

RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2011



Call to Order: Scott Johnson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00. Board Chair is currently on vacation.

It was MSP to approve the minutes as corrected for March.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt: We may need to order some bags soon.

Trap & Skeet, Ted Pitt:

Continental shoot went flawlessly. There were 25 squads. The Renton team won by four birds. Having the fifth trap made a big difference and made money for the club. They will be setting up a bunker shoot.

CMP, Bob Hull:

They had 7 shooters.

Cowboy, Brian Howard:

The Cowboy Matches for March saw 62 competitors come out.

The Cowboy Matches for April saw 54 shooters come out.

The Cowboys would like to reserve the action bays for the fifth weekend in October, to host the first ever Washington State SASS Wild Bunch Championships. The event would be held over both days of the weekend, would not require closure or interruption of any other part of the club, and we would expect to have about 25-50 shooters out. Profit to the club would be about \$500 to \$1,000. At any rate, as a first step Brian is requesting the weekend of October 29-30 be reserved for this event. The event was approved.

Membership: As of April 9th:

711 Annual Members
164 Senior Members
10 Junior Members

10 Life Members

895 Total

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

With the weather the way it has been we haven't been able to get much of the grounds cleaned up. We started removing foreign material from the 200 yard site.

The crew has been keeping up with target backers & target stands. The chip boards we have been trying to use up, don't last very long, but the price was right--free.

We started digging a hole under the baffles in front of the short range pistol area to help drain off rain water. It's not very big yet, but it has helped.

We now have finished up with the work area in the pistol range. We stacked some beams and lumber under the seats in the back of the range building (making stadium setting) and we now can work on multiple jobs at the same time.

Roy Rasmussen, along with a some-time helper, has been updating the wiring in the pistol range. He has added extra circuits, photo cells to outside lights and four new overhead florescent lights in the work area. He plans on changing out the other overhead lights with new as they get donated.

The top rail on the fence at the corner by the entrance has been reconnected.

The county culvert next to the entrance road was partially blocked. Tuesday we cleared the opening.

Lynn & LaMarr took the load of metal roofing, steel plates, and junk in and got \$108 plus change back to the club.

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

Our last regular monthly match was held on March 19th. Our turnout was back to a more normal level of attendance with 79 participants. There were 7 stages set up & run. The weather was fair to overcast with little precipitation.

The next scheduled event will be the 3rd Saturday of April, which is the 21st.

We had our last Night Shoot for this season on March 5th. The turnout was 10 folks. The night was clear & dark. Everyone had a safe & enjoyable time.

Thursday Practices are "officially" starting again on April 7th thru July 28th, 6-8PM.

USPSA, Aristotle Bartolome: (Submitted by email.)

The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on March 27th. There were a total of 77 shooters. Considering how badly it rained, we were lucky to have such a good turnout.

Our next match is scheduled for April 24th, with set up occurring the day before, Saturday 23rd.

Rifle and Pistol: Dave Reed gave the rifle and pistol report.

Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:

Georgia gave the treasurer's report and asked if the board had any input on the Profit and Loss statement for 2010 or if she could send it to the CPA. There were no comments.

New Business:

Navy Junior ROTC: Art Weatherford gave a report on the Navy Junior ROTC air rifle team. They appreciate the opportunity to cover a shooting area and shoot on Monday and Tuesday. Hopefully their use of the range on those days allows less impact to the range use on regular days and it gives them the opportunity to practice effectively. It was good experience for the kids to work on putting the covers up on their shooting area. They used three of the baffles and pitched the covering so the rain can run off. 3336 shooters competed for the Navy nationals in Alabama. Around 197 qualified. 5 were from our group. The competition included teams from Europe, Guam and the US. Other teams shoot two matches a month. Ours shoot only 10-12 matches a year. They will travel to the NRA national air rifle championship and then will go to national junior Olympic qualification. They need to raise some funds to go to their shoots.

It was MSP to give a \$1,000.00 to the team for travel.

Club Rental by Techtura: Techtura is requesting a day for a company shoot on June 4th. There was a discussion on whether this would conflict with the club shoot. We might need someone to help if it is a really busy day. It's hard to keep four traps running and mind the desk at the same time. Techtura wasn't set yet on a head count. Sam suggested that a couple of club members might volunteer to help on that day. Ted will help coordinate.

NRA Instructor's Course and Club Email List: Jim Hatley wanted to get an NRA certified instructor course going. To teach with the Boy Scouts you have to be certified by NRA. He has contacted Steve Sheerer who will teach a class. There are at least four people interested right now. He wanted to contact club members about the course, and he is offering to help set up an email list for the club if the board will approve it. It was approved on the condition that membership records stay at RF&GC.

The NRA instructor's class is 25 hours plus some range time. The board approved moving ahead on trying to set up the course. Anyone interested in the course can email him at "rice.jimhatleyracing.com."

Jim also has concerns about the web site. He suggests that we take the website from where it's at and making Jay the webmaster. He believes that the web site is out of date and people don't use it. Some information is wrong. Emails to the board are not answered. Minutes are not up to date.

Some thought that we have internet service at the range it makes sense that we set it up to be changed here. Others were concerned about the increased work load for Jay when there was other work and club house cleaning that merited attention. Rob said that anything sent to the web master, Dee Crouch at Dee.Crouch@Crouch-Tech.com, will be updated immediately. It might be that the email addresses for board members have not been up to date. The secretary needs to email the minutes to Dee to be posted.

Bunker-Don Whatley: They need some new springs for the bunker set up. After doing significant research he found some for \$35.50 a piece for springs. There are 30 in the house. 10 are completely worn out. Probably need 16 replacements. They also need some arms. The cost last week was 1054 Euros. \$1546 is for the current rate of exchange, fee for transfer and shipping. The rate of exchange is going up daily. There is also a crack in the roof of the house. It's not bad now but it probably won't last another winter without leaking.

It was MSP to cover the cost. Sam's son might be able to fix the roof. They will price it.

Civil Air Patrol Request: We have a request from Civil Air Patrol to do some training here. The board was generally favorable and said that further plans could be looked into with Glen and Jay.

Old Business

FARR Grant: Karen reported that final presentation for the grant will be April 18 at 3:00. Bob will be going with Karen. Wayne, Karen and Kathy spent a day down in Olympia working on the proposal with our grant representative. We still need the ROTC pictures. There are five proposals and it looks like \$400 thousand is available and about \$460 thousand being applied for. We've been told that we have a good chance but won't know for sure until the final decision is made.

Steel Targets: They got the new steel targets in. Rob ran some test runs, and it looks like it is going to hold up well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary