

September 2008 Renton Fish & Game Board Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Robb Wolfe at 7:02 PM on September 4th, 2008.

Board Members in attendance:

Karen Jennings
Georgia Coulter
Ken Williams
Scott Johnson
Brian Howard

Ted Pitt
Robb Wolfe
Bob Hull
Dave Reed

Members in attendance:

Jay Burleson
Kathy Loucks
Bob Bracco
Tom Chandler
John Sandefer

Fred Gibbs
LaMarr Hood
Glenn Pickard
Ben Kapelka
Scott Feir

Minutes:

The August Board Minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

Committee Reports:

Archery: Ted Pitt

- Have not purchased the new bags yet, but the range is looking good.
- Some of the bags will need to be replaced soon.

Bunker: Bob Bracco

- Done for the season

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Trap / Skeet: Ted Pitt

- Fields are looking good.
- The sporting clays event went well and brought in \$709
- The Northwest Asphalt event on August 22nd went well. Our total costs were \$988.08

C.M.P: Bob Hull

- The next match will be in January

Conservation: Gary Emerson (absent)

- No report.

Cowboy: Brian Howard

- The next match is September 6 & 7

Firearms Safety: Casey Clevenger / Bob Emerson (absent)

- The final class is September 15 - 18

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Grounds: LaMarr Hood

- Two weeks of vacation turn into 3 1/2. Not much to report.
- We did work on target holders for the rifle and pistol ranges.
- Got the Range office mudded, sanded and ready for some paint (donated by Mike Quinzel).
- The cables for the cameras were routed in Tuesday.
- Glen hooked up the cameras and we got them adjusted in. The coverage looks good.
- Tom Chandler dropped off a load of plywood 1/2 inch 4X12 for target backers

IDPA: Robb Wolfe

- Reported that said they had 84 shooters at the Washington State IDPA Championship (WSIDPAC). The match went extremely smooth. \$820 was turned into the club.

Rifle & Pistol: Dave Reed

- Reported that said they had 408 adult and 31 junior shooters. Total turned into the club was \$4235
- The second set of cameras have been installed and are working.

Safety:

- We believe that a round came from bay 4 onto the pistol range during the police practice. Jay spoke with the police and told them to only shoot rifles in bays 1 – 3.
- On August 17th there was a shooter who uncased his rifle behind the Red Line and had the bolt closed. Glenn found it during the cease fire and not knowing if the rifle was loaded, he moved it to his office. When the shooter came back, Glenn informed him that he had moved it. Glenn tried to talk with him and explain the rules, but the shooter became belligerent and took his rifle. While taking it out of the office he swept people with the muzzle. When he was asked to leave the range he refused until other members insisted he leave. As he was leaving, he said: "I'm coming back...". Robb advised Glenn to call the Sheriff and report the incident and threat. The Sheriff did come to the range and took a report.

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Membership: Jay Burleson

- 567 members (112 seniors)

USPSA: Matt Kundrat (absent but submitted a report via email)

- The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on August 24th. There were a total of 67 shooters and we turned \$519 into the club afterwards. Setup and takedown went smoothly, the match was well received and the weather was nearly perfect.
- Our next match is scheduled for Sunday September 28th. Setup for the match will take place on the preceding Saturday, September 27th.
- October will be the last match for 2008.

Old Business:

- Northwest Asphalt graded, and then spread and rolled asphalt grindings on our road and parking lot (expect for the rifle range). The job is not yet complete so Ted will contact them to find out when they will be back.
- Tom Chandler is going to build some test baffles and witness screens and will test them on September 9th. He will also be testing to see how well the chips work with skipping rounds.
- Karen placed the advertisement in the Washington Arms Collectors monthly newsletter for October – December. The cost was \$148.50
- Ben Kapeck has handed out more flyers at Bear Arms, Ben's and West Coast Armory. He is also working with Jay to give them identification badges for their employees to use when they visit our range

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- Andy Stoupe reported on the permit for the storage shed via email: *I finally got a hold of Larry Allen, the Permit Specialist who has going to help the club out. It turns out that he had a heart attack several months ago and has been in rehab ever since. He told me to resend the shed application info to him and that he would meet with his friend at King County to run the request past him. Larry was going to give me a summary of the conversation and what additional information King Co would require to get us the permit. Larry said that he would get me this by next Friday, September 5th. I have the forms for the conditional use permit almost filled out. I plan to send them to Robb Wolfe for review as he will need to sign them as the president of the board. After that, I need to complete a few drawings in order to document the location of the new and existing structures*

New Business:

- Cel Alvarez requested the use of the Action Bays on Sunday, October 12th for a match. The match will consist of .22 long rifle Pistols and rifles only. We will be utilizing IDPA targets and scoring system and also lots of steel poppers and plate racks. The Board approved his request.
- Jay ordered a laptop for the Rifle Range so that we can start tracking visitors and scanning their ID. Total cost was \$728.77
- LaMarr asked if members will be able to shoot prior to the range opening during the winter hours (11:00 – 4:00). There was concern that this might affect our non-profit status. Robb will contact Scott and see if it could.
- Three Director positions will expire this year:
Karen Jennings
Bob Hull
Robb Wolfe

The following nominations for Directors were submitted:

Robb Wolfe
Bob Hull
Karen Jennings
Ben Kapelka
Bob Bracco

The Nomination period is open through the November meeting.

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- Ben asked if there was interest in having a Saturday only table at the November Washington Arms Collectors show, to advertise the club. There is and Karen will check on the availability and cost.
- Jay provided the following information regarding potential lead restrictions in WA:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/pbt/docs/DraftLeadCap.pdf> (all 300 pages!)

Some pertinent extracts:

Work with stakeholders to voluntarily phase out the use of products whose use creates a direct exposure to people or wildlife, especially when there are readily available alternatives to lead. We should begin by focusing on lead wheel weights, lead fishing tackle and lead shot. Eliminating or reducing the use of lead in products such as these reduces the exposure of workers, consumers and the environment.

There is mounting evidence that ammunition is a major source of lead for birds and other wildlife. The most extensive research on lead poisoning in birds has been done on the California condor and is described in detail in Section IV. Loons are especially susceptible to lead poisoning from fishing tackle. Waterfowl are particularly susceptible to lethal lead poisoning because of their feeding habits. The pellets are ingested while feeding or collecting grit. The acidic conditions and grinding action of the gizzard makes the lead available to the bloodstream (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1986).

The best way to reduce lead exposure is to reduce or eliminate lead use.

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Increase monitoring requirements. Some permits require monitoring of lead, but many do not. More permittees should be required to measure lead releases as a condition of the permit.

Products that do not need lead and directly expose wildlife include wheel weights, small fishing weights, and some ammunition.

Recommendation #9

Decrease the use of lead in distributive products

Ecology should work with WDFW, other state agencies and stakeholders to reduce the use of the following lead-containing products where the safer alternatives are available and there is exposure to wildlife: Lead wheel weights Leaded fishing tackle less than 1 inch or 1 ounce Lead shotgun shot

Recommendation 9 is the phase out of lead shot, small fishing weights, and wheel weights.

Lead Shot

The estimated annual cost of shifting from lead to steel in shotgun shells is \$13 million. This is based on national taxation data.

This would be \$19-128 per small game hunter annually, depending on how much shot is used by other users.

While a number of lead reducing activities can be accomplished using

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existing statutory authority, three major recommendations (3, 4 and 9) require new authority to accomplish. Ecology will take the lead in pursuing this authority.

Recommendation 9 would decrease the use of products that directly impact the environment. Ecology proposes to work in partnership with various sporting groups, WDFW, tire companies and suppliers to pursue voluntary reductions in these products. New resources will be needed.

- There is a Renton recycling event on September 13th -

Acceptable Recyclable Materials

We unload recyclables in the order below. For more info visit www.rentonwa.gov or call (425) 430-7398.



