

RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2011



Call to Order: Wayne McCann, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at precisely 7:00.

Board members present: Ted Pitt, Robb Wolfe, Scott Johnson, Sam Hewlett, Brian Howard, John Sandefur and Karen Jennings.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt: He replaced a bag. He hasn't walked around the course since last month, but should be okay.

Trap & Skeet, Ted Pitt:

They have started the lead mining. They are working here and at Seattle Trap and Skeet as schedules allow. ST&S appear to be less accommodating to get the work done than we are. The work will be proceeding.

Bunker: Don Wheatley

He has decided not to run the bunker any more. He can't do it by himself and he hasn't been able to recruit any help. He believes the event could bring in a lot of money, but he simply can't do it by himself.

Wayne acknowledged Don's hard work and pointed out that any discipline needs to have people who help to make the event happen. We need to explore what it might take to make the program viable and if there is enough interest to keep it going.

To automate the equipment would be \$52,000 for 15 machines. The program has brought in about \$3,000 with a very small group shooting. Don felt there was potential for much greater involvement.

Last year's income from Bunker was just over \$900. This year is higher. With an automated system, it could be shot more often. There might be some grant money that we could get.

General consensus was that there needs to be a stronger core group to run the program for the club to consider investing a substantial amount of money in it.

Cowboy, Karen Jennings: The club hosted Westmatch, the Washington State Championships for cowboy action shooting. There were 150 shooters. 56 trap shooters. Expenses are still coming in, so the financials will be reported next month.

Membership, Wayne McCann: 10 life members. Annual memberships: 2013-3; 2012 regular-451; seniors-148; Juniors-5. Total memberships 607.

Grounds Report, LaMarr Hood:

Early July we trimmed and hauled 5 pickup loads of brush from along the entrance road.

We sprayed the walk way in the pistol range, 55 meter berm and the 100 yard target area, with weed killer after we weed whacked the area.

Late July we pressure washed the inside of the rifle range building and later we sealed the floor with three coats of cement sealer. Last Monday we pressure washed the inside of the pistol range.

The baffles still need to be pressure washed before a sealant can be applied.

We need painters for the inside of the rifle & pistol buildings. Are we going to use volunteer's or hire some one? How much can we use out of the buget?

The electrical & lighting system is about 98% completed in and around the rifle range area.

On and around the July 30th clean up this year, we had a very good turn out by the Cowboys. With the help of Ted, Kim, and the Monday crew we got allot accomplished. This is a club and we all need to be involved with projects. I didn't see any of the other disciplines out helping?

After matches at the club the Match Director is responsible for the clean up of the area, putting away all equipment, policing up the area, and emptying the garbage cans. This seems to be a growing problem. This also applies to practice groups Waste Management picks up the trash every Monday morning. we don't need trash around for an extra week and diffently not on the grounds or in cans.

Have fun and enjoy your club.

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

Our last regular monthly match was held on July 16th. We had an attendance of 63 participants.

The next scheduled event will be the WASIDPAC (WAShington State International Defensive Pistol Association Championship). Setup will start on the 13th-18th, SO's will be shooting on the 18th-19th, the match will be shot on the 20th-21st. We have 16 stages plus 2 Side Stages & Chronograph planned. 154 minimum rounds to be fired.

Regular Thursday Practices are finished for the year.

USPSA: No report was turned in. Aristotle will not be running USPSA any longer. There may be another person who is willing to run it. Concern was expressed over the fact that the bays were not cleaned up after the last match. There were also questions why expenses for USPSA appear to be so much higher than the other action bay sports.

Rifle and Pistol, Dave Reed:

Dave reported on income. The silencer event hosted on the rifle range went very well. Club volunteers and the range officers did an outstanding job of facilitating the event and keeping everyone safe. Randy, in particular, was complimented on his safety talk. It had a good balance of seriousness balanced with friendliness and a touch of humor.

Treasurer's Report: Georgia Coulter gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

FARR Grant/Club House Remodel: They will get bids from at least three contractors. The first step will be to have some final drawings done.

Abby Road sent us a bill for \$100 which lead to a discussion of the master plan that Abby Road was supposed to be preparing for the club. Wayne reported at this point that they would not return his phone calls. They have not responded to Wayne's request for a letter clarifying where they are at in terms of preparing a master plan for the club. It was suggested that the club should talk to an attorney about the situation since they haven't delivered on the work that they promised.

The storage shed for the shotgun range was waiting on the building permit that was to be incorporated with the master plan and there was concern that we might lose our deposit on the shed.

New Business:

Rifle and Pistol Range Maintenance: The interior of the rifle and pistol range could use a new coat of paint. They will get a quote including power washing. Sam offered to spray paint the baffles if they get pressure washed. (Thank you Sam.) It was suggested that the bid for painting include power washing the baffles as well.

Attempts by members to solve the problems with the plumbing on the rifle range have not been successful. The board approved calling in a plumber.

Computer Donation: Rob Marvin donated a nice computer to the club. It can really be used at the rifle range. Thanks, Rob.

Bylaws Proposal:

One of the requirements to get the funds released for the FARR grant is that the range bylaws designate a successor entity to prevent the misuse of grant funds. Our current bylaws don't have a successor entity designation. There was a section written for the new bylaws. Our representative at the state didn't have a chance to review the language before leaving for her vacation. Since it takes three readings to make the change, the board decided to go ahead with the reading. If it doesn't suit the requirements, we will just have to begin again with new language. The following received its first reading:

ARTICLE XI — DISSOLUTION In the event of a dissolution of the RF&GC any remaining assets shall be donated either to non-profit corporation/s whose agenda supports the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or another shooting facility/s. Determination of the recipient/s of RF&GC assets will be obtained by a positive response to a mailed ballot vote determining said recipient/s by those members eligible to vote.

Berm Work: Sam suggested getting a committee together to talk about berm reconstruction. Wayne pointed out that the work should be coordinated with the lead mining company. Lamar added that a deterrent to bringing in more ecology blocks was the price of transporting them to the range. Tom Wheaton, who brings in the equipment to clean up the bays each summer, has offered to transport them.

Good of the Order:

Cowboy shooters from the club did very well in the Washington State match: Karen Jennings placed first in Ladies Senior; John Sandefur first place in Duelist Category; Brian Howard first place in Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter; and Kathleen Loucks placed top overall woman shooter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary