

RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB EXECUTIVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 7, 2012



Call to Order: Wayne McCann, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01.

The following officers were present: Wayne McCann Board Chairman; Karen Jennings, Brian Howard, Ted Pitt, Bob Hull, John Sandefur, and Derek Mirkle, Directors; Kevin Michellich, Game Warden; Georgia Coulter, Treasurer.

It was MSP to approve the minutes for July.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Archery range is in good shape. The shotgun range looks good. They reset the stakes for bunker and did some speed testing. The recycle bags are nearly full. He has ordered more. Ted explained how they use the stakes to calibrate the target throwers.

Friday will be the Northwest Asphalt corporate shoot. There will be somewhere around 150 shooters. They do a target count, rent the field, and buy ammo for their event.

CMP, Bob Hull:

They had 6 shooters. This is their last shoot for the year. They will start again in January. They are going to put together a workshop to get the season off to a good start. Bob will be going hunting next month so he won't be at the meeting.

Cowboy, Brian Howard:

Westmatch, the Washington State Championship for Cowboy Action Shooting, went off well. Everyone had a good time. 119 shot for score. Of 119, he didn't hear one negative comment for the match.

Brian congratulated the members present who won awards. Karen Jennings 1st Ladies Silver Senior; Derek Mirkle 3rd in B Western; Kristen Jensen 5th in Classic Cowboy; John Sandefur 1st in Duelist; Wayne McCann 4th in Elder Statesman; Kevin Michellich 3rd

Wrangler Brian Howard 1st Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter; Kathy Loucks won the Ladies Overall Washington State title.

One award in particular merits notice. Wayne McCann won the Spirit of the Game Award. This is the highest honor that can be awarded at the match and is given to the person who best exemplifies the values and camaraderie of the sport.

Membership, Wayne McCann:

40 Family; 7 Juniors; 145 Seniors; Regular 325

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

The month of July members have seen their dues in action: 1) the painting of the of the inside of the rifle & pistol range buildings and earlier this month the painting of the range office floor; 2) the removal of broken and dangerous tree limbs and removal of dead trees from the front lower gate along the South side of the parking lot, next to the Club house, action bays, rifle & pistol parking lot, neighbor's trees and next to the range office.

I don't have anything to report on the action bay clean up except for the cleanup of the mess north of the lower front gate by Buckboard Bob aka Rob Marvin who also did some painting again this year in the action bays and around the scoring office building.

As for the Monday crew we assisted in the prep work for painting the range buildings, and with putting things back in place for the range use. We also kept up with target backers and the cleanup of the tree trimming.

If we get a machine in to work the berms, we need to build a small berm in the pistol short range between the 30 foot line and the 50 foot line similar to the one Karen has recommended that is in use at the Seattle Police range, I have pictures she gave me for reference. The hay bales are only temporary and are a consistent maintenance problem.

In the grounds budget there is the shed for bay 6. This should be built soon or the rainy season will be on us again.

It was also noted that Rob Marvin also washed down the score shack in the Action Bay.

IDPA, Scott Johnson: Submitted via email.

Our last regular monthly match was held on July 21st. There were 72 participants. We had cooperative weather (overcast to partly sunny). The courses were challenging, in preparation for the State Match.

Our next match will be on August 18th.

This year's Washington State Championship was held at Paul Bunyan on July 28th. The match ran very well, weather was cooperative & most everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Fun Steel: Kris Erickson via email

Fun Steel was held on July 11th. Damon Mon Wai was the match director. There were 24 shooters in attendance including 7 safety officers. There were no safety issues to report.

USPSA:

It sounds like they need more volunteers to help run the match.

Submitted by email by Greg Peria-Hansen

Our match on Sunday 7/22/12 had a decent turnout of 70 shooters. Many times we heard that people had a blast and enjoyed the stage designs.

Unfortunately we had one person DQ on a 180 violation.

I would also like to inform you that I will not be able to hold a match for the month of August. I have a wedding to attend to that falls on that weekend and everyone that would have stepped up to take over in my absence happens to also be invited to that same wedding.

Greg also reported on a competitor who has been banned from USPSA matches for inappropriate conduct.

Rifle and Pistol:

434 Adults; 69 Juniors. They've gotten quite a bit of the work done down there that was budgeted. The paint job looks great! It cost a little more than they thought because the surfaces really soaked up the paint. It really lightened up the area. The floor in the club house has been refinished. They kept the costs down on getting the tree removed and the company hired did a great job. There were some pallets left on the back of the range from Westmatch that need to be picked up.

Karen mentioned that she heard about a new sound barrier system when working on the grant from the state. She is going to check into it.

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

The loan they got to pay for the storage shed has been paid off. Too bad we still don't have a storage shed because we can't get a building permit from King County.

Old Business:

Club House Remodel Phase I: Wayne got an email from Rick. The Health Department has given them the go ahead. No news from the county but that appears to be good news. They are still looks at a start date mid August.

Club House Remodel Phase II and Bunker Grant: Wayne presented for a grant for the next phase of club house remodel and Georgia presented for the Bunker Grant. There are more applications than there is money. The general feeling was that RF&GC was well prepared and got good feedback on their presentations.

This is the first of two presentations. There is a set criteria to judge the projects. Each group has an advisor that will relay suggestions from the committee to the applicants. Then groups are given the opportunity to make changes before the second presentation. Ultimately all the information will go to a board of commissioners who will ultimately decide who gets what.

It was MSP to approve changing the club contribution to the bunker grant to 51%.

New Business:

Wayne presented two letters from boys who have participated in the kids shoot who wanted to thank those who helped with the activity. The letters were very well written and the club appreciated their effort.

A special thanks to Glen for his help in Westmatch. He worked his tail off and was a great help in making the match a success. Rick Waters and Rob Marvin were also very helpful.

There is nothing scheduled for the last weekend in 2012. Brian is requesting the weekend for a Plainsman match. The firearms used are cap-and-ball pistols and single shot rifles. It will only involve the Action Bays. Dec 29 and 30. This event was approved.

Washington State Conservation Camp Report:

Paige Dasher attended the Washington State Conservation Camp. She is a RUCAS (Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters) member and shoots as "Ivy Hills" in cowboy action shooting and is the Washington State Champion in the Buckarettte category.

She went on the ferry to get to camp. On the second day they did firearms and hunter's safety. They shot BB guns after the safety class. She stayed and shot more while most kids went swimming. They had campfire in the evening. They did water safety one day including how to handle a canoe that has been flipped over. They learned how to make their jeans into a floating device if they are in the water. They did archery. Her very first shot was a bullseye. They also learned how to make survival shelters. She ate a worm as part of the survival training. Their group didn't go to lunch with the main group but had fresh crab as part of the survival camp. They went on a hike up to a waterfall and learned to use ferns to help with stinging nettles. She didn't get sunburned or any bug bites. They didn't get much sleep because they would get too excited and talk all night.

She was nominated for the camper of the year. She did score highest on one activity. She thanked the club for letting her go.

Good of the Order:

Several people saw a fairly large black bear on the range this last weekend. Members should use caution if moving around in the unimproved areas of the range.

Rob Marvin told a joke.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Kathleen Loucks, Secretary