<p>1. Plastics #2 HDPE and #4 LDPE PLASTIC BAGS ONLY. Remove receipts and food debris. Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap. Foam "peanuts" and "popcorn" only. NO bottles. NO hard or molded plastics (i.e. swimming pools, toys, bottles, buckets, flower pots, detergent buckets, etc.). NO hard Styrofoam packaging.</p>	<p>8. Used oil filters All automobile filters accepted. -Residential waste only.</p>
<p>2. Reusable household goods Clothing, small furniture, small appliances and household items that are in good condition and reusable "as is." NO TVs, computers, sofas, baby furniture, broken furniture, appliances, mattresses, hide-a-beds or water beds.</p>	<p>9. Car, pickup truck and motorcycle tires Bias ply, steel belted and studded tires accepted. Instructions: -Take tires off rims. -Residential waste only. -Limit 10 tires per load. -Call 425-430-7396 for approval of larger loads. NO semi truck tires. NO tractor tires.</p>
<p>3. Unusable textiles Stained, torn or otherwise unusable clothing, sheets, towels and other fabric items accepted. Separate from reusable items. NO wet material or furniture cushions.</p>	<p>10. Refrigerators, freezers, and home air conditioners - \$25 cash only There will be a \$25.00 cash only charge per unit. NO commercial refrigeration equipment.</p>
<p>4. "Ni-Cad" batteries and cell phones Battery label will state "Ni-cd" or "Nickel Cadmium." These are rechargeable batteries typically used in cellular phones, cordless power tools, laptop computers and camcorders. NO other household batteries accepted.</p>	<p>11. Scrap metal and appliances Auto parts, lawn chairs, water heaters, lawn mowers, bikes, iron and steel. Instructions: REMOVE all wheels and nonmetal parts. REMOVE oil & fluids from auto parts/mowers. NO television sets or computers.</p>
<p>5. Lead-acid batteries -Car, truck, marine and motorcycle batteries accepted. -Residential waste only. NO household batteries.</p>	<p>12. Bulky yard waste & clean wood Bulky (minimum 2" in diameter) branches, large branches, stumps, shrubs, unpainted, untreated wood/plywood, OSB and particle board. NO railroad ties, pressure treated wood or small branches.</p>
<p>6. Untamminated antifreeze -Store in sealed, lidded, reusable container. -Do not mix with any other substances. -Residential waste only.</p>	<p>13. Broken concrete (without rebar), bricks and porcelain Sinks, tubs, toilets (all parts removed).</p>
<p>7. Untamminated motor oil -Store in sealed, lidded, reusable container. -Do not mix with any other substances. -Residential waste only.</p>	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION: ※ Information Line: 425-430-7398 ※ The Solid Waste Utility: 425-430-7396 ※ TTY Line: 711 ※ www.rentonwa.gov</p>

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Items to follow up on at a future meeting:

- Tom Chandler brought a couple of new rounds to the Board to determine if they should be shot on our range. They are very high power rounds, and concern was raised about their usage. We will look at these and others at a future Board meeting, after he has finished his baffle tests.
- Ben Kapeck has a Master Gardener that would be willing to visit the range and help determine what we could plant to help with sound, and better coverage.
- At a previous meeting Robb Wolfe asked if the Board had considered increasing the daily range rate for non-members (currently \$10). Glenn provided the data he gathered regarding what other local ranges are charging. There was a concern that we need to keep the correct balance between members and non-member income to maintain our non-profit status. Karen suggested that an audit committee be formed to review what we charge for all services (range use, ammunition, targets, etc). The board approved Karen's suggestion and the following people volunteered to be on the committee:

Ben Kapeck
Karen Jennings
Ted Pitt
Georgia Coulter
Ken Williams

Karen and members of the committee have been extremely busy so they have been unable to meet at this time. It was determined that the committee should start meeting after the busy summer months, starting in September. All members agreed. In the meantime Karen will look at our current set up to have a better understanding of how it's currently being done.

Good of the Order:

- Ken limited on Doves...

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Robb Wolfe