

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club
Board Meeting – June 11, 2012
Minutes

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President and Presiding Officer

Called the meeting to order, 7:05pm, at Re/Max Mountain Brokers Conference Room, Estes Park. Other board members present were Nick England, Randy Buchanan, Patty Eldridge, Douglas Tabor, Thomas Miller, Sharyn Gartner, and Jonathan Martin.

The May 14, 2012 minutes were approved and the June 11, 2012 agenda was adopted.

Officer Reports

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President

Gordon assisted Jim Boyd in teaching the NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home course. During the past month, Gordon directed several prospective members to Bob Mitchiner.

The outdoor range looks good; Gordon paid two visits to take a look and pickup trash. Gordon paid a recent visit to the outdoor range to fix a lock problem, and secure the gate.

At the indoor range, Gordon installed a new fire extinguisher and replaced two floodlights, an 8' fluorescent bulb, and a flood lamp holder (purchased from True Value).

Skyler Rorabaugh (Exec. Director of Estes Vally Recreation and Park District) asked Gordon for a coyote silhouette archery target to drive some geese from a local golf course. Skyler also asked the board to think about starting a one-day-per-month public day at the outdoor range (see 'Unfinished Business,' below). The (Bureau of Reclamation) National Park Service (NPS) Federal Lands to Parks asked for increased public access in exchange for following through with the land transfer process.

Gordon viewed an NRA Club Leadership and Development webinar on Communications and Media Relations. The webinar led Gordon to develop a proposal for a communications committee (see 'New Business,' below).

Nick England, 1st Vice President

Nick had new business to discuss (see below).

Randy Buchanan, 2nd Vice President

Two groups will use the outdoor range this month: 1) Get-A-Grip (contact: Tim Daley) June 16th and 30th, noon to 4pm at the pistol range, and 2) Krav Maga (contact: Chet Barnett) June 22nd at the upper pistol range. Jim Boyd will use the indoor range to teach NRA courses July 14th, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, and November 10th, all between 8am and 6pm. Note: Chet Barnett has not confirmed time or number of guests for his reservation. Chet has also not yet provided proof of insurance for 2012.

Randy reports that on May 30th, the Ft. Collins SWAT team (about nine vehicles, and 40 individuals) used the upper pistol range without: permission, advanced notice, proof of insurance, or paid fees. The SWAT team leader told Randy that Monte Allen (Estes Park Police) had given the team permission to use the range. Monte does not have the authority to give permission for range use. Sharyn Gartner contacted Monte and Chief Wes Kufelt about the issue, and has heard no response in two weeks. SWAT shooters policed some of the brass, but much was left on the upper pistol range (likely because it was difficult to see, as it was getting dark outside). The range gate was left open by the SWAT team when they left the range. Estes Park has previously arranged time on behalf of SWAT, but the club was not notified in this case.

Sharyn made a motion that Randy write a letter to Ft Collins SWAT to identify their errors in range reservation and use procedure, while inviting them to apply and pay fees for an organizational EPG&A club membership. Such a membership would be for Ft Collins SWAT only, not for the entire Ft Collins Police Department. Patty seconded the motion, and all board members passed it unanimously.

Patty Eldridge, Treasurer

Patty reported that our bank, 1st National, has changed its name to Bank of Estes Park.

Patty reports that our bank charged us \$5 for depositing a bad membership fees check from Chet Barnett. Patty repeatedly tried to contact Chet, with no response. Bob Mitchiner got ahold of Chet, and it appeared as though Chet had heard Patty's messages because Chet immediately volunteered to write a new check from a different account. The new check has not yet arrived. Chet currently possesses a membership card with range code.

New bills: 1) US Liability Insurance for Directors & Officers for Liability insurance at \$648.00, 2) Bob Mitchiner for stamps at \$45.00, 3) Colorado State Shooting Association for membership renewal at \$75.00, 4) Waste Management for Port-a-Let at \$147.66, and 5) Waste Management for empty container at \$32.07. Gordon moved that we pay the bills, Sharyn seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Sharyn Gartner, Past President

Sharyn purchased two-inch coupling for the 25-yard outdoor pistol range. The coupling will be used to repair the pistol range at the upcoming range cleanup day. Sharyn recommends that an experienced cleanup person lead the upcoming range cleanup party. Randy suggested that the road is in need of some maintenance and that weed mowing is also needed. Randy explained that any prospective mower operator should first read the mower instruction manual before using the mower. Nick volunteered to scan and issue an electronic copy of the mower instruction manual to the club website.

