

Meeting Minutes for EPGAC Annual Meeting 1/19/23

Call to Order: 7:00pm by Jay Jacobsmeyer

Quorum verified by Jay J as greater than 25 members attending

Meeting Agenda

Bill Howell 1st
Steve Clark 2nd
None Against

2022 Minutes Approval

Kurt Pennington 1st
Dennis Holmes 2nd
None Against

EPPD Chief David Hayes introduced by Jay J.

Spoke about different ranges of experience in his past, as well as an interest in our local range and being a member. Guns and Health were at the forefront of his mind. He is concerned about the upcoming legislative session. He drew the distinction between an appointed Chief and an elected Sherrif and their individual freedom to speak on political issues. Shared concerns about officers losing qualified immunity but retaining a duty to intervene. On the health forefront, they added a mental health clinician and there are events occurring in our town that demand an approach with mental health in mind regularly. The department has added non-lethal means to address mental health incidents and he believes that Officers are the front line mental health responders. There was Q&A about positions being added – and he confirmed a restructure was being requested, including adding a Deputy Chief and an Emergency Services Coordinator (in partnership with EPPD). Another question came from how the Chief can advocate for local gun owners, to which the Chief replied that Chiefs primarily will be saddled with the logistics of any new legislation, whereas Sheriffs have more latitude to speak publicly. Jay presented an award of appreciation from the Gun Club.

ByLaws Change #1

Old Language:

"ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the club shall be held in January of each year at the place specified by the Board of Directors. The membership will receive written notice of the time and location not less than one week prior to the meeting date. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected."

New Language:

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“ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the club shall be held at a time and place specified by the Board of Directors and shall occur no earlier than October 1 of the prior year and no later than January 31 of the new year. Officers and directors elected at the annual meeting shall be installed on January 1 following the annual meeting or on the date of the annual meeting, whichever is later. The Board shall endeavor to notify the membership in writing of the date of the annual meeting prior to June 1 of the year the meeting will be held but in no case later than two weeks prior to the meeting date. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.”

Kurt Pennington 1st

Bill Howell 2nd

Conversation/Debate: There were a few concerns brought up by member Sharyn G – Holidays overlap in the fall, Hunting Seasons in the fall, New members in January (keep existing membership schedule) – point being Fall wasn't necessarily going to be any better than January. Member Jim pointed out that board members stay around, and they're able to be contacted (in consideration of extra overlap). Director Steve C reminded the group that this can be undone if it doesn't work. Member Bill H offered that it offers flexibility for the Board. Member Rick T likes that perhaps the coldest, nastiest weather could be avoided. Member Rob W wondered if this would end up in a lame duck board during the transition months.

Vote: 6 Nays, Vote Passed.

ByLaws Change #2

Old Language:

"a. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the immediate past president for a term of one year and four elected members for a term of three years each, one to be elected each year when their term expires."

New Language:

"a. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the immediate past president for a term of one year serving as a non-voting advisor and four elected members for a term of three years each, said term existing for the elected member, independent of how long a predecessor served."

Jim Boyd 1st

Dana Maxwell 2nd

Conversation/Debate: Member Sharyn G – concerns lack of directories to this point, clarified that this is a non-profit board. Could this be an SOP change vs a By-Law change? Member Steve spoke out that perhaps there could be a backup board member available in case of role change to keep operations moving? Director Steve C clarified that the current system is overcomplicated and has lost relevance and accuracy.

Vote: 3 Nays, Vote Passed.

ByLaws Change #3

Old Language:

"f. A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. However, if more than one vacancy exists a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a.) above."

New Language:

"f. A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. To continue in that position, the new Board member must be elected by the membership at the next annual meeting. However, if more than one vacancy exists a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a.) above."

Dana Maxwell 1st

Bill Howell 2nd

Conversation/Debate: Member Sharyn G offered that perhaps this would be a SOP change, not a ByLaws change.

Vote: 2 Nays, Vote Passed.

