

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club  
Board Meeting – July 9, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

**Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President and Presiding Officer**

Called the meeting to order, 7:00pm, at Re/Max Mountain Brokers Conference Room, Estes Park. Other board members present were Nick England, Randy Buchanan, Patty Eldridge, Douglas Tabor, Rick Tekulve, Steve Murhpree, Sharyn Gartner, and Jonathan Martin.

The July 9, 2012 agenda was adopted.

Officer Reports

**Gordon Ulrickson, Interim President**

Mr. Cooper asked Gordon (and the club) to identify to whom the outdoor range gate locks belong, and to position Mr. Cooper's lock closest to the gate.

**Nick England, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

The usefulness of a "vendor's lock" was discussed. A vendor's lock combination could be provided to one-time outdoor range users (ex. course instructors, contractors). After use, the vendor lock combination would be changed. Nick moved that we install a pneumatic wheel to the outside edge of the outdoor range entrance gate, to sustain gate longevity. Randy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Nick scanned the outdoor range mower manual to create an electronic file. The electronic mower manual will be posted to the club website and was offered to club officers.

Nick bought a laminator (~\$55) to laminate announcements and potential membership badges. Nick presented an example of a member badge to the board. Club members could wear such a badge when they use the outdoor range.

Discussion of other potential outdoor range rules included:

1. Club members and their guests would sign a log book when visiting the range
2. Club members could obtain visitor badges for accompanying range guests
3. Waivers ought to be made available at the range. Perhaps fees could be charged for outdoor range visitors; if caught without paying, hosting club member loses badge
4. Range orientations required for new memberships

Nick presented a rough outline for the topics that could be included in a potential new membership orientation.

Nick updated the club contact list, which he laminated, and posted at the outdoor and indoor ranges.

(Jonathan Martin, Interim Secretary, arrived late to the meeting. Changes to the June board meeting minutes were reviewed by the board, and the minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.)

**Randy Buchanan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Scheduled range use dates:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4:30pm, Estes Park Police Department, outdoor upper pistol range

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm, Chet Barnett and Grav Maga, outdoor upper pistol range

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7am-6pm, Jim Boyd and NRA, indoor range

July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, noon-4pm, Get-a-Grip, outdoor pistol

Randy presented a letter that was sent to the Fort Collins Police Department (Cc'd to the Estes Park Police Department) about Fort Collins SWAT previously using the outdoor upper pistol range without permission (see June board meeting minutes).

### **Patty Eldridge, Treasurer**

Aside from those listed in the meeting agenda, Patty presented to the board one bill from Randy Buchanan for \$20.24, and an annual \$450 annual fee to Port-a-Let for the indoor range bathroom (income).

Steve Murphree is also due \$107.74, for purchasing target wood for the outdoor rifle and upper pistol ranges. Steve has not submitted bills for one or more wood purchases made during the past year. The subject was tabled pending further investigation by Steve and the board to arrive at an equitable solution.

Patty reported that the Horton restitution is completely paid (the final check was paid in May). Horton paid \$500 more to the club than expected. Sharyn proposed to reconcile the figures with the court, and Patty offered to research previous Horton restitution payments to clarify the issue. Figure reconciliation will be the subject of a future 'New Business' item.

A second future 'New Business' item: to compare the club budget to actual expenditures made by the club.

Steve moved to pay the current club bills; Doug seconded the motion, which was passed by the board.

### **Sharyn Gartner, Past President**

Sharyn bought an auger (mounts to a power drill) for clearing PVC pipe during cleanup days at the outdoor pistol range. Gordon suggested that we store it in the archery range shed.

Sharyn suggested that upcoming outdoor range activities include mowing alongside the access road to clear space for soon-to-be-needed road maintenance, and repairs. Estes Valley Parks and Recreation is supposed to share cost on access road upkeep.

### Committee Reports

#### **Steve Murphree, Shot Barrier Curtain**

While negotiations over the federal land transfer continue, Steve will obtain construction drawings (stamped by a Colorado professional engineer) for the shot barrier curtain. When the land transfer is approved, or when a letter of intent arrives, we will be able to start constructing the shot barrier curtain.

Steve met the person who will prepare the outdoor range site and install the shot barrier curtain poles. At this point, the job estimate is approximate (roughly \$15K-\$20K) because installing a barrier curtain of this type, and in a place like our outdoor range, is a first of its kind.

Sharyn spoke to Skyler Rorabaugh (Exec. Director for Estes Valley Park and Recreation District). Skyler recommends waiting for the deed that would arrive from the land transfer, before starting construction on the shot barrier curtain. Sharyn proposed attending the upcoming Recreation District board meeting to discuss the land transfer and shot barrier curtain as an agenda item. It is important that we obtain a letter of approval before the end of the year, or we will need to renew grant funding and zoning commitments.

Sharyn presented pulley cars and curtain attachments that could be used on a working shot barrier curtain.

#### **Rick Tekulve and Tom Miller, Range Cleanup**

Tom Miller reported in absence from the meeting:

All clean-up day reports to date have been completed, posted to the club website, and sent to the Rec District.

At the recent cleanup, many benches and tables were nicely painted.

Scott Pettijohn will manage the sign-in/out table at the July 15<sup>th</sup> outdoor cleanup day. Bill Conger will report back on the jobs accomplished.

Tom offered to renovate the outdoor range bulletin board: posting current documents, and to restore the structure itself.

At the upcoming cleanup day, the rifle range will be painted, if the weather is cooperative. Sand/paint will be used to coat the steps at the archery range.

Barriers at the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges will be inspected, and repairs planned (to better retain pea gravel fill), before later painting.

Rick would like to put a fire extinguisher in the archery shed.

Rick raised the topic of gradually increasing club membership dues. Gordon recommended tabling topic, and adding it to annual meeting agenda.

**Bob Mitchiner, Membership**

Bob Mitchiner reported in absence from the meeting:

The club potentially contains 470 members; 78 of these that have not yet renewed for 2012. Of the 392 current members, 104 are new members (~26%), and 16 are life members.

Unfinished business

Officer and committee reports addressed all issues listed in the meeting agenda.

New Business

**Patty Eldridge, Treasurer**

Post office bills are currently under Sharyn's name. The signers name will be changed to Patty, so Patty is billed for post office services. Randy will be given a key to the post office box, and Sharyn's and Jeff Van Bogaert's keys will be reclaimed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Reported by Jonathan Martin