

General Membership Meeting 10-11-2011 – Minutes (By Nick D Pipinich – Secretary)

*Please bear in mind that I do the best to catch everything and get everyone's names spelled correctly, so when speaking at the meeting please start with your name and when signing the membership book, write it **legibly**.*

Meeting came to order at 7:34 pm

Minutes were read from last meeting held on 07-12-2011 by Nick D. Pipinich

Minutes were approved by Mark Davis
Seconded by Hank Hecker

Treasurers Report read by Nick D. Pipinich in Doug's stead
Checking as of October 10, 2011 \$44,124.50
Savings as of October 10, 2011 \$23,006.95
Total of \$67131.45

Treasurer report approved by Tony Garibaldi
Seconded by Dick DeBernardis

Old Business

Dennis Gentry – Asked if we were making any money on the component business

Gary Delin – Responded to the question by Dennis, indicated that we are making 2% to 3% on the components & we are not trying to make a lot on this. He has heard from many that this is a great price on these items comparably.
We are getting these from Best Buy Shooters Supply out of Spokane.

Dennis Gentry - Asked if Dennis Powel wasn't reliable any more.

Gary Delin - Indicated that Dennis Powel was out of the district.

Gary Delin – Indicated that we were ordering Clay Targets out of Larry's Sporting Goods out of Napa Idaho.

Dennis Gentry – Thought it is a good idea if we can keep the cost down.

Gary Delin – Was trying to do this to keep the cost down for our membership.

Dennis Gentry – Have we gone to the local vendors, like Wholesale and Yellowstone on doing bulk orders?

Gary Delin – Whole sale has indicated that it is not interested in Bulk ordering or any large quantities.

Nick D. Pipinich – Yellowstone doesn't want to deal with any bulk order either.

Dennis Gentry – The Sporting Clays was ordering bulk from Wholesales.

Paul Johnson – Some one was getting a good price on shells from Wal-Mart out of Butte.

Dennis Gentry – Do we buy our shells from the same place we buy our components?

Gary Delin – We are shopping around and getting the best buy from who we can at the time we go to get the shells. So it changed from order to order. We also bought a large quantity from Wholesale a while back.

Chris Anderson – Has the MWA asked about buying directly from the manufactures?

Steve Lovas – He has talked with the ATK people and they didn't seem to want to deal with us directly due to under cutting the distributors. The wanted only to seem to deal with the promotional items and things like that with the shells.

New Business

Hank Hecker – We had a grass fire out at the range due to a ricochet off of the 200 yard gong. We had the fire department come out and they let it burn out mostly. Mark Davis tried to use the range truck and water tank. The tire on the trailer went flat and the truck wouldn't start, Tony Garibaldi took all of the gongs down. Tony had new ones made and we should make sure and get them up as soon as the weather allows.

Mark Davis – If the meeting doesn't run to long he will tell us more on the Apple seed if anyone wants to.

Tony Garibaldi – We had another Public Sight in day this coming Sunday. The first one only had 40 guns registered.

Hank Hecker and Tony Garibaldi – Both think it is due to more memberships being sold.

Gary Delin – Thanked Tony and his Wife Lois for running the Sight In days for many many years. A large thank you goes out to them. They are going to retire after this year so we need to find some other folks to get involved with this, so if anyone is interested please let us know.

Hank Hecker – A shotgun shooter called & asked if the shotgun group could get a permanent metal shotgun patterning plate up at the range.

Gary Delin – Reviewed this and indicated that anyone could use large cardboard pieces for the patterning, but we would keep this request as a reference.

Chris Anderson – Are we having more problems with people shooting the plywood?

General – Discussion on this topic – too many speaking at once to catch it all.

Gary Delin – The Picnic went well and a lot of people had a great time. The Black Hawk box has a little left. The teens had a great hall with all of the prizes as there were not that many out at the picnic. The picnic went well along with the donations and rifles.

Tony Garibaldi – We should do more programs like the Top Shot as things like the Top Shot tends to bring more people to the picnic. There was a lot of people that came to the last one we had and also a lot of camaraderie. Signs up at different stores and shop would also be a great direction.

Gary Delin – The Top Gun was .22, Shotgun, pistol and rifle and they would figure out the totals for a top overall shooter.

Tony Garibaldi – We might want to have a committee to put together some things like the top shit and bring the whole range together again.

Gary Delin – If everyone would like to think about that and the top shot with all of the different disciplines.

Hank Hecker – We are seeing a lower numbers of members that are volunteering to help due to the lower members. Maybe having the disciplines volunteering.

Tony Garibaldi – Talked about a person in Nevada , the guy calls them and directly asks them to volunteer instead of just hoping that they will show up. It takes a lot of work and dedication and some one to volunteer to call and talk directly to people and ask.

Phil Mazuranich – This is a good idea as he really doesn't know where exactly he would best be for volunteering, bringing them up with the people on a call if a good idea. He is not sure who to call to volunteer to help.

Dennis Gentry – Can we also plan on having some program as well as the top shot specifically for the kids?

Chris Anderson – I think the children's events should come first as these are our up and coming shooters.

General Discussion – on how we would like to look at a better picnic turn out. We all think that the economy has a lot to do with it. Advertising for the picnic and promoting is a big factor right now.

Dennis Gentry – Is there a junior program or sponsor for fund raising for ammo for them or anything?

Dick DeBernardis – The club has seem to be willing to donate the ammo to them.

Steve Lovas – The Cub Scouts "Boy Scouts" has been seeming to want to setup a shooting venue and if we dovetail that into the range it will go right into the range as well.

General Discussion – The 4H has many of these programs for this as well, like Trap & other sports. They do 4H has a competition and they shoot this the other groups to shoot and compete. Then Pheasants Forever have a lot of children as well. Daisy BB gun class 120 kids a night for eight weeks for 2 nights a week. The have parents also work with the kids to help shoot. The class really works and improves the shooting.

Dennis Gentry – Who is Hollow Point Tactical and who are they and what are they doing?

General Discussion – They are a training organization.

Tony Garibaldi – Motioned to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by - Hank Hecker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm