

## RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB MINUTES FOR May 5, 2011



**Navy Junior ROTC Precision Air Rifle Team:** We started off the evening with an interesting PowerPoint presentation and talk from the Navy Junior ROTC Precision Air Rifle Team. They had an impressive winning record locally and have qualified to go to Navy Air Rifle Nationals. 3336 shooters attempted to qualify. 197 actually qualified and our team came in 8<sup>th</sup>. They explained the sport of air rifle shooting so that we could appreciate the integrity and skill of the sport. 5 team members from our team will be going to Junior Olympics. Several of the team members will be graduating and going on to shoot for college teams. It was a lively and entertaining presentation.

**Call to Order:** Wayne McCann, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:17. It was MSP to approve the minutes for April as corrected.

### **Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:**

We bought a lot of targets, but income is still up over the same period last year. Given the rain this month it was interesting that the shotgun revenues were higher than the same period last year.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

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

The same as usual. They need to do some cleanup. There is a target system that throws targets for archers to shoot. He's going to check into it.

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

Machines are running good. They are getting the bunker going. They had to do some adjustment on the speakers, but things are going well.

#### **CMP, Bob Hull:**

The match went well. He ordered the ammunition for the M1 Grands. He will be sending in paperwork to affiliate with the national organization for CMP.

**Cowboy, Brian Howard:**

The match was very muddy this month. 56 shooters came anyway. Next month is Muy Malo, a special match.

Kathleen Loucks, match director for Un Hombre Muy Malo, explained that the match is unusual for cowboy matches because there are rifle and pistol reloads on each stage that are a part of the shooter's total time. This is a significant challenge when shooting single action pistols and lever action rifles. It's exciting and fun for the shooters who are loading on the clock.

**Membership, Jay Burleson:**

742 Annual. 170 Senior. 10 Junior. 10 Life for a total of 932. We have 32 new members who have joined this month. Wayne noted that we are growing. Bob noted that it's the discipline programs that bring in new shooters.

**Grounds, LaMarr Hood:**

This month the Grounds Crew worked on target backers and clean up in the pistol range. They also helped Roy with installing conduit and routing wires out to the lights on the pistol range. When completed this will aid in evening or after dark shooting.

Tuesday, May 3rd, two men from Oregon were sampling the range for lead mining. They took samples from the rifle 100 yard impacted area, the short, & 50 yard pistol berms. Action bays 1, 2, 3, & 5 berms along with all over the shot gun hill and along the berm by the low house at the skeet range.

Neighbor has called with concerns about water running down the road. The problem is that the county culvert gets overwhelmed and clogs up which puts water down the road. We have tried to help divert the water onto the range to help the situation, but it really is a county problem that we can't fix.

**IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

Our last regular monthly match was held on April 16th. They had an attendance of 83 participants. There were 7 stages set up & run. The weather was overcast & cool with a little precipitation in the late afternoon.

The next scheduled event will be the 3rd Saturday of May, which is the 16th.

Thursday Practices are "officially" underway and running thru July 28th, 6-8PM.

May 29th will be the 5th Annual, 100th Anniversary, NWPPA 1911 Single Stack Match, running a theme from the Bruce Willis movie Last Man Standing.

**USPSA, Aristotle Bartolome: (submitted by email)**

The most recent monthly USPSA match was held on March 27th. Despite the rain and the fact that it was on Easter Sunday, they had a very good turnout.

Our next match is scheduled for May 22nd, with set up occurring the day before, Saturday 21st. IDPA has a scheduled match that day, so USPSA is going to have to set up late in the afternoon, after they have concluded.

**Rifle and Pistol, Dave Reed:**

Adults 465. Juniors 49. Income is up from the same period last year.

Karen gave use numbers from 2010 usage of rifle, pistol and action bay.

Members	6149
Non-members	6148
Rifle	6444
Pistol	4978
Other	875

**Old Business:**

**Tectura:** They had been interested in scheduling an event. We couldn't find a date that worked out for all their people and an available date here. They will try again in the future.

**Lead mining:**

Two companies were interviewed about mining the ranges.

The general consensus is that we need to get this done as soon as we can get a commitment from them. The people from Lead Soil Solutions seemed professional and appeared to know what they were doing in the testing they did. The process was explained and how the area would be reseeded to preserve the landscaping and prevent erosion.

Once the offer is in, the board will meet to vote on the offer.

Members may be able to buy barrels of shot at the going rate for lead.

## **FARR Grant:**

Karen and Bob made the final presentation. There were no questions after the presentation. We were ranked second and will receive full funding. The money will be available in July. The grant is for \$93,000. The ADA parking and ramping system will be redone to be ADA compliant. The fireplace will come out with a full remodel of the restrooms with two stalls, with heat and hot water. There will be a new HVAC system complete with new electrical system. In future phases (hopefully with future grants) we will do a classroom, kitchen and new range office.

We have to match funds over a two year period with a possible extension of one year if we run into trouble. We can get donated labor, equipment, and material to count as part of our match. There is nothing in the grant that says that we have to spend \$93,000 if the club feels like our finances are not in a position to spend more.

A special thanks to Karen, Bob, Wayne and Kathy for all their work on the grant.

## **Road:**

Ted called the people from NW asphalt to see about getting the road repaired. They were supposed to call back, but Ted hasn't heard back from them. He will call again.

## **Civil Air Patrol:**

CAP has inquired about using the range. The question is what do we charge them? One suggestion was \$1 for junior members. They are 12-17 years old. They want three lanes on the pistol range initially. Eventually they would like to be trained in all disciplines. The decision was made to meet with them personally, so that we know who is running the program and what their plans are.

**Rifle NRA Course:** Had to be canceled because only three people signed up.

## **New Business:**

Plans were discussed on how to rework the 15 yard berm in the pistol bay.

Members talked about ideas on how to improve the berms in the action bays to improve conditions and safety there. Hopefully improvements can be made with more grant money from the state.

There was discussion about the increased usage of the action bays. Wayne asked the question if there should be specific RSO training on the action bays and what should that be? Glen suggested that there be some protocol for getting

qualified to RSO in the action bay. A committee was set up to explore RSO protocols in the action bays. The idea was proposed that we consider the advantage of having an action bay safety officer. The committee will take this on as well.

Some members noted that the level of use in the rifle range is up. The higher level of use might indicate a need for additional help in the rifle range. RSO's might be organized to help with the effort. Other options may need looked into.

**Good of the Order:**

Jerry Johnston announced that Steve Cordes passed away. He was a long time member of the club. Several members told stories about his contributions to the club and other remembrances. He will be missed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:23.**

**Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary**