

## March 2009 Renton Fish & Game Board Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Robb Wolfe at 7:01 PM on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
41 people present.

### ***Board Members in attendance:***

Bob Hull  
Brian Howard  
Dave Reed  
Georgia Coulter  
Karen Jennings  
Ken Williams  
Robb Wolfe  
Scott Johnson  
Ted Pitt

Not in attendance:

### ***Minutes:***

February minutes accepted as submitted.

### ***Committee Reports:***

#### ***Archery:*** (Ted Pitt)

- Range is okay. Survey to be done next month
- Bunker – Ted Pitt, 3 registers shoots coming up. We will try to consolidate practices to make better use of the resource.

#### ***Trap & Skeet*** (Ted Pitt)

Have \$2300 to turn in. last shoot went great. Trap three got repaired, and trap 4 is adjusted and throwing well. First continental league shoot with no breakdowns.

#### ***C.M.P:*** Bob Hull

- 6 shooters \$41,
- Bill for \$30. .

#### ***Cowboy:*** Brian Howard

- Turned in \$380, good weather

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- July 30, 31, Aug 1, 2 – West Match 18, Regionals, close Rifle range, must present ten stages for a state match, need rifle range for parking and camping, shut Thurs – Sun, skeet will be closed. Trap ranges will be open
- Will Jay work during the match or shoot?
- Not currently accepting credit card payments
- Dates accepted by Board

### **Conservation:** Casey (absent)

- No report.

### **Firearms Safety:** Casey (absent) Ted reported:

#### Hunter education

- March class is full
- May is close 8 left
- July-Aug-Sept, lots of space. Contact Jay

### **Grounds: Lamarr**

The past month has been slow. It was nice to see the trailer gone.

We have had two loads of crushed asphalt delivered to the rifle range parking lot, one load was spread and the other is stock piled by the dumpster. There was a nice job done to the shot gun lot in spreading the gravel, we hit it a little with a drag, but it really didn't need it. Tim Corner helped spread the asphalt on rifle range lot and filled in some holes in the road.

We have been repairing the range office building, moving, cleaning and finally pressure washing. Also we pressure washed the cement at the 100 yard line, so now when the weather permits we can start painting the target numbers and the building.

We are starting to get low on target backer material and if Ted Pitt and Tom Chandler can get more of the pressed wood and plywood it would be helpful.

For the work party coming up, we need front loaders, back hoe, chain saws, brush cutting tools, sprayer (for weeds and brush), post hole digger. If anyone knows some one it would be nice to have this equipment here, other wise we will have to rent some down the line. If anyone has any thing they would like to see done, leave the list with Jay or Glenn and they will get it to me.

It would be nice if a copy of the Board Meeting Minutes is posted at the rifle range office also. A lot of members do not stop at the main office so they don't see them.

### **IDPA Robb Wolfe**

- 80 shooters at match in Feb, turned in \$773
- Next match Mar 21<sup>st</sup>

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### **USPSA:**

- 45 shooters, \$565 to club, \$365 expenses
- Doug is going to print scores at home to reduce expenses

### **Membership:**

- There are 134 senior members, 664 regular, and total of 798 new /renewals in February.
- 53 new members in February

### **Rifle & Pistol:** Dave Reed

- 346 shooters in February \$335
- Have plans to set concrete forms for a patio on the back side of rifle office, during work party.

### **Safety:**

- No report

### **Shotgun/Skeet:** Ted Pitt

- Reported that he was getting low on targets (order has been placed).
- The team from RF&G won the Grant Falls Iron Man trophy.
- Mike Wilges won the Sporting Clays Championship in Reno.

### **Old Business:**

- Len Brandt, state National Wild Turkey Federation, 3 weeks ago.... to pattern our shotguns, discussed a calling contest. The organizer stiffed RF&G for \$100 bucks. Apologized, run out the bad guy who was fraudulent,
  - Looks forward to be here on the 14<sup>th</sup> for shotgun patterning
  - Paid the \$100
  - Prepaid for the March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - For patterning, you can use a modified pattern board with 5 & 6 shot instead of normal 7.5 or smaller.
- Storage building for the shotgun range discussion:
  - Randy Kerr, barnman, pole buildings, put them up in AK, HI, better known in Seattle skeet & trap. Been in pole building business post frame structures for 20 years.
  - 28 feet wide, 38 feet deep, 13 high at eaves, for 12' high clearance, colored steel roof and sides, 4 inch concrete slab, with 4 foot apron, 1 man door, deadbolt lock, 14 foot side, 12 feet wide bypass doors to drive into the building. Came to \$21,898 + tax. Plus permits. Has a proposal for doing this. Floor with rock pad, reinforced, grade it level, level is absolute, not relative, graded, compacted, then build the building. Hard trowel finish. Permits extra. Before permitting we need a survey. Survey is \$5000 and we will do it at same time as rifle range. Engineered drawings are included. Electrical, plumbing not included. Easy access to a pole building, nothing is concealed. Steel goes all the way to the top.
  - We will get a couple more bids on surveys

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- Karen moved that we accept the proposal. Accepted unanimously.
- Karen moved to accept single bidder Geo Dimensions, Ken Green (Andy has worked with this guy before) Snoqualmie, perform survey, for \$5000, Tom Chandler who will lay out the baffles, wants to talk to Andy, Craig Martin,
- Discussion suggested that with the downturn in the economy, surveyors might be willing to work for less. We will ask more surveys. As stewards of the club money, we need to get more bids
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- Scott Feir led a discussion on the club bylaws. Below is a running commentary:
  - Concerned that the neighbors who don't like us, join the club, then vote to restrict us highly
  - SF says, non-profit act in WA law, we are a non-profit corporation, so there is a default set of rules that we are governed by a board of directors, but we can change that. Are we more or less vulnerable?
  - With membership vote, low level of bureaucracy, but with a large club you become more vulnerable, different members at each meeting, unknowing, there are people who want to see you go away, there are developers who want this property as a threat (theoretical)
  - Benefits with a board, consistent group dealing with the issues, wit
  - WA law requires a quorum to vote. You need to have a statutory minimum by state 1/10<sup>th</sup> of eligible voters – UNLESS you change it in your bylaws. You have a rule of 4 meetings per year to make them eligible to vote.
  - You could protect yourself against the neighbor hood threat by eligibility to vote, or classes of membership, or something. Class has the freedom to
  - Can you set the bylaws that the board of directors is responsible for financial and fiscal and the membership could vote with range rules, and other general running of the club? Can you bifurcate the responsibilities? Yes you can.
- Irv Benzoin – this club is facing the crossroads caused by the way the bylaws are constructed now, it isolates members because of the === membership elects board, board votes. This set of bylaws does not protect the club or membership or officers. It should be reworked. Irv believes the bylaws to be poorly written and should be reworked before changing the rules of voting.
  - 1. these bylaws need rewriting
  - 2. – every man has a vote, and then the problems go away.
  - Officers and board run the club
  - Not everyone is eligible to vote because you have to attend 4 meetings to vote.
  - The 4 meeting rule is in there to protect the club – guy from Chicago
  - Heated discussion followed.
  - The 4 meeting rule precludes new people from joining.
- Question: does Scott have critical observations about our bylaws? No. Hasn't formed an opinion.

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- Bob Hull – would like to see members have a say, but not out vote the board. Give some ideas.
- Scott's opinion – seems prudent to have a board, and consistent. Nothing prohibits your board from taking survey before vote. It would be unwise for the board to ever stop listening to the members. We share a common passion in shooting, and are heading in the same direction. The board needs to listen to you. If the board wants to delegate to you, they can.
- Pat – to clarify, I see two different kinds of votes 1 – four meetings, you can vote for officers, and 2 want input into meetings, is that possible, board has much larger scope
- Scott – once you become a board member, your obligation is to the entire org, not your own shooting discipline.
- Comment: always found that every time I raised my hand, I was listened to, so I figure that if it's not broke, don't fix it.
- Kathy – I don't agree it isn't broken, but I think definitions of the terms in the bylaws are not clear, messy, they should be cleaned up. You do understand a lot more about the club when you attend meetings. But I think there is exclusiveness about the club with the 4 meeting rule.
- Bob – you can't make everyone happy.
- Adam –
  - 1 – We need to come to 4 meetings a year, but that's not needed for an issue, its nature is self determining.
  - 2 – I am concerned about a bad way now with the bickering, and out of balance for outside forces can tip us over easily right now.
- Bob2 – The four meetings attendance rule is to vote for a bylaw changes and board elections. When club was formed, board meeting first Tuesday, general member meeting on Thursdays. Then members stopped showing up. That is why we changed to the board format we have today.
- Mark – to Scott the attorney, with these bylaws, if we open it up so we can vote, if the total number of members would lead to new record keeping
- Scott – no document will harmonize you, or save you. The paper will never save you.
- Comment: would like to see the 4 meeting rule go away, you can handle the board nominees like WAC, send it out. Let us come to the meeting to come to vote. 2 – Our bylaws do not protect the board members, and in 1933 it was good, but now we are more litigious. Maybe we should ask Scott for suggestions and review our bylaws to make them better.
- Irv – we don't need to have Scott review, we could look at other people bylaws
- Scott – is the club lawyer and he doesn't charge us, likes to not be a lawyer here, he is here to enjoy shooting, and not to interpret
- Black hat – we'd ask Scott to review
- Scott – doesn't want to advocate for one side or another, but not for some side of the bylaws, but there are people who will.
- Grey sweatshirt – what is the personal liability of general members

