

## July 2009 Renton Fish & Game Board Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Robb Wolfe at 7:05 PM on July 9th, 2009 with 20 people present.

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

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

### **Not in attendance:**

Karen Jennings (excused)

### ***Minutes:***

- The June minutes were accepted as published.

### ***Bills:***

- None submitted

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

#### ***Archery:*** Ted Pitt

- Range looks alright.
- Bags have been replaced.
- Picking up targets for the club championship

#### ***Trap & Skeet:*** Ted Pitt

- The trap ranges will be closed on July 31, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> during West Match

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- Jim Hitch donated chairs for the Skeet range.
- Jim Stiles donated \$50 to the range.
- The last Sporting Clays event netted \$367
- The Bunker practice went well and the next match will be July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ted mowed the rifle range and was able to mow parts of the action bays with the tractor.

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

- We had seven shooters plus me at the CMP match last month. We brought in \$101. The last match will be in July.
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### **Cowboy:** Brian Howard

- Total revenue for our June match was \$710.40. Total revenue after expenses for the July match was \$653.00.
- We have discovered damage to our target hangers, the "tripods" we use to hold our steel targets. Someone has taken a high-powered rifle and shot the stems of at least three of them, and at least one of our target plates has been holed by a high powered rifle. I know of no pistol round that could do this damage, and the fact that three stems are ruined points to the assumption that someone did this on purpose.  
**Decision:** After discussion by the Board it was agreed that Robb would talk to Glen and the police departments that use the bays to remind them about appropriate use of the props. Aristotle and Scott will do the same for their respective disciplines.
- Everyone is busy preparing for West Match.
- "Jess Ducky" aka Brian Howard won his category at the End of Trail Championship.

### **Conservation:** Gary Emerson (reported via email)

- No projects scheduled for this summer.
- Random spot check shows all of the spring plantings do well except the trees that were cut down in the Rifle range parking lot next to the south fence.

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### *Firearms Safety:* Gary Emerson (reported via email)

- July and August classes are full.
- Room left in the September class.

### *Grounds: LaMarr*

- The plumbing in the men's room was remodeled to a correct rooting. A hole was cut in the outside wall and after the plumbing was completed we add insulation, sub wall, tar paper, and new siding.
- We weed whacked the rifle range again last week, from the 50 yard line past the 100 yard impacted area.
- Keeping up with target backers has kept us busy. We did get the chip boards Ted brought us semi-cut up and stacked. This should be enough boards to take us though the year.
- With graduations and time out of town the crew has been small. When I got back I went over the painting estimates and put in the recommendation to the board. After feed back I contacted Rob Bale (who also been out of town) and he is going to get back with me on a date to start painting. If he can't be finished by the West Match he will hold off until after the first of August to start the job. One question he had was when he starts if he can submit a bill for paint and supplies or be paid on completion? Answer was yes, he can submit to Jay. The estimate for painting is \$3500
- Now what colors do we want to use on the buildings? The Rifle Office we would like "Green" to match the range buildings. The Club House I've had comments of also "Green" to match the rest of the buildings around. The only other color is something neutral similar to what we now have. I'm open for comments and or suggestions.

**Decision:** Ted will help LaMarr select the colors.

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### **IDPA** Scott Johnson

- IDPA's regular match was on June 20th. We had 71 shooters and all enjoyed the nice weather. With \$20 in expenses we turned in \$680 to the club.
- The next match is July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday practices have been going well.
- The Washington State Championship will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. The actions bays will be closed August 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for setup and the pistol range will be closed from Thursday evening until Sunday morning (the 16<sup>th</sup>).
- Sometime between June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> the paint locker in the IDPA/USPSA TCU was broken into and the expensive paint was used or taken. So the combination to the TCU has been changed. If anyone needs the combo they should contact Scott Johnson or Aristotle Bartolome.

### **USPSA:** Aristotle Bartolome

- The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on June 28th, 2009. There were a total of 75 shooters that showed up and we turned \$743 into the club after wards. To date, this is our second highest attendance at a USPSA club match at Renton. There were no issues with the match, and everything went over very well.
- Setup and take down went smoothly. The match was very well received and the weather was beautiful. Our next match is scheduled for Sunday July 26th. Setup for the match will take place on the preceding Saturday, July 25th.
- Remember that there is a work party for the action bays on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

### **Membership:**

As of June 30:

Senior members: 101

Regular members: 367

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### *Rifle & Pistol:* Dave Reed

- 300 adults and 15 juniors used the ranges. \$3075 was turned in for month.
- Dave donated two double bit axes to the range.
- The tree on the 200 yard berm has been removed.
- The tree on the side of the pistol range should be removed this week.
- Glenn has had some issues with some visitors and handled them well.

### *Safety:*

- No issues

### *Committees:*

#### Bylaws (Irv reported via email)

- Work is progressing. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16 at the rifle range.

#### Audit (Karen reported via email)

- The audit committee will have a full report at the Executive Board meeting so until then we don't really have anything to report, however Wayne McCann will be at the meeting if you have any questions.

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### *Old Business:*

- Brian Howard - DNO insurance is still in work and Brian will bring the application information to the next meeting.
- Storage building status: Ted said that the Health Department wants us to move the shed back 10' to avoid any potential conflict with the drain field for the septic tank. So Andy will redraw the plans.
- Ted - Northwest asphalt estimated the cost to pave near the gate keepers house and from the action bays to the pistol range to be \$12 - \$15K. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have them do the paving and grading of the areas that will not be paved (near the shotgun range).
- Mining shot is still in work. There was concern that we may not have the necessary cash to start the work.
- Jim Goodwin logo work is tabled until next meeting
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, grant - Georgia submitted our request on June 29<sup>th</sup> and received a hearty round of applause from the members. We should know in Mid-August if it was accepted. If you would like to review the submittal, a copy is located at the clubhouse.
- Eric Berto and Dee have started talking about redesigning the web site.
- Kathy asked if it would be a good idea to have the two youth who the club sponsored to attend Conversation Camp come to Board and share their experience. Everyone thought it was a great idea and Kathy will ask them to come the next time they are available.

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### *New Business:*

- Robb asked if people working the matches (CMP, Cowboy, IDPA, USPSA and Sporting Clays) were receiving Membership credit hours towards their dues. Some groups were and some were not.  
**Decision:** Anyone working these matches will receive credit. It is the responsibility of the Discipline Chair to collect the hours and turn them into Jay.
- Young Kim reported (via email) that he had over 36 shooters for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> event in the action bays. They were lined up at the gate at 9 on both sides of the street. The shoot went very well. Nothing bad to report. Everyone seemed to have fun and learned a lot. We had at least 7 new members join for the event. I don't have the figures but I'm sure it's well above \$750 for the club. All was cleaned up and we used Bay 2-5 for the shoot. Bay 1 was used by Brinks.
- Bad Apples Funding request from Ken Littlefield (Coach and Administrator, WSRPA Junior Highpower) via email:  
This year we are taking seven juniors to Camp Perry to compete in the Civilian Marksmanship Program, NRA Highpower, and NRA Long Range National Matches. We are also taking two under 25 Palma team members who will join with two team members for Oregon to form the Pacific Northwest U25 Palma team.  
Participation in the Junior Highpower program is healthy, however this year our team will not have the depth of talent and experience at Camp Perry that we have had in the past. A combination of the current financial crisis and juniors moving on to new adventures (such as the Young Eagles, Marine Corp, Army Marksmanship Unit, and college), have depleted our team of experienced competitors.

While I briefly considered not taking a team this year, I feel it is important that we continue, even if it is with a smaller and younger team, both to meet our obligation to our sponsors and to gain experience for future teams. As a result, our highpower team will be our youngest team yet, with two 14 year old juniors from the RF&G Green Apples program being brought up to the Bad Apples service rifle team to fill out the squad.

The outlook for this years Palma teams is considerably brighter, as we are fielding a junior Palma team that I expect to be very competitive under Gary Rasmussen's coaching. And as I said above we are also fielding a Pacific Northwest under 25 team; however this team will be missing two of its strongest team members, as they will be touring with the USA Young Eagles in Canada during the nationals.

We have serious challenges in fielding these teams though; as the economy has deteriorated, donations have dropped off to almost nothing, and family budgets have been stretched to breaking point. I have personally sponsored at least one junior to Camp Perry in each of the previous four years. This year however I'm unable to do this, and we have a need for sponsorship of three juniors who will not be able to attend

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without assistance. It costs a minimum of \$850 for a junior to attend Camp Perry for the highpower matches. This is in addition to the funding already provided by the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association. Both Cascade Rifle and Pistol Club and Renton Fish and Game have been generous with their support in the past, and this year I'm requesting that both clubs consider providing additional support to help with this specific need.

**Decision:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$850 to sponsor one shooter.

- Kathy asked if it would be a good idea to have the two youths who the club sponsored to attend Conversation Camp, come to Board and share their experience. Everyone thought it was a great idea and Kathy will ask them to come the next time they are available.

### *Good of the Order:*

- Ben Kapelka “passed the hat” for the Bad Apples and received a cash donation to help with Camp Perry

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robb Wolfe