out.

I would like permission to spend up to \$150.00 dollars.

MSP – to approve Gary's request.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

Next Kids Day Sunday Dec 12th. Looking for RSO volunteers.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Attended a 100 bird sporting clays in Oregon over the weekend placed 3rd HOA with several 1st place individuals.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Dragons wrapped up their fall season the week of Thanksgiving. We had solid attendance throughout, with approximately 10-15 kids each week. Attendance wanes as the weather gets cold and rainy. The winter season, Dec-February, will largely be our off-season. However, if coaches desire to go shoot they will let our student athletes know and invite them to practice via our TeamSnap.

We had one match during our fall season, the SASP Fall Classic. We performed well and all who participated had fun. Those results were shared in the last report.

The Dragon's main season will kick off March 16th. We are postured well for the season as we've been investing in the team with equipment and practice aides. This will allow new shooters to tryout different disciplines, some to compete in more disciplines, and all to have fun using the practice tools that are designed to help shooters improve their skills and technique.

Thanks,

And Go Dragons!

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

November matches: Friday afternoon was mostly clear and sunny for set-up Bjorn E. Ville (Eric Simonson), Dastardly Dean (Gary Sandwick), and T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong) came to help. My thanks to them all.

Saturday, we had a mostly dry day, with only a little rain in the morning, and even a few sunbreaks in the afternoon. 16 cowpokes came out to hunt down the steel bad guys. We had no clean shooters in the match, and only one that had just one miss and no procedurals. Our top three gunslingers on this day were: Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) in Third place, Slick Gorch (Craig Wirts) in Second, and T-Bone Shorty taking top honors.

Sunday started dry and cold, and finished with rain for about the last stage and a half. We had a lucky 13 hearty gunslingers come out to join the posse. Three cowpokes shot the match clean, Mudflat Mike (Mike Perin), R. P. Dodge (Richard Otto), and Cedar County Sheriff (Derek Mirkle). The fastest three in RUCAS territory on this day were: R. P. Dodge placing Third, Mudflat Mike in Second, and for the second time in two days, T-Bone Shorty takes First.

There were no DQ's either day and \$340.00 was turned into the Club.

Our next matches will be held Dec. 4th & 5th, 2021.

Asking to purchase another plate rack and additional fallers.

MSP – to approve Dereks request.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

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

Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:

We had 21 shooters show up for the match this month and zero safety violations / disqualifications, so it was a successful outing. We had a few people out at other matches across the region so we had a slightly lower attendance than our usual 28. We had 2 people show up to learn and will join next time after trying out a few stages.

More people showing up for the match have become members at Renton to get the \$5 discount and join the community, so our take is slightly less now.

9 members * \$15

6 non-members * \$20

6 staff who helped RO and setup the stages

\$255 take in

\$35 in NRL22 submission fees

\$15 in spray paint replenishing

Turning in \$205 to the club.

We decided to forego the trophies this month which usually costs us \$70 (\$10 a trophy) and are looking at getting a cheaper trophy done, and also only want to do trophies when we get above 25 people showing up as well, so the trophy costs are more proportionate to the intake of funds.

We had some heavy fog that blocked targets past 100y but luckily it cleared up 30min into the match, so people were able to complete the stages. We'll need to plan some backup ideas if it is too foggy next month (limit the ranges down to 100y possibly).

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

Jim Parker was the Match Director on November 20th. There were 7 Stages and 62 Shooters. \$980 was turned into the club. All ran smoothly with no disqualifications. The next match will be on December 18th.

USPSA, Dave McClure (Marcel submitted):

USPSA is on winter hiatus Nov-Feb. The next match will be March 27th.

We have interest in a Feb match, but that is dependent on committed setup help so this will be a decision in early Jan

Registration for the R&R Targets 2022 Washington State USPSA Championship went live on Dec 1. So far over 92 registered.

Black Rifle League, Aaron Lyons:

No match.

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

The November match was the largest monthly match we have ever had for ASI. The match day was between two "atmospheric rivers", so we stayed dry the entire match.

There were 104 Shooters.

\$1,595 was turned into the club

The next match will be December 18th

Membership, (Open)

Data as of 12-02-2021

No data was available

	2021	2020
Junior		
Annual		
Senior		
Family		
Military		
Life	19	19
Total		

Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

There has been no new information.

Old Business:

1. New internet connection (Chuck)
Status: Ted did talk with a person from T-Mobile. Roy suggested that we investigate running our own fiber network.
2. Combining the rifle and pistol range videos into one video (Ron Martinsen).
Status: In work. Ron is working with Paul Bennett
3. Backup administrator for the web site
Status: In work. Ron Martinsen is working with Chuck Muller

Old Business that is on hold

1. 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.
2. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).

New Business:

1. Safety Items for November:
 - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
 - b. One new shooter on the shotgun range had an AD and was sent home.

2. Dan Kenny proposed the following:

There are more new and inexperienced shooters than ever using the facility. As a SO I find myself spending more time than before with people on the line.

My suggestion is to have Renton Fish and Game purchase some vest (Like Red) for SOs to check out and wear when we are on the range shooting. Can have Safety officer across the back and Assistant range master on the chest.

1. Would help take some burden off the range master as they would be able to have new or inexperienced shooters check in with the person in the red vest on the firing line if they have any questions or need any guidance.
2. When we see people who may be acting inappropriate or just clueless and we go to approach that individual it would allow the person we are approaching to see that we represent the range (when you approach some people in street clothes some of them think who is this guy).
3. Have a self-checkout system for vest as well as way to document time spent. The board could set a yearly minimum of volunteer service to be applied for discount at renewal time.

Karen made a motion to purchase 20 safety vests. Ted said he would ask Jim to order them. *MSP-* to purchase 20 vests.

Karen will come up with a plan to establish a volunteer RO program, to include requirements of volunteers, limits of authority and any discounts to membership.

3. Randy Hill asked about getting a class on legal use of firearms / force. Steve said that it is offered once a month at Bass Pro Shops.

December election results:

Directors (3 positions open)

Ted Pitt

Georgia Coulter

Dave McClure

Secretary (1 position open)

Robb Wolfe

Treasurer (1 position)

Georgia Coulter

Game Warden (1 position open)

John Palmer

Good of the order:

None submitted

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary