

Mohave Sportsman Club
General Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2010

Steve Bell, President, Called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Steve Bell, President; Bob Shaw, Vice President; Ann Alexander, Secretary; Steve Zoelle, Treasurer; Don Martin, Government Liaison; and Dave Vance, Director-at-Large.

Charles Black – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Alexander - Read the minutes.

Steve Zoelle - The minutes should be corrected; the cowboy range is to be used only by the cowboys.

Steve Bell - It is a public range and AZG&F specifically said that you cannot shut down part of the range for your own private interest.

Steve Zoelle – Well, that makes the question are you going to let a couple of yahoos that are not members, go back there to shoot there without supervision. If there is a RO watching them, I have no problem with this. You don't want a couple of strangers go back there and shoot it up.

Dale Lent - People have been coming here for years and assigned a bay and let them shoot; they are monitored, by the range office, they don't have to have someone standing behind them all the time.

Steve Zoelle – They are talking about the cowboy range in the back forty

Greg Holden - There seems to be some confusion because we had an amendment to the minutes. The minutes are what people said. If you have an idea that's different than what the minutes said, you can't put that in the minutes. The minutes are physical what people said at that time. You cannot make an amendment to that unless it is incorrect what is written and what people said.

Steve Zoelle – Basically what was said is it is donations by the cowboys for the cowboy range.

Linda Henry - There needs to be somebody there because its lead bullets only.

Steve Bell - This is a correction to the minutes, okay. Steve, are the minutes wrong from the way you stated.

Steve Zoelle - Yes.

Steve Bell – We will go back and loosen to the recording and change it if it is wrong. You are saying that there was something else to it.

Bob Shaw – The minutes are correct. I think the point Steve Zoelle is trying to get across is he wants it to be more clarified that the donations were the cowboys all pulled into that to purchase the targets; so, it's just a play in words.

Steve Bell - read the minutes. Steve Zoelle said, "while the cowboys have their own targets, that were bought by donations."

Dale Lent - Does he leave them all stand and out there all the time.

Steve Bell - Yes. Correct.

Steve Bell – If you want to discuss it, we will discuss it later; but, the minutes are the minutes. If you have a proposal later, bring up to the board or something. If you want to change it, this is just correction of the minutes is what this is. We cannot add or subtract, we are just correcting what is wrong. This doesn't mean that we go through a whole new deal on it.

Steve Zoelle – Ann, are you following this?

Ann Alexander – Yes.

Steve Zoelle – Maybe you can loosen to tapes and find out exactly what was said.

Ann Alexander – I wasn't the one that took the minutes.

Bob Shaw - That was what he said; it's just a play on words. Basically it says what you are saying, but you want it more clarified. It says that they were done by donations. To me it's right, but you want more clarification.

Steve Zoelle - I will bring it up later for clarification.

Steve Bell - Then the minutes are right then.

Bob Shaw - Well righty, technically yes. He just wants more.

Steve Bell - Then he just need to make sure what he says next time that what it means about the donation part of it and everything else that's in there. We don't change this because he has changed his ideas this week from last month.

Motion made to accept the minutes; seconded and passed.

Bob Shaw - I'm still waiting for some of the 10-year plans. All are completed except USPSA.

Steve Bell - The big thing is AZG&F is really concentrating on this year and next year's plans and needed

ASAP and then the 10-year plan. So, it's like if you think of something like we want, four more bays, or something else out there, or another clubhouse on the 1,000 yard; whatever you think of, tell Bob and he puts it down. And, the stuff that comes up next year and we say we want an expansion of this clubhouse or something next year, then when we put some hard dollars down and turn it into AZG&F. AZG&F has started this new range policy council and that is what they're looking at. They are looking at accelerating all their funds through AZG&F and this club, along with the other six clubs, gets 25 bonus points for grants. You put everything in grant form. So, it's in grant form and they pull it out and give you the money if they agree with the new policy, the six other clubs and AZG&F. So, it is important to feed Bob with information so he can get that down to Phoenix.

Bob Shaw - We are going to get new port-a-pots. We will hopefully get two tomorrow. I'm not going to count on it, but that is the attempt. So, we have that in the works the first thing tomorrow. Other than that, nothing else.

Steve Zoelle - Read the treasurer's report.

Steve Bell - Accepted the report.

