

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club
Board Meeting – May 14, 2012
Approved Minutes

Skyler Rorabaugh, Executive Director Estes Valley Recreation and Parks District

Meet and greet, 6:45-7pm. Skyler (skyler@evrpd.com) is helping to verify safety standards at the indoor range, to reduce insurance premiums 5% for Estes Valley Recreation and Parks District. Safety standards will be verified in one year. A recent safety inspection raised the need for a fire extinguisher at the indoor range.

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President and Presiding Officer

Called the meeting to order, 7:01pm, at Re/Max Mountain Brokers Conference Room, Estes Park. Other board members present were Randy Buchanan, Patty Eldridge, Steve Murphree, Douglas Tabor, Rick Tekulve, Thomas Miller, Bill Conger, Bob Mitchner, and Sharyn Gartner.

The April 9, 2012 minutes were approved and the May 14, 2012 agenda was adopted, with one adjustment: to allow Bill Conger to present his report first.

Bill Conger, Grants

Colorado Department of Wildlife (contact: Chris Flohr) has granted \$5,000 for the shot barrier curtain project. The federal to parks land transfer process is slowing the shot barrier curtain project, and CDOW will likely pull their support if the project is not started by the end of 2012. CDOW needs to see: 1) evidence (i.e. site pictures) that the project has commenced, and 2) documented evidence that EPG&A members have participated in the project. The latter is currently being produced. A previous rifle range road improvement project went well with CDOW (they have been a good partner).

Officer Reports

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President

Gordon identified five inoperable padlocks that had been purchased for range use. Gordon acquired five new locks from Masterlock, free of charge. Gordon managed to recondition three of the five inoperable locks; end result, eight new padlocks for club use.

David Engelhardt, 1st Vice President

David resigned his position, and was not present at the meeting. David provided a great service to the club while volunteering in the board.

Randy Buchanan, 2nd Vice President

Two groups will use the outdoor range this month: 1) Get-A-Grip (contact: Tim Daley) May 12th and 26th, noon to 4pm at the outdoor pistol range, and 2) NRA Personal Protection in the Home (contact: Jim Boyd) May 19th, 8am to 6pm at the indoor range.

Randy raised the need for a penalty for individuals who reserve the range, fail to use the reservation (i.e. “no-show”), and do not cancel their reservation in advance of the reservation date. Discussion revolved around instituting a \$50 cancelation fee, which would be attained when the reservation is made, as a deposit. A mode to communicate this potential stipulation was also discussed.

Motion from Doug Tabor, to draw up the language that will implement the new reservation stipulation: any new reservations, scheduled after June 1st, for the indoor or outdoor range, will require a refundable deposit of \$50. The deposit will be forfeited to the club if the reservation is not canceled (i.e. “no-show”) seven days in advance of the reservation date. Otherwise, the \$50 deposit will be applied to the fee that is charged to use the range for the specified reservation. If the range use fee amounts to less than the \$50 deposit, the difference will be refunded to the party who placed the reservation. Sharyn Gartner seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved

the motion. Doug Tabor will take time to finalize the stipulation, and the board will later approve, before implementing the stipulation.

Patty Eldridge, Treasurer

Point of instruction: board members can make purchases (at a 10% discount) using the Estes Park Ace Hardware account, for items that the club needs.

New bills: 1) Tom Miller Ace hardware \$32.27, 2) Gordon's (in report: see 5/14/2012 agenda) emergency light for the indoor range and postage, and 3) Sharyn \$71.64 (in report: see 5/14/2012 agenda).

Annual insurance renewals are due July 1st: 1) liability for \$958, 2) dishonesty for \$310, and 3) director and officer bond for \$. Patty raised the question of whether the club needs an "act of terrorism policy" included with the current insurance policies. Discussion raised the reality that the club does not possess accident, auto, or building insurance. It is unclear how ownership is organized, and how an insurance claim would be settled, for the indoor range. Motion from Sharyn Gartner: not to adopt the act of terrorism policy. Doug Tabor seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Sharyn Gartner, Past President

Club records are being passed to Jonathan Martin, Interim Secretary. The indoor and outdoor range directories need to be updated to include new officer information. Skyler Rorabaugh is working with Federal lands to parks to complete the federal land transfer. The Federal participant is becoming unreasonably slow, and it is preventing the shot barrier curtain project from moving forward. Sharyn wrote Mark Udall (US Senator) about the slowness of the transfer, but there has been no response. Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park has reached out too, but to no avail. Sharyn raised the issue of posting a sign to the outdoor range and a note on website that range users should refrain from disposing of edible trash at the outdoor range (it attracts bears). Another note or sign could also communicate the temporary fire ban, including specific language about tracer rounds.

Committee Reports

Steve Murphree, Shot Barrier Curtain

Engineer in California updated the project specifications to include exact barrier curtain pole length, pole location, and guy wire attachment and arrangement. The updated project estimate has been reduced \$2,000 since the previous estimate. The club needs to review, and approve the CA engineers' specifications; after approval, the CA PE can interact with, and seek approval from, a CO PE (which cost is included in the estimate). After CO PE approval, poles can be fabricated and shipped.

Rick Tekulve & Tom Miller, Range Cleanup

The first cleanup (indoor range) day went well: mined lead (five buckets), painted wall, and cleaned facility. Point of instruction from Sharyn Gartner: the hepa-filter vacuum is used to clean the floor, not brooms/sweeping. Next cleanup (outdoor range) will be lead by Matt Land, who is currently charged with: trash pickup, lead mining, brass reclamation, bench and table painting, and cleaning SACON debris. Sharyn Gartner plans to post a member cleanup instruction document to the website; an example of the instructions were presented to the board. Tom Miller presented a cleanup leader schedule to the board.

Bob Mitchner, Membership

The club potentially contains 449 members, if not for 86 of these that have not renewed for 2012. Of the 363 current members, 83 are new members (~23%), and 16 are life members.

Unfinished business

Sharyn Gartner, Past President

Nick England was introduced as a new member who would like to volunteer to serve the club in a board position. Sharyn nominated Nick as Interim 1st Vice President. Randy Buchanan seconded the nomination, and the board unanimously approved the nomination and welcomed Nick to the board.

New Business

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President

Gordon raised the idea of recognizing club members who have been with the club for long periods of time. For example, the number of years that a member has been with the club could be printed on their membership card. Member recognition could work to bolster membership and member renewal/retention. Gordon also raised the idea of recognizing volunteers.

Randy Buchanan, 1st Vice President

A gun shop owner recently asked Randy for a sign to advertise the EPG&A to shooters that patronize Bison Arms (Longmont). Such advertising could increase club exposure, and club membership.

Motion from Gordon Ulrickson: in the interest of keeping the meeting from running too late into the night, move any other new business until next month's meeting. Sharyn Gartner seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Reported by Jonathan Martin