

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club
16 January, 2020 Annual Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Estes Valley Community Center
660 Community Drive, Estes Park, CO
Meeting Minutes

The 2020 Estes Park Gun & Archery Club annual meeting began with a social time and refreshments from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the downstairs of the Estes Valley Community Center.

Steve Clark, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. The first order of business was to say the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Steve Clark. The second order of business was to approve the meeting minutes from the 2019 annual meeting. Bill Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Kurt Pennington seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes without further discussion.

PROGRAM:

I. **Membership quorum tally**—according to our by-laws there must be a 5% quorum of members present to vote on club matters at our annual meeting. As of the date of the meeting, we have 209 members who have renewed for the year, so the quorum figure was 11 members. Around 150 members were present for the meeting, and more than eleven of them raised their hands when asked if they had paid their dues for 2020, therefore it was determined the 5% requirement was met.

II. **Special Speakers**

A. Justin Smith, Larimer County Sheriff

The first speaker for the evening was Justin Smith, Larimer County Sheriff, who spoke to the members about the new Red Flag Laws. A question and answer period from the membership followed Sheriff Smith's speech.

B. Chase Rylands, CPW District Wildlife Manager

The second speaker for the evening was Chase Rylands, CPW District Wildlife Manager, who spoke about CPW laws and violations he has observed mainly in connection with hunting practices in Colorado. Chase's speech was followed by several questions from the membership.

C. Gordon Ulrickson, Friends of the Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

Gordon reported that the Friends had now achieved their 501c3 non-profit corporation status in the state of Colorado. Improving the classroom and lighting at the indoor range were two of the projects they completed in 2019 for the club. Gordon also mentioned that they recently submitted the paperwork to be on the list of recipients for the annual Duck Race in May in Estes Park, and that for each \$20 spent on a ticket, \$19 will go back into the non-profit. He also mentioned that since he is certified to teach RSO classes, he is willing to teach the class for the cost of the book, and if that is a problem for anyone, the Friends would cover the cost.

IV. **Door Prizes**—approximately 23 door prizes were distributed throughout the evening.

V. **Financial Reports**—Danny Dawidowski, Treasurer

A. Danny reported that we came into 2019 with \$73,366.93 in the bank and came out with \$76,392.29, for a difference of \$3,025.36.

B. He then presented a powerpoint showing the 2019 projected, actual and 2020 projected income items for the club. Danny mentioned that he figured membership dues received in December into the 2019 budget, and that that contributed to our ending the year in the black. He will

not do that in 2020, so our bottom line should be less. Danny mentioned that because the range shelters, which were partially funded by grants, comprised a large part of our 2019 budget, our projected income for 2020 is considerably less.

- C. The next slide showed the 2019 projected, actual and 2020 projected expenditures for the club. He explained that the outdoor range expense figure was high due to the additional RAP laid down after the shelters were constructed and the vault toilet being pumped out. He predicted that the club will actually make more money in 2020, though, because of the projected increase in membership and decrease in capital expenditures, and therefore our present membership fee structure should be able to sustain us.
- VI. **Range Reports**—Steve mentioned that we finished with around 300 members in 2018 and 350 in 2019, but our outdoor range reports show about a 10% less participation. He attributes that partially to people not signing in at the range when they arrive and encouraged the members to be more proactive about doing so. He also mentioned that it takes about \$10,000 a year just to open the gates to the outdoor range, including the concessionaire fee to the rec district, clean up bond and insurance.
- V. **Financial Review Committee Volunteers**—Steve put out a request for volunteers for our required club Financial Review and explained their responsibilities. Sharyn Gartner, Lance Foss and Dennis Holmes volunteered to perform this function.
- VI. **Cleanup days report and appointment of new cleanup chairman**—Steve reported we had six cleanup days with an average of 12 people participating in 2019. Some of the projects we accomplished in 2019 were laying down RAP at the new range shelters, replacing the railroad ties at the pistol and rifle ranges, sorting brass, painting picnic tables, building counters on the pistol shelter and tables at the rifle shelter, and mowing grass. Steve then explained the responsibilities of the cleanup chairman and asked for a volunteer to fill this position, but no one came forward.
- VII. **Public Days report and new chairman appointment**—Steve explained that for each public day we host at the outdoor range, we need one RSO each for the pistol and rifle ranges, and one person to collect money from the participants. This chairmanship can be shared so the responsibility doesn't fall to just one person every Saturday from June-October. No Public Days chairman volunteer came forward at the meeting.
- VIII. **RSO Coordinator**—Steve explained the duties of the RSO Coordinator and then asked for a volunteer to head this up. Bill Howell volunteered to be the RSO coordinator.
- IX. **Board elections**—Steve explained to the members who was up for re-election this year, and the fact that come next year (2021) the President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary will have fulfilled the last year of their allotted consecutive three years. He then explained that though the nominees are printed on the ballot, the floor is open for additional nominees, and then proceeded to ask for any additional nominees from the audience for each of the Board positions. No additional nominees were added, so Jim Boyd made a motion to accept the ballot as printed. Jane Guerny seconded the motion and all the nominees were voted in for 2020 by acclamation. The results of that vote are as follows:
- President (1 yr.)—Steve Clark
1st Vice President (1 yr.)—Kurt Pennington
2nd Vice President (1 yr.)—Harry Banbury
Treasurer (1 yr.)—no candidate
Secretary—Martha Clark
Directors at Large (2 positions open at 3-yr. tenure each):
John Lauce
Doug Miller

Bob Mitchiner will continue as Membership Chairman and Doug Tabor agreed to continue as webmaster. These positions are both volunteer and therefore not voted upon.

- X. **General Question Opportunity**—the last item on the agenda for the evening was a general question and answer time provided to the membership. The questions that arose are as follows:
1. What are the requirements for being on the Board? Steve replied that the positions are posted on the club website under the “Management” link. In addition, he said that our by-laws require all five executive Board members to be NRA members. Our Board members at large are not required to be NRA members.
 2. Do we know when the RSO class will be held? Jim Boyd mentioned that if someone is interested to contact him or Gordon Ulrickson after the meeting and they would be contacted about the class at a later date.
 3. Are there plans to install a land line for emergency purposes at the Common Point Range? Steve said there has not been, but a few other suggestions came forth, such as a cell phone repeater or a ham radio setup. The problem with repeaters is that typically they are specific to one cell-phone provider, such as AT&T or Verizon. The challenge with the ham radio is that it requires specific equipment to operate, and not all people would have access to or the know-how of the equipment to operate. Steve said the installation of any equipment would have to be cleared by the rec district through Tom Carosello. He encouraged the members to contact him at his club email address (president@epgunarchery.com) for any additional questions or suggestions on the matter.
- XI. **Adjournment**—a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Tabor and seconded by Bill Howell. The club voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martha F. Clark

Secretary

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