

October 2009 Renton Fish & Game Board Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Robb Wolfe at 7:00PM on October 1, 2009 with 30 people present.

Board Members in attendance:

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

Minutes:

- The September minutes were accepted as published.

Youth Conservation Camp report:

Cody Heroldson, who we sponsored for conservation youth camp to tell what he did there. Camped, learned and used bow & arrow, survival night, built shelter with tarps and string, fly tying and fly casting. Lake swim, quarter mile.

Caught no fish. Learned water safety – what do you do when your boat tips over, used clothing as floatation devices, learned marine biology near Orcas Island, found rock crab and star fish.

In First Aid and CPR, practiced with dummy. Learned basic cut first aid. Five days of fun.

Emily Robbness – aka Fighting Irish Rose from SASS said there are 175 islands in the San Juans. Orcas is 58 square miles. She learned water safety; they traveled by two school busses and long ride.

Won first in first aid. Made an arm sling and kept away rabid deer. She caught fish on her own ties. 7 mile hike, 4 people sprained ankles, and got first aid from Emily. Learned to appreciate the outdoors and survive, and use an ear ring for fish hook.

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Committee Reports:

Archery: Ted Pitt

- All is good. The grief bag has been turned around.

Trap & Skeet: Ted Pitt

- Last Sporting Clays shoot was small, but fun. Brought in \$480.
- Pallet boards are straightened up and ready to dig trench for septic system..

C.M.P.: Bob Hull

- The next match will be in January.
- Our membership with the CMP is current through April.

Cowboy: Brian Howard

- For September the Cowboys had 39 paying competitors and turned in \$390 to the club. Rained hard on Saturday, looked a lot like the town scene in Open Range where the streets became a river. Only thing we didn't have was the floating dog, although several distressed squirrels on a pinecone raft were sighted. Some of the competitors went home early when slippery guns and drenched clothing made it attractive to be elsewhere. Sunday was better, drizzled a bit, gun smoke hung in the trees like stinky mist, lots of missing and giggling going on. Such is the Cowboy Way

Conservation: Gary Emerson (submitted via email)

- No items to report.

Firearms Safety: Gary Emerson (submitted via email)

- Hunter Education has completed classes for the 2009 season. The request for next year's dates will be made shortly. Same months as this years, dates TBD.

Grounds: LaMarr Hood (submitted via email)

- We were able to keep up on targets for the rifle and pistol ranges. We did some clean up on the pistol range along with the pistol shooting area.
- A big thanks goes to Tom, Kim and Ben for their work on the 200 yard impact area, in building up the hill side. All they need now is some more hay bails to complete the job. They removed the logs and Ben filled in the 100 yard impact area along with the 50 yard berm. Good job.

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IDPA Scott Johnson

- September 19th was the most recent match, with a considerably smaller turnout after the State Championship. The day started out a little damp but early on it cleared & remained nice for the rest of the day. We had 52 shooters turn out for 7 stages & turned in \$515 to the club.
- The next match will be on October 17th.

USPSA: Aristotle Bartolome (*submitted via email*)

- The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on September 27th, 2009. There were a total of 58 shooters that showed up and we turned \$512 into the club afterwards. 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, October 25th. Setup for the match will take place on the preceding Saturday, October 24th.

Membership:

Senior:	128
Regular:	531
Total members:	659

Rifle & Pistol: Dave Reed

505 Adults	\$ 5,050.00
27 Junior	\$ 135.00
Total:	\$ 5,185.00

Safety:

- No issues

Committees:

WAC Gun Show Recruiting Committee Report: Irv Benzion

- No changes since the September report. We could use more volunteers.

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Audit Committee Report: Karen Jennings

- The Directors met and agreed to implement the following recommendations:
Internal Control and Reporting Ideas for RF&GC
 1. Need to continue taking physical inventories monthly, abnormal changes will point to problems. **Approved 09/29/2009**
 2. Absolutely need sales accounts in computer system for each type of product or service sold and they must be separate for shotgun and rifle. **Approved 09/29/2009**
 3. Each month all checks should be compared to the invoices or bills by the treasurer. If the Treasurer is not available then the Club president or their designee is responsible to fulfill the duty. **Approved 09/29/2009**
 4. Cash payouts for items purchased or services performed should be eliminated whenever possible. If they are absolutely necessary they must be documented with a signed document in the files, and signed by the recipient of the cash to accompany the store sales slip or other documentation. There is already a cash voucher slip in the office materials that can be used.
Cash payments to employees must be accompanied by a signature of Treasurer or Board Chair prior to payment. **Approved 09/29/2009**
 6. All “free” shooting, i.e. rounds of trap, or free match participation in any discipline, shall be recorded with an approved document by the discipline manager, or event match Director and turned in to the office/treasurer. **Approved 09/29/2009**
 7. Need to fix or modify access to Pop and Snacks at the Shotgun range and establish control over the payment process. Suggest some prominent signage that tells the customer to pay at the office counter which is where the “money jar” will be maintained.
09/29/2009 Topic has been discussed, and it was felt that we will not address this item at this time, but will track income for future discussion if it becomes necessary.
 8. We should look at changing Range hours in peak summer months. Run a test after appropriate advertising on the website and signage. Keeping the range open till 8:00 pm, on Friday and Saturday evenings or Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Probably would require finding a new part time employee to work the extra hours and also to fill in for normal absenteeism in the regular employees.
09/29/2009 Board of Directors elected to table this agenda item.

