

Mohave Sportsman Club November 10, 2016 Meeting Notes

Present:

President: Ron Hooper

Vice-President: Bill McCune

Treasurer: Steve Zoelle

Government Liaison: Terry Kirkum

Directors at Large:

Jim Jett

Ken Coombs

Gary Venable

General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ron Hooper.

-Greg Drewett brought up a problem regarding the use of practical pistol target stands that were not returned. He found this unacceptable as they could not hold their match. George and Ron replied that they needed to let us know so the problem could have been solved. George told Greg he would have if fixed in the next couple of days. Ron said we would make new target stands if there is a need after we get an accurate count and to spray paint the practical pistol stands so if they come up missing again we can find them.

-Ken Coombs said there had been rifle brass found on ranges 2 and 3. These are steel target ranges and are for handguns only. Rifle rounds can cause damage to the targets. George mentioned that he would have these ranges checked after each use to see if rifles had been used so we could tell who had done it. Ron mentioned the range officers could issue a warning to the actors and the board could take action as necessary.

-Gordy Kline asked if the Mohave Big Horns could have a fun shoot and Ron told them yes. He also asked if Steve Bell could come back to the range. Ron answered no. He had his membership canceled and had been banned from the range. Gordy mentioned that the shotgun range use was down and Steve did a lot for the range. Jim Jett replied that it would be a violation of Steve's own lawsuit against the club and thus would not be inappropriate. Ron mention there had been a hearing for the Bell's with their attorney present. He said there were 42 charges brought (should have been 17 charges 42 pages of evidence).

Gordy asked if 7-Mile was a public range and the response was yes. He said therefore people can't be kept off. (This is a partially correct statement. People can't be kept off due to religion, race, sex national origin, etc. However, they can be banned for just cause.)

-Kristi said the sportswomen would have their next range day on November 19. They would be discussing shotguns in the clubhouse with time on the range shooting.

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm. The October meeting minutes were read and approved.

-Steve Zoelle gave the financial report. As of October 31, 2016, the club had on hand \$31,671. Total income for October was \$12,262 and total expenses for the month were \$7,686. Net income was \$4,576. Major income was from membership at \$4,267, non-member fees at \$1,420, law enforcement fees at \$3,150 and clay target center at \$1,524. Expenses were, salaries \$3,712, Range upkeep \$1,237, and utilities at \$888.

Both the minutes and financial report motion were approved though a motion and vote.

-George Yurish gave the range officer's report:

October usage increased over September.

Raffle ticket sales for the current raffle are doing very well. To date 79 have sold leaving 21.

The roof over bays 9&10 have been completed. They were coated with a rubberized paint, this coating should last quite a few years. A big thank you to range officers Mike, George, Richard and David Coburn.

The two water leaks we had on the range at the Clubhouse and 1000 yard range have been fixed. A big thanks to Dave Vance, George Yurish, Dan Leininger and Ron Hooper.

There were 1,572 shooters for the month (1,425 rifle/pistol and 147 shotgun). There were 65 new members and 27 renewals. Total membership stands at 2,066.

Our first 3-gun match was held October 29 and 11 people attended. It looks like this will be an ongoing event. For more information, contact Bruce at 541 604-4025.

-There was a question about getting postcards to let you know it is time to renew your membership. George responded this is the practice but you should check your membership card and renew it when it is due just to be sure.

-Keith Bishop gave a report on his progress with the possible new event known as Precision Rifle. He mentioned he is working on a layout for the first match. He wanted to know if they could shoot at targets on the 500 meter range from the 1000 yard range. Ron responded that we would have to look at the plans and make sure whatever was approved be conducted in a safe manner. Keith also asked if there was a spot he could keep his equipment. He mentioned the area under the deck at the 1000 yard berm. This area will be fenced in and would work well if room is available.

-Ron mentioned that the Game and Fish sent a new lease agreement for the club to sign. This new agreement has several sections that could cause difficulty for the club. Ron cautioned not to get excited yet as G&F have indicated there may be some changes made.

-The board began to plan the 2017 Antelope Eater event scheduled for March 3-5, 2017. A motion was approved for up to \$2,000 to purchase guns for the raffle. The club has \$300+ for wounded veterans to attend this next year's hunt. This is enough money to pay all expenses for two people to attend. George is coordinating with local veteran's organization to get name of individual.

-Ken Coombs gave an update on the selling of sign space at the range to sponsors. He has visited some of the shops around town to determine interest. Several would like to participate. The club now needs to decide where and how many signs we want to place and how much to charge.

-Ron mentioned that the club is working on getting the road to the shotgun-archery-cowboy ranges graded. Walnut Creek Water Company was approached to give us a quote. We expect the quote in a few days.

-Mike Dorn mentioned there would be a car show at Walmart on Veterans Day. All proceeds would stay in Mohave County to benefit local vets.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn, which occurred at 7:25pm.