

Mohave Sportsman Club February 9, 2017 Meeting Notes

Present:

President: Ron Hooper

Vice-President: Bill McCune

Treasurer: Steve Zoelle

Government Liaison: Terry Kirkum

Directors at Large:

Jim Jett

Ken Coombs

Jim Merritt

General Meeting

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

-Mohave Sportswomen will meet on February 18, 2017. This month's topic is archery. Meeting will be held from 1-5 pm in the Clubhouse and at archery range.

Edie Venable asked what could be done to increase number of shooters at the shotgun range. A discussion followed about ideas. These included fun shoots with food and shoots that include members invited from other clubs. The Club agreed they would support these ideas.

Keith Bishop gave an update on ideas about Precision Rifle. These ideas will be discussed with Game and Fish.

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm. The January meeting minutes were read. A motion was made by Bill McCune, seconded by Ken Coombs, and the minutes were approved.

-*Steve Zoelle* gave the financial report. As of January 31, 2017, the club had on hand \$28,062. Total income for December was \$5,075 and total expenses for the month were \$9,935. Net loss was \$4,897. Major income was from membership at \$2,355, non-member fees at \$695, clay target center at \$1,330 and SCTP Big Horns at \$250. Expenses were, salaries \$2,627, archery supplies at \$2,663, printing at \$522, and utilities at \$823.

A long often heated discussion followed about money brought in by the shotgun range. Shotgun shooters felt they were getting the short end of the stick in support. Bill McCune stated the shotgun range has received over \$250k in improvement over the last 5-7 years which is far in excess of every other activity on the range. This went back and forth for a few minutes including input from Ken Coombs before the discussion was stopped by the President. Further discussion would lead no where

Ken Coombs made a motion, seconded by Jim Merritt, to accept financial report. The motion was approved.

George Yurish gave the range officer's report:

-January total usage was 998. Rifle and pistol shooters totaled 886 with 112 shotgunners. New memberships were 46 with 74 renewals. Total membership stands at 2,193. Range usage was low for the month because of cold rainy weather closures and the holidays.

-The Port-a-Pottie ordered for the 500 meter range came in and was placed. We now have them at all of the remote ranges as well as near Bay 3.

-George was glad to say that nothing needed to be repaired or replaced as has happened in the past few months.

Board Actions.

-The Board voted again on pay issue for the Chief Range Officer George Yurish and Range Officer Mike Thompson. The following motion was made by Bill McCune and seconded by Jim Merritt. It was passed by the Board. "The Chief Range Officer will receive

\$1.00 above the current State Minimum Wage. Mike Thompson will receive \$0.50 above the State Minimum Wage as long as he is employed by the Mohave Sportsman Club.” This is a revote of a motion passed in May of 2016. It was done to clarify the situation in regards to the recent voter-passed minimum wage increase.

-Ken Coombs gave an overview of the Club’s draft sign policy. We are just waiting for Game and Fish to give the go ahead to our placing of signs.

-The membership in attendance voted to increase the dues as outlined in the January Board Meeting. New dues will become effective March 1, 2017 and be posted in the Range Office.

-Jim Jett gave an overview of the upcoming Antelope Eaters event in regards to the Boquillas Ranch. They will be giving the Club 15 permits for hunting teams to use the Ranch. This number was down because of problems with hunters collecting deer and elk horns-which is not allowed on the Ranch.

-Range Day, as proposed by Ken Moyer of Bank Street Guns, was discussed. This day would involve parents and their children coming to the range to experience various shooting events. There would be raffles and possible food as well. Details are still sketchy at this point. More info will follow as it is developed. A motion was made by Terry Kirkum, seconded by Bill McCune and passed to waive the \$10 non-membership fee for all the attendees and to close the range that day to non-event related shooting.

-A vociferous discussion was presented by Don Martin. He was angry he was not included in a recent meeting regarding the Fishing for Smiles event. He felt he should have been included because he was a life member and had been involved for many years in organizing the event. He demanded to know why he was not invited. President Ron Hooper cut him off and told him he was not included because he had the lead in 2016 and did not do a thing but complain. He went on for a bit until the President halted the discussion.

-Dave Vance asked the Board to spend \$11,500 to purchase clay birds for the shotgun range. A motion was made by Ken Coombs, seconded by Jim Merritt and passed. Dave will order the birds.

Jim Merritt made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bill McCune. Motion passed. Adjournment occurred at 8:01pm.