ByLaws Change #4

Old Language:

"g. The officers of the club shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office."

New Language:

"g. At least three officers or directors shall hold current NRA individual memberships or NRA membership requirements shall be in accordance with current NRA affiliate rules."

Rob Watson 1st

Kurt Pennington 2nd

Conversation/Debate: Member Sharyn G reminded that the benefits of being an Officer in the EPGAC outweigh the costs of joining the NRA. Also, likes the idea of backup NRA members over the minimum. Discussed RSOs required to be NRA members/certified. Director Steve C clarified the RSO requirements. Member Scott M outlined RSO experience in relation to NRA membership and renewal as an NRA member.

This conversation moved a bit into RSO requirements, and Dave G asked if LEO service was enough for RSO requirements, but Jay clarified it was not due to differences in training. **Member Rick T asked if Jay**

would be able to get new RSO uniforms for the upcoming summer season.

Vote: 6 Nays, Vote Passed.

Elections were held for the following roles/positions. Jay asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and there were none. The Slate was voted on and passed unanimously.

Andrew Johnson – Starting his 3rd Year as P.

Jay Jacobsmeyer – Starting his 3rd Year as 1st VP.

Dennis Hoshiko – Starting his 2nd Year as 2nd VP.

Dana Maxwell – Starting her 3rd Year as T.

Pete Maxwell – Starting his 1st Year as S.

Jim Morse – Starting his 1st year as D.

(David Bruce – Starting his 2nd year as D, Kurt Pennington starting his 2nd year as D, Steve Clark starting his 2nd year as D.)

Range Reports included information about repainting the steel targets, covered archery range improvements. Jay mentioned a survey to figure out interest in 3d targets. For 2023, Jay spoke about signage @ the tactical range, more classes, potential roadway improvements. He covered a slight decrease in usage, but is mostly attributed to folks not signing in. The indoor roof project was complete by Colorado Roof Toppers, and Friends of EPGAC covered the cost for sump pump replacement and associated electrical upgrades for the entire structure.

Cleanup report covered in excess of 400 volunteer hours this year, and he added an extra indoor day. 30% of all members come for cleanup days. A member requested perhaps an additional weekend cleanup day. There was positive feedback offered on the indoor range improvements. **Member Scott Manning volunteered to staff additional RSO hours.**

Indy Challenge – Jay described the challenge and then awarded Denny Schall, John Lewis, and Dan Berry for their outstanding work on completing the challenge.

Dana Maxwell presented **financial overview** and **membership reports**. The club savings have grown significantly year over year, driven by grant assistance and increased membership. Notable transactions/credits/debits: Just 2.78% of funds is going to CC processing, while greatly simplifying the process. The roof repair was covered by a grant from the town (\$2,500), contribution from EVRPD (\$8,000) and the rest was paid for by the club (roughly \$10,000). Shot Stop Inc bought back the curtains that were going to waste (\$2000), and they were modified and moved on to another range. The Club is no longer responsible for the Port-a-Let. **Two Financial review volunteers came forward – Jim Boyd and**

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Bonnie Hautamaki. Still looking for one additional. Member grew year over year going back as far as 2018. Finished last year at 474 - 2022 members, up from 463 - 2021, 417 - 2020, 344 - 2019, 307 - 2018.

Recognition:

Mark Watson – for Service to the club – the website transition as well as the membership portal.

Friends of EPGAC – for their support of the club, including most recently the funds to fix the sump system and electrical.

Q&A

Trap Range? Jay explained the Trap Range exists in name only and is now the tactical and steel target range. Explained low usage of trap, the incredible effort to set up and take down, and the lack of interest in general.

Buy, Sell, Trade on the website? Jay talked about the ads in the newsletter and recommended that be the space for any swapping or advertisement.

Membership renewal? **Discussed perhaps the need for grandfathered renewals as we creep towards 600. This to be discussed at a future board meeting.**

Meeting adjourned by Jay @ 9:24

Meeting minutes prepared by Pete Maxwell, Secretary EPGAC