Sharyn also reported that the outdoor range PVC stands need replacing.

Committee Reports

Sharyn Gartner, Shot Barrier Curtain

Sharyn is working to design a pulley-based mesh curtain carrier system, which will be used to draw out the mesh drape along cables that span the distance between the upright shot barrier poles. She and the other committee members are working to finish all design work, so we can move forward quickly when the Federal land transfer is finally completed.

Tom Miller, Range Cleanup

The April 21st cleanup report was sent out to the board via email, and the cleanup day leaders list has been updated. Tom is waiting for Matt Land's May 19th outdoor range cleanup report. Sign outs were done improperly at the May 19th cleanup, making it difficult to determine the number of man hours worked. Tom will catch up with Matt Land about the report and sign in/out sheet.

Rick Grabish has volunteered to lead the June 24th outdoor range cleanup day in place of Bill Conger. Tom will follow up with Rick about leading the cleanup day. Tom and Robert Wagner will handle the signup table. Tom needs a list of remaining tasks to be done; he can likely obtain a list of outstanding tasks from Rick Tekulve, Bob Mitchiner, Sharyn Gartner, or Matt Land.

Bob Mitchiner (absent) via Sharyn Gartner, Membership

The club potentially contains 468 members; 84 of these that have not yet renewed for 2012. Of the 384 current members, 102 are new members (~26%), and 16 are life members.

Unfinished business

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President

Gordon installed a fire extinguisher at the indoor range. The extinguisher will satisfy a need that was identified by Skyler Rorabaugh during an insurance inspection at the indoor range.

Gordon met a Boulder Rifle Club member who offered to inform BRC applicants that EPG&A is accepting new member applications. Gordon sought board approval, and the board encouraged Gordon to take the BRC member up on his offer.

Gordon spoke to Skyler, who has been working with the (Bureau of Reclamation) National Park Service about the federal land transfer. The BoR NPS requested that the club increase public access to the outdoor range. The EPG&A board discussed some attributes related to such a public day, and Gordon will follow up with Skyler about a potential public day. Some public access already exists in the form of a Fall hunter sight in day.

Randy Buchanan, 2nd Vice President

After some discussion, the board encouraged Randy to prepare signage to post in local-region firearms shops to advertise the club to prospective members. Alternatively, Randy could pass club information on to shop owners/managers to communicate to inquiring individuals.

Randy Buchanan and Doug Tabor, 2nd Vice President and Director

The previously discussed range use reservation deposit program has revealed itself to be an accounting hassle, given that only one individual has been a problem to date. Gordon moved to table the issue for the time being, until the program is otherwise needed. The board approved the motion. Instead of initiating such a program, Randy will discuss the range use reservation difficulties he has experienced with Chet Barnett (the lone offender).

Sharyn Gartner, Past President

Sharyn displayed a formatted example of a club officer contact information sheet that is typically posted at the indoor range. Updated contact information is in need of posting, and Nick England volunteered to take the job.

Bear signage would be helpful to reducing food trash that is left at the outdoor range. Jim Boyd, club member and NRA instructor, is a "Bear Aware" representative. He can supply labels and basic signage to help notify outdoor range users about this problem. Jim communicated this during a brief visit at the meeting in which Jim delivered an NRA course roster and check for range use fees incurred during his recent NRA course.

New Business

Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President

Gordon viewed an NRA webinar that described the usefulness of a communications/media/marketing committee to shooting clubs. The committee responsibilities were outlined in Gordon's report (see June meeting agenda). Nick England moved that such a committee be created according to Gordon's specifications. Patty seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved it.

Board at large

Some discussion revolved around re-designing the club website, including changes to webpage organization and integrating more pictures into the webpage. Sharyn suggested working with the current webmaster to evolve and implement such changes.

Nick England, Interim 1st Vice President

Nick's experience with other shooting clubs has shown him the benefit of using visible laminate membership badges to identify members and non-members at club ranges. Nick explained that range users would be encouraged to ask to see each others membership badges while at the range, to help identify encroaching non-members. Members that use the range without wearing badges could lose range privileges.

Nick also related that new and renewing member range orientations are also useful to ensure members are well versed in proper range use. Existing members would offer the orientations, while working from a checklist that the new or renewing member signs at the end of the orientation. Volunteering to orient new and renewing members might be a worthy substitute for range cleanup responsibilities.

Both the badges and member orientations will be the subjects of further discussion. Nick will write up a proposal to outline the programs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Reported by Jonathan Martin