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- Scott – members have low liability, unless they're intimate in a bad situation, insurance is good to have. Generally the board members are not liable – contractual, tort, negligence
  - 1 – club knows steps are loose and dangerous – tort, failure to cure a problem
  - 2- if the club contracts to build the pole barn, and don't pay,
  - 3 – Your accident/negligence/tort liability. Car hits car. No contract to follow, just an accident. Kenny on forklift and drinking and hits someone when Jay didn't say or do anything. If there was an observed peril, that was disregarded the liability could be passed on.
  - The bylaws won't protect you any more than they have today.
- Irv – does the club had officers and directors insurance (D&O)
- Scott gives example - A company that makes pizza with drivers. Franchisor (national) Franchisee, hires employees. Employee gets drunk; they sued without regard to the law. They didn't care who they sued. The Franchisor settled the case for \$2.5 million because the Franchisor knew they hired a drunk
- Scott – when you get a lift ticket, it says you won't sue. Was the company aware of the danger? The insurance broker needs to visit with the board assessing the risk level.
- Kathy article 3, section 3 - On the quorum issue. We just need ten members for a quorum...it isn't clear in the bylaws.
- Scott – state law provides the bylaws will fix the number or percentage. WA State says 1/10<sup>th</sup>. Our bylaws provided that ten voting members to be a quorum. That is a dangerously low number for a club of 798 people.
- Irv – the quorum is a quorum of board members, and by law we have to have a general meeting once a year.
- Standing guy – I see the dynamic difference, insurance versus membership voting.
- Karen – problem arose, and I wrote the bylaws, and most of them came out of very old books, at the time, it was Dan McLain, they were fine then, but things have changed. Biggest change is that the board met on Tuesdays and members met on Thursdays, then it was because there were nine board members and seldom more than another meeting. But we didn't take into account the members in the financial process and basically no voice. The members didn't show up to the meetings, so we changed things. Now the members are saying we don't have a voice. The bylaws are convoluted – it is not intended to be, it just is.
- Robb – issue is if anyone who has attended the four meetings, then anyone can vote. Is concerned, this republic (club) represents you, and the every man can vote gets unworkable.
- Ben – election process should be that if you're a member in good standing you should be able to show up and vote.
- Young Kim – people just coming in one day, is asinine. You need to prove you are responsible and that is why I want the four meeting qualifier.

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- Scott – what do you do if you're a Boeing worker who can't come because of work
  - Kathy – is concerned about the process for how range policies are changed. I would like more notification, posted, have chance about proposed changes.
  - Question – put on web site? Do these minutes go on web site?
  - Robb – yes
  - Comment – favors minimum number of meetings attended to vote.
  - Moe – coming to four meetings does not educate me enough, but discussing things with Robb does. Attendance is one way of becoming involved in this as is shooting. Nothing magic about attending four meetings. Nothing magic about belonging to a political party to be smart.
  - Comment – discussing process of how bylaws can change. Seems logical that the number of required meetings requirement is a good thing, but I am on the fence.
  - Robb – to close, two main issues: requirements for voting four meetings, who gets to vote at the meeting. Board decided in January that members have voice at the meetings, and should the bylaws be changed.
  - Karen - members have to attend 4 meetings to vote for directors, and at the monthly meeting, members have voice, but no vote. That is my issue. What is not clear is the members have voice, but no vote, that needs to be cleaned up.
  - Irv – this is like the Jim Crow laws.
  - Lamarr – came down to see what is going on. I think I should have the right to vote whether I attend four meetings or not.
  - Rob b – in November, we formed a bylaw committee. Let us reform that, and have them look at bylaw revisions.
  - Kathy – not all the range rules are in the shooters handbook.
  - Black hat – range hours, ---- should be by whole membership.
  - **FINAL DECISION:** Robb would like a bylaw committee made up of board members and general members. Yes to bylaw committee unanimous.
  - On committee – Mark Pidgeon, Young Kim, Kathy Loucks, Derek Mirkle, Irv Benzoin, Karen Jennings, Robb Wolfe , Scott Johnson.  
PS: Johnny Johnson was added and Irv Benzoin was asked to chair the committee.
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- Is it worth it to send out post cards to notify members of upcoming votes? Yes, Karen volunteered to send them out.
  - Audit committee dates needed
  - Our checking account needs updates for the signatures  
Remove Bob Weyna and James Douhamel  
Add: Thomas Jay Burleson, Georgia Coulter, Karen Jennings & Robb Wolfe

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### *New Business:*

- Rainier Christian School auctions, could the club donate a membership for their auction?  
Motion unanimously accepted.
- Motion to purchase NRA basic pistol and NRA rifle books for the rifle range. There are some books already there so more discussion should happen at a future meeting.
- There will be a NRA Range Safety Officer class on March 15-16. The cost is \$46 and there is a limit of 12 students

### *Other Business:*

- none

### *Good of the Order:*

- Nothing brought up

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Thyng