Don Martin - Gave financial report on Antelope Eaters Shoot. He reported that the local rangers have been getting ripped off by a gang of thieves out there that are going around stealing their equipment of the wells and solar panels. They are getting hit real hard. The BOD passed a motion to give each of three rancher two trail infrared cameras. The total was \$716.00 which Don asked that it come out of the Antelope Eaters money.

Don also thanked Linda Bell, Terry & Dave Nystrom, Page McDonald, Deanna Shaw and many others that helped in the Antelope Eaters Shoot that worked in less than ideal conditions. Don was more than please in the amount of money we made. The Don discussed a meeting with the Havasu Wildlife Manager Linda Miller, himself and AZG&F regarding the feasibility of Farrell pig hunting. They acknowledged that they have a big problem with them; however, they do not have the staff. They are a non-game animal. Don said they are going to push that and have meetings on the federal level.

Don reported on the Commissioner Bill; it has been signed by Governor Brewer.

Also, Don reported on an NRA Bill they are pushing for a State Constitutional Amendment so we would have the right to fish and hunt. This would make it very hard for the artis to stop fishing & hunting. It was unanimously passed for the club will support this bill.

Don then report on a study on the 37,000 acre Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Arizona. The number one traffic through this land is illegal aliens. They are proposing that they be allow to establish drinking water stations for the illegal aliens. They don't want these people to suffer down there. In 2009, over 51,000 tons of litter was left on the refuge by an estimated 21,700 illegal aliens. The conservation groups are getting ready to go to war over this and they don't want this to happen. They have asked our club to join in this in making a statement. It was unanimously passed for the club will support this statement.

Steve Bell - He announced that we have an opening on the BOD with the resignation of Rod Bond. He asked if anybody was interested in being on the board. If they are interested, just give us your name and we will be doing something by next month.

Don Martin - Rad Green will be screening the candidates. According to our bylaws, the president will appoint; but, the BOD will review it. The president will make the appointment.

Ed Wingfield - Ed thanked Al Stevenson for his donation for the new microwave for the range office. The safety wall is finished thanks to Dave and a few other people. New concrete tables on range 8 and the 1,000 yard range at the rate of one every three to four weeks.

Linda Bell - Talked about the mailing of the newsletter; it cost about \$340 a month for 900 newsletter and 21¢ postage in Mohave County and 27¢ outside Mohave County and outside the state of Arizona. Our website is up and the newsletter is printed on the website. Winn Seroy has the lists of members that chose to receive it by mail, e-mail and web. If we start this we would save a lot of money.

Steve Bell - Nystrom said the last time we tried this that there were so many people that didn't get their newsletter, that he told Winn just to mail it to everybody. People could e-mail us for any changes.

Don Martin - We don't want to cut the link between the guy that is not present at the meeting tonight.

Linda Bell - Right now she makes changes in the newsletter when articles are late for printing.

Steve Bell - Ed could add the e-mail to the e-mail list immediately when a member signs up at the office. Steve feels the database should be kept at the range office.

Linda Bell - Dan has requested that we update the articles on the website for the different disciplines. Also, AZG&F has requested that we have their logo on all our paperwork.

Linda Henry - According to the bylaws, all members are entitled to receive a copy of the newsletter and some people don't have computers.

Steve Bell - Then we will mail them a newsletter.

Linda Henry - Okay, that's fine.

Bob Shaw - It will be up to the member individually.

Steve Bell - In talking to Winn regarding range officers doing computer work, Winn says he is up-to-date on snail mail. Whatever we do, will help.

Charles Black - He would like to get with the BOD regarding what they want him to focus on for the safety committee this year.

Steve Bell - Got a whole list of requirements from AZG&F Monday for safety. He will e-mail the list to the BOD and Charles. First, a standard accident report for all AZG&F properties. We have to have CPR training for all the range officers. ROs have to be checked off on defibrillators. They are going to give us defibrillators if we need them and how many. We have to have an emergency response plan in case of a gunshot. We have to have a designated area for landing a helicopter. Still need to hang signs around the range.

Charles Black - My mother is a CPR instructor for the Red Cross and she will train for free. Scheduling will be set up.

Dale Lent - Reported on 4-H. We had eleven shooters and a bunch of parents. Next shoot the 17th.

Linda Bell - Wants to get together with Dale so the 4-H and SCTP don't shoot on the same day.

Dave Vance - He reported on the clay target center. Not as busy as usual due to the weather.