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9. Targets per round of trap and skeet should be calculated and reviewed each month. This information will point out potential problems and could suggest changes in prices or procedures. At some point we should compare pricing to other clubs, and to results being obtained in the shotgun profits of our club and adjust as necessary. **Approved 09/29/2009**

10. Revised Financial statements should help Board members understand what is going on in operations. New process with inventory and reporting will help keep large purchases of inventory or large expenditures on Capital projects from distorting "Operating Results".

09/29/2009 The revised accounting system is schedule to start January 2010.

11. Allocation of salaries to Action Bays is misleading, those areas are not open to the Public and if they were the only operation at the range would require no paid employees, since they operate under the head of each of those disciplines. All allocations to Action areas should be made monthly so the annual statements are the same look and feel as you on the Board are seeing each month.

09/29/2009 Board voted to allocate 2% per discipline or a total of 6% of Jay's salary to the Action Bays.

12. Looks like the house Rent is quite low. Should raise the rental rate periodically. Suggest getting some input from a real estate person. Any expectations of the current renter should be documented; it appears there is some confusion as to those responsibilities.

09/29/2009 Board voted to increase the rent on the house, and will set up a schedule for future increases at a later date.

13. Punch cards should be pre-numbered by printing company and accounted for as medium of exchanges that they are. Punch cards are the same as cash or checks.

Approved 09/29/2009

14. Change processing entities on credit card transactions. The treasurer has found a supplier with better rates and should move ahead with this. **09/29/2009 Approved and has been implemented.**

Old Business:

- Storage building status: Ted said they are working on getting the area cleaned to be staked out for the county. We will dig a locator trench. Dump truck will be running on some old, some new gas, and the health department will come out to look at the site.
- Mining the shot is still in work.
- Jim Goodwin logo work is tabled until next meeting. Trying to make phone contact with him

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- Grant Status (Georgia): received the contract from them, mostly okay but has some typos, we will read it, talk to them, and ask if we could start before they officially finish the grant approval otherwise we could run out of time. We still need to have an engineer. If we had a school engineering class design our project we might save a lot of money. But they declined because there's no liability insurance. Tom came down with Sam the baffle builder, and met with the engineers and discussed how to cover the range, replace and build baffles. A structural engineer, costing \$120/hr can get us certified so we can apply for a building permit. Ted found a bulletproof product that might be good for our baffles farther out. 4x8 sheets ½ to ¾" thick. Weighs about 40-50 lbs.
- Roy Bautista taught two NRA Range Safety Officer classes on September 6 & 7, & September 27 & 28. This completes four classes he taught for us.
- Roy Bautista will be helping (as a paid employee) Glenn during hunter sight-in.

New Business:

- Art Weatherford the Head Rifle Coach for Liberty High School NJROTC submitted the following request via email:
A quick note to ask if the board for Renton Fish and Game would consider contributing \$500.00 to the Liberty NJROTC rifle team to help replace worn out, damaged or worn out equipment. We are trying to upgrade our sporter air rifles so we are able to be competitive regionally as well as nationally and we are attempting to replace damaged spotting scopes.
This year we have 20 new sporter shooters attempting to make the team and we will need to cut at least half of those so it should be a very good year for us as we look at building our program.
Thank you for your consideration,
Art Weatherford
Ben: We don't see the kids when we have work parties, and maybe they should show up to be part of us.
Motion was made by Ted, seconded bob Hull: contribute \$500 to the team.
Decision: The passed the motion
- Rifle range urinal is still broken. Someone volunteered but hasn't had time to fix it yet.
- Will apply to Sunbelt rentals for credit and we will need to rent equipment. Georgia has the application form.
- Glenn would like to make the pistol range targets unable to move too close to the shooting bench. A few members explained ways to make that so.
- Irv motioned that we make a non-binding vote telling who should be president & vice president of the club. Any paid member walking in the door, could vote. Seconded – Georgia.

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Discussion, Why should we do it? It is a way to let the board know the opinion of the membership about who they think should be president and Vice-President. Right now, only the board of directors can elect the president & vice-president. Non-binding election run concurrently with the actual election. Getting the pulse of the membership.

Y Kim: - lots of work for no value

Adam – don't tell me its a non-binding election, that sounds too binding

After a bit of discussion, Irv agreed to amend it to be known as a Straw Poll.

Pat: when do the new bylaws take effect, answer – in 2010. VP and P are elected positions, and not director positions.

Karen: - 9 board members, with pres & vp, proposed bylaws defines 9 board members, with tie breaker vote by club president, or vice-president if president is missing or secretary if both the president and vice-president are missing.

Call the question – are you okay with the members here being the ones to vote. Yes.

Vote on the Straw Poll motion by Irv. Those in favor = 15 , those opposed = 5

Decision: The passed the motion

- 2nd round of nominations for Directors and Officers
 - **Treasurer** - Georgia Coulter
 - **President** – Robb Wolfe
 - **Secretary** - Michael Thyng
 - **Game Warden** - Ben Kapelka
 - **Board position nominees** (3 positions):
 - Ted Pitt,
 - Georgia Coulter
 - John Sandifer
 - Ben Kapelka
 - Ken Williams
 - Wayne McCann

Bylaws:

The Bylaws that were submitted to the Board at the September meetings were read for the first time in accordance with the current bylaw rules.

Copy of the bylaws handed out.

Discussion of the proposal followed the reading.

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Good of the Order:

Young Kim – “thank you I am proud to be part of this club. I conducted a shoot earlier, and Oct 11th another shoot coming up. I have 70 pre-registered shooters. 50 shooters represent \$1000 to the club. It is a wonderful thing in the Seattle area anywhere in the nation. Let the membership know, ask Young Kim.”

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Thyng