

Mohave Sportsman's Club (MSC) Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2016

Present:

President Ron Hooper

Vice President - Absent

Treasurer - Steve Zoelle

Secretary - Kerry Schanaman

Government Liaison - Vacant

Directors at Large - Jim Jett

Directors at Large - Gary Venerable

Directors at Large - Jim Merritt

Directors at Large - Bill McCune

General Meeting

General meeting was called to order at 1804 hours and the following items were discussed:

Dawn Cavender brought up concerns that their coaches, the Bell's had been had been permanently removed from the 7 Mile Hill Range. She stated she had received a phone call from the president of the Arizona ATA and was asked, "what the hell was going on up there". There were several other parents and shooter's present voicing their opposition to the Bell's removal and that they had a

petition to reinstate the Bels. Hooper asked Cavender to call him and to bring the information to him at the next meeting,

The Board members reminded the Big Horns that the removal was based on many club infractions and not just the ones that were presented to them. The Board reminded the Big Horns that the Board was not allowed to comment on the facts of all the charges that had been presented at the time of the hearing.

The General meeting ended at 1840 hours.

Board meeting

The Board Meeting called to order at 1840 hours the following items were discussed:

Shane Vernon was not present so the minutes from February could not be read so the reading of the minutes was tabled until April's meeting.

Ron Hooper introduced Steve Zoelle as a candidate to replace Bill Schleeter as treasurer as Bill's job was taking too much time to be the treasurer for MSC and he officially resigned. Zoelle was asked of his experience and he stated he had been the treasurer for MSC before and Ron Hooper validated his experience. A motion was made to make Zoelle the new treasurer by Jim Jett and it was second by Bill McCuen. Motion carried and Steve Zoelle was named the new treasurer.

Ron Hooper went over the treasurer's financial report as Zoelle had just been installed. Jim Merritt motioned to

accept the report as read and Jim Jett 2nd the motion. The motion was carried. Ron Hooper talked briefly about the range office expansion, shades on the archery, cowboy and shotgun ranges. He also spoke of improvements on the thousand-yard range. Jim Merritt made a motion to accept the treasuries report as given and Jim Jet second it. The motion carried.

Ron Hoper gave a rundown on the Antelope Eaters and he stated there was 123 teams with a total of 280 hunting participants. Took in \$7,000.00 in registration, sold \$4,685.00 in raffle tickets for a total of \$11,685.00. cost for putting on the event was over \$4,000.00. the event brought in about \$6,900.00. a total of 16 coyotes, 4 foxes and 1 bobcat. Five teams tied for first.

The range officer report was given for March and there was 16 tons of stone delivered behind the club house and the area has been blocked off where the septic tank use to be. Inmates started doing work around the range. The tractor has been repaired and should be back to the range next week. Terry Jordan has replaced the range officer that left last week. There were 1,158 members that came to the range last month. The current membership is 1,715 while there are 58 new members and 58 renewals.

The inmates are going to do a lot more work on the range including cleaning up trash, weeding and some painting.

A concern about people driving through the stop sign because of lack of parking is happening. The comment was made that there is no parking at that area. When the range office gets expanded the sign in sheet will be

passed through a window and should alleviate issues of people wanting to hang out and talk. Ron stated on Saturdays there will be two people signing in shooters that will also alleviate the parking problem. Ron stated people coming out to the range has tripled. One sheet used to be filled out over a weekend now it is three. Ron stated use of the has increased tremendously.

Ron stated they are looking at bringing in another range officer because of the increase of shooters at the range. Ron stated there was a group of people that were shooting at rocks over the berm not once but twice. Ron instructed that a letter be written to let the individuals know that they could be subject to Board discipline. Ron stated there have been targets stolen and targets that have been damaged by shooters. The comment was made that putting one officer at the shotgun range and one at the entrance of the range was discussed.

Ron stated that the last ATA shot brought in \$2,200.00 and it was stated that we needed our own laptop to run the software for the ATA shots. A motion was made to spend not more than \$500.00 on a laptop by Jim Merritt and second by Jim Jett. Motion was carried.

Ron stated that a machine at the trap range needed either replaced or repaired. Dave Vance stated he would get with Dave Cauffman and find out how much and where the trap machine needed to be sent.

Ron stated that the fence between the skeet field and trap house #1 needed to be painted he stated he could probably get the inmates to paint it. There was a motion made by Jim Merritt to spend not more than \$300.00 on

paint. Jim Jett second and the motion was voted on and passed.

Ron brought up that United Way was having a trap shooting event on the 26th of March. The cost is \$50.00 per shooter and half price for junior shooters.

The suggestion was made by Ron to get costs on new steel targets for the next meeting in April.

It was brought up that a fence was needed at the 1000 yard to secure targets because of vandalism. A motion was made to buy materials for not more than \$550.00 for the fenced area by Kerry Schanaman and second by Gary Venerable. Motion was carried.

Ron brought up that a credit card be assigned to the range office with limits put on it.

It was reported that the Mohave Women's Shooting Club is starting back up and they were interested in using the club house meetings and wanted to know what the cost would be. Ron stated he would investigate to see what the cost would be.

Jim Merritt made a motion to adjourn and Gary Venable second and the meeting was adjourned at 1959 hours.