Steve Bell - He introduced the new IDPA match director, Ric Swats.

Ric Swats - There is not much equipment; targets maybe for two matches and no target stands.

Steve Bell - Told Ric that whatever he needs, make a list and send it to us (BOD); we will put you on the agenda.

Ric Swats - He has talked to three shops and they each are kicking in \$100 to get us started. He has been told by Arizona/Nevada IDPA that he better join real soon or we are going to get a cease and desist letter real soon. We have never sent IDPA the \$100 a year we are suppose to send. We have to come up with a name; Defensive Pistol Shooter. The guy gave me a two month grace period. Mohave IDPA showing interest. They will be changing dates in May; first Thursday at 6 pm and the third Saturday at 2 pm.

Ann Alexander - Reported on USPSA. They didn't have a match last month, but it's this Saturday at 10 am

Bob Shaw - Asked Ric Swats if they utilize the same cardboard targets as USPSA.

Ric Swats - IDPA and USPSA have similar, but slightly different targets. In reading a note from AZG&F, are poppers are just about eliminated; can't set them along one berm or another due to rickshays.

Steve Bell - We'll get it worked out.

Tony Keller - Reported on SCTP State tournaments for trap, skeet and sporting clays. Fifteen athletes brought home metals. Season will end May 8.

Bob Shaw - Reported on archery. First 3D shoot went real well and they had 70 shooters. The targets are in bad shape. AZG&F purchased some targets to get them started, but 75% of the targets were bought used many years ago. They don't want to lose shooters due to bad targets. They have outgrown the little trailer and it's a safety hazard. Next shoot May 1st & 2nd.

Steve Zoelle - Reported on cowboys. The next event will be on the April 21st.

Steve Bell - Reported that it's snake season; they are out and we have already seen a couple.

He also reported on Bullseye. Bullseye is still continuing there shooting. Gary and Larry are still doing their thing. They had quite a few shooters at the last one; 27 shooters showed up. They've been talking about getting into a shooting gallery.

He also reported on Family Shooting. He talked to Luca and they are going to be shooting on Sunday.

Regarding President's Comments & Reports, Steve Bell and Dave Vance went to AZG&F on Monday with representatives from all seven ranges. They are pulling all seven of their ranges in together to utilize the resources. They talked about safety, funding, grants, two new ranges, selling hunting & fishing license out of the RO, heritage fund, railroad ties, signs for I-40, lead mining, new stone or steel sign at the front gate, their logo bandaged on everything, local business posting signs on the premises for a fee at Ben Avery and get a percentage and taking care of all permits with county when we do any construction, loan of the front loader again.

He reported on the completion of the 7' wall at the rifle and pistol range due to safety concern.

He reported that John Taylor needed some grader blades for the 1,000 yard range. Dale Lent said he had them. John will be back in November and he defiantly wants to put on a shoot.

There are 40 new chairs in the clubhouse and new tables from AZG&F. The old chairs are piled up and if anybody needs them anywhere on the range let him know.

As of March 28, there are 1161 members; 415 individual and 373 family. We lost a lot of renewals, but we made that up with new members.

Dave Vance - He reported that the best he heard at the meeting at AZG&F was that the money pit was almost full (Ben Avery), so the money can go elsewhere.

Steve Bell - He agreed, Ben Avery will be done in about one year. They have a \$40,000 crane with a \$8,000 clay target machine on it throwing target at the sport clay range. We are going to ask for a lot of stuff next year.

Greg Holden's committee has recommended a form and it is being passed around the board of editing.

John Taylor just need a little more help to finish up the 1,000 yard range. John donated three large steel plates for targets; John needs six. John hopes someone will find some more steel plate for him by November. He is hoping for a two-day shoot in November or late this year.

Don Martin - He reported that they did a Hunters Ed class in March and graduated 27. They are going to have a one day non-resident class on April 24 in the clubhouse. Don is also going to do a newspaper article on each discipline and a TV show on cable so everybody can see what they are doing.

Linda Henry - Linda questioned the trash contact that she heard was going to collection.

Steve Bell - Told Linda that the BOD had made a decision on it; it's going to court.

Linda Henry - She said the bylaws state we have to pay our bills.

Don Martin - We do not feel it is an outstand bill. We think they tried to ripe us off. Linda Bell will take care of it.

Motion made to adjourn; seconded and passed. -