

October 2008 Renton Fish & Game Board Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Robb Wolfe at 7:00 PM on October 2nd, 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

Mike Stoneking

Aristotle Bartolome

Jerry Johnson

LaMarr Hood

Glenn Pickard

Ben Kapelka

Mike White

Minutes:

The September Board Minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

Committee Reports:

Archery: Ted Pitt

- Replaced two bags. The range is looking good.

Bunker: Bob Bracco

- Done for the season.
- Dick Lichtenberg and John Moore repaired the bunker.

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Trap / Skeet: Ted Pitt

- Fields are looking good.
- Ted painted the skeet house and oiled the fence by the pattern board.
- The sporting clay even on September 20th went well (even with the rain) and grossed the club \$541.
- Ted has contact the company who is mining the shot at Black Diamond to start the conversation regarding mining our fields.

C.M.P.: Bob Hull

- The next match will be in January

Conservation: Gary Emerson (absent)

- No report.

Cowboy: Brian Howard

- At the September match they had 62 shooters attend and turned in \$620 to the club.
- The next match is October 4th and 5th.

Firearms Safety: Casey Clevenger / Bob Emerson (absent)

- The final class for 2008 was September 15 - 18

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Grounds: LaMarr Hood

- Keeping target stands in stock has been keeping us busy.
- Non-member Tim Corner came out with his front loader and leveled off the dirt on the left hand side of the short pistol range and build up the 50 foot burm, removed the pile of chips from where the side road comes in to the pistol range. Afterwards Mike and I removed three wheel barrows of rocks from the burm and in front of it.
- We replaced the sagging cross beam over the walk way in the pistol range.
- Rifle budget. We returned, unused camera cables back to Fry's, and they will send out a check for around \$308, in another week. The other returns went to Lowe's and we spent it and then some on shelving brackets for the office.
- In the rifle range office, we painted, installed over head light & ceiling, added shelving for items we have for sale, targets and such, and changed the table to one not broken up. We still have to install some trim around the back door and side wall.
- Monday we cleaned out the gutter here at the main office and tried to re-seal the joint over the door. Hope it will stop the leak.
- The roof has some heavy moss growth and the tar has some large bubbles in places. We well need some one with roofing experience or knowledge to check it out.
- For your information I would like you all to know, when I refer to "We" I'm mostly referring to Lynn Bier. He is a retired school teacher and not yet a Sr. Citizen, he lives over by the South end of Boeing Field, so he has a 10 mile drive one way every time he comes out here and he's here once or twice a week (Monday and/or Tuesday) doing some project or another some times when he comes out to shoot he ends up working on something. He always volunteers to work when Glenn has taken vacations and this has been going on for almost three years.
- Robb pointed out that a section of the fence on the North side of the property is down and that the gate leading onto the pistol range does not have fencing on it. He has asked Jay to get an estimate for both. Glenn also noted that many sections of the fence on the East side of the property are down and need repaired.
- There are some bubbles on the and heavy moss on the clubhouse roof. Jay will ask Moss Masters for an estimate.

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- The trailer parked on the shotgun range is still here and Jay has asked the owners to remove it.

IDPA: Robb Wolfe

- Reported that said they had 61 shooters at September match. After expenses \$525 was turned into the club.
- There will be a .22 match on Sunday, October 12th. Anyone is welcome to attend it and use a rifle or a pistol.
- There will be a Safety Office only night shoot on Saturday, November 22nd.
- The transmission on the car that we use as a prop locked up, so Ted cut the CV joints and it now even easier to move. Thank you Ted!

Rifle & Pistol: Dave Reed

- Reported that said they had 575 adult and 51 junior shooters. Total turned into the club was \$6005.
- Dave may have access to 8 foot tables that are being surplused. The estimated cost is \$15 each. The club needs to decide if we need any more tables (we rent them during West Match) and where we would store them.
- Yellow safety chains were installed in front of the rifle range benches by Kevin Blagg. Shooters have to walk to the end of the building to exit for target checks. This has made a big difference in keeping people away from the benches during target changes.

Safety:

- No issues

Membership: Jay Burleson

- There are 120 senior member and 493 regular members.
- Ben asked if Jay had seen any increase in visitors due to the WAC add. Jay was not sure.

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

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- The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on September 28th. There were a total of 57 shooters and we turned \$351 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 October 26th. Setup for the match will take place on the preceding Saturday, October 25th.
- The match on October 26th will be the last match that Don Lofgren and Matt Kundrat will run as Stats Officer and Match Director, respectively. Aristotle Bartolome has stepped forward to take the Match Director position and is still deciding who to have take the Stats Officer position.
- There will be no matches during November – February.

Old Business:

- Robb Wolfe talked with our attorney about the clubs 501(c)(4) status. The questions were:
 - Is it permissible to make club facilities available to the public for a fee? Answerer: As long as the groups are promoting the save values as the club (conservation, hunting, shooting, etc.).
 - Is it permissible to charge an additional fee to member who is providing lessons as a business? Answerer: Yes, As long as it is a flat fee, not a percentage.
 - Is it permissible to open the facilities to members only, during unsupervised hours (range master is not available)? Answerer: Yes as we do in the action bays now, with a Range or Safety Officer (and two people, one of which must be a member).
 - It was pointed out that we have not been applying that standard to the entire range. So the following decision was made: Effective immediately, any use of the range after our range masters are off requires the presence of two people. There must be a Range or Safety Officer and there must be a member.
 - Since this will limit some of members, Ben will look into arranging an NRA Range Officer course.
 - Jay and Glenn are not Certified Range Officers (Jay is an RO) so they will need to take the course.
 - Jay and Glenn should also be certified in First Aid / CPR

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- Northwest Asphalt graded, and then spread and rolled asphalt grindings on our road and parking lot. The job is not yet complete so Ted will contact them to find out when they will be back. He will also ask them for an estimate on paving the road from the begging of the rifle range parking lot to the action bays.
- Tom Chandler tested the baffles and chips on September 9th. It went very well and he shared a book with the results and pictures. He and the team need to conduct more research then present their recommendations to the board.
- The executive boards decision for the club operating hours decision was as follows:

Effective April 1, 2008 the Summer hours for the club will be:

Wednesday through Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm

The Winter hours will be: (date to be determined)

Wednesday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Closing may be earlier based on available daylight.

After feedback from the membership and discussion at the meeting the following hours were proposed and approved:

Summer hours: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Winter hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm (or dark) Closing may be earlier based on available daylight.

The web site and signs will need to be updated

- Ben asked again if there was interest in having a Saturday only table at the November Washington Arms Collectors show, to advertise the club. There is interest. Ben, Robb and other volunteers will be there. Karen will check on the availability and if necessary, pay the \$40 for the rent. We will offer a membership for \$75 to anyone who pays at the show (waiving the \$35 initiation fee).

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New Business:

- The Boeing P-8A Poseidon program contacted us about conducting some sensor testing at the range.

Details:

They would be firing a 50 caliber riffle at a thin steel plate (ricochets will not be a problem) and then taking sensor measurements.

They would be firing 24 – 36 rounds, one round every 15 minutes (approximately)

They are looking for a person to provide the rifle and load rounds to different velocities (the person would be compensated for all expenses). Ben Kapwlka can support them.

The test could take place in bay 3 at 20 yards.

The testing would take a full day.

They would like to conduct the testing in the next 30 – 45 days.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the use of a .50 caliber rifle at the range. The board voted in favor (9 to 4) of allowing the test to take place.

The club will charge \$200 for the use of the facilities.

Ben Kapwlka and Scott Johnson will be compensated for their time and materials.

Robb Wolfe will be there to observe.

If at any time Ben, Scott or Robb feel that the test will pose a safety hazard, the testing will be terminated.

- Jay pointed out the club's insurance is through AIG. But the Washington State Insurance Commissioner has notified us that there is no problem and we are covered.
- Scott Johnson was looking at our web site and found many pages that were out of date (some with information three years old). He brought copies of the pages and gave them to the discipline chairman so they could update them.

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Items to follow up on at a future meeting:

- 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
- 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*
- 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

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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:

- Ted and a group of ringers captured first place at the Granite Falls Iron Man shotgun shoot. Ted placed third overall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Robb Wolfe