

Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2020

Directors Present: Larry Robertson, Dean Wells, Chuck Cluff, Caleb Hoobery, Dave Larson

Officers Present: President Russell Trebby, Secretary Jim Bunting, VP Greg Kershul

Meeting was called to order by President Trebby at 7:00 pm.

Motion: Director Robertson makes a motion to accept the December 2019 Board of Directors minutes with two corrections of one name and one spelling. Corrections were made by Secretary Jim Bunting. Motion with corrections to the December 2020 minutes is seconded by Officer Shannon Wells and it carries.

Member Concerns: Member Joshua Saathoff introduced to the Board of Directors a monthly newsletter he has put together for the clubs consideration. Joshua Saathoff sees it as a good secondary method of getting out information to the membership other than the website. President Trebby asks the question on who would take responsibility for the continued publishing of the newsletter. Mr. Saathoff said he would be willing to be charged with that responsibility. Officer Shannon Wells states she fears if this becomes an emailed publication to the membership that many people would contact her in order to stop them from receiving it. Member Scott McGann asks if the Board could do a survey to ask the membership who would like to receive one because he feels many would not. President Trebby also stated that soon a member could check the bulletin board portion of the website to get this information. Vice President Kershul took a quick survey and seven out of the ten members present said they would like to get this newsletter. Member Scott McGann states the club should make it an online newsletter and people could print it off if they choose to.

Motion: Officer Shannon Wells makes the motion to survey the membership to see if members want a monthly newsletter. VP Greg Kershul seconds the motion and it carries.

Scooters organization: Motion: Director Caleb Hoobery makes a motion to give the organization Scooters a slot every first week in the month of May for their organizations activity. VP Kershul seconds the motion and it carries.

GCR&GC maintenance crew hats: President Trebby had orange hats printed out for the maintenance crew but the printing read Polizei instead of maintenance crew. The error will be corrected by the printing company.

Range status: Eight target backers were installed and ready to use for the rifle range. All steel work on the pistol range has been completed from damage done by members shooting the target with rifles instead of pistols. Director Wells states that if any board member or Officer is at the range to tighten the nuts on the steel targets in order to preserve them.

Maintenance Committee Report: VP Kershul asks the Board for permission to give the maintenance crew keys to the connex's to access materials used to maintain the range.

Motion: Director Wells makes a motion to give the maintenance crew appropriate keys in order to access equipment needed to maintain the range. Motion is seconded by President Trebby and it carries.

VP Greg Kershul reports there was a maintenance committee meeting on November 9th, 2019 at the Emmett Methodist Church. No minutes will be submitted for that meeting. VP Kershul wants to move the maintenance day for the club to April 11th, 2020. This is in order to not conflict with other activities happening at the range. VP Kershul informs the Board that there are new locks at the range that can be swapped out with the current lock in case it goes defective. Director Wells states that he has been correcting members on the lines of fire at the pistol gun range and that someone has been pulling the signs the range had in place. Director Wells states we need permanent signs that read "No shooting beyond this point." VP Kershul

asks Director Dave Larson if the maintenance committee could take on this project of putting up new signs and Director Larson said yes. Director Wells suggests T-Posts so it can't be moved around. VP Kershul states that he and Director Larson have placed up the signs of no shouldered weapons to be shot at the pistol range. Director Wells adds that he has also been chasing people away from the steel because they are shooting too close.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shannon Wells reports: Bridge fund at \$71,761.12, checking \$21,150.20.

Membership 2020 is 659

Member Joshua Saathoff's report on Fish & Game grants: Mr. Saathoff reports that he had met with Mr. Derrick Fawn of Fish & Game to discuss grant opportunities from sales of ammunition and firearms that may be possible for the GCR&GC. Mr. Saathoff reports that there are many grant opportunities available with matching funds from GCR&GC. Mr. Saathoff states that one of the conditions of these grants is public use of the gun range. VP Kershul asks if hunter safety classes that the club allows will qualify the GCR&GC for the condition of public usage. Mr. Saathoff states he was told there is nothing written in stone on what qualifies as public usage. VP Kershul states he believes the only way the GCR&GC can determine on whether we qualify is to submit an application. President Trebby asks who would agree to administer the grant if we so choose to apply for one. Saathoff states he would if appointed/given permission by the Board of Directors/Officers. President Trebby also stated that we have matches that are open to the public and also authorize guests that might qualify us for the public usage qualification of these Fish & Game grants. VP Greg Kershul states he would like to table this until the February monthly meeting. Officer Shannon Wells states that the problem with these Federal grants are they will try to tell the club how to run its business. Director Wells asks the question of what the club really needs the money for because all projects are currently funded. Director Wells also adds that the projects the membership wants is the shotgun trap range and the long range rifle range and the club leadership should start focusing more on

those two items. It was also stated that you don't have to accept the terms of a grant until you accept the monies. Fish & Game grant is tabled until the February 10th, 2020 GCR&GC monthly Board of Directors/Officers meeting. Point of information: Director Hoobery states that the club was set up for educational training and could be missing an opportunity if we don't apply for such grants.

Disciplinary committee report: Director Caleb Hoobery says he has had no time to sample the most common types of the violations of the club and wishes to table this until the February meeting. Director Hoobery stated that it has always been club practice to take each individual case on its own unique circumstances. Hoobery states that someone writes up a report and the Board reviews it and makes a decision and there is no need for any change. Hoobery states he will write this up as a policy since the club currently has no policy.

Disciplinary action of Roy V. Coneen: Roy Coneen was observed on December 16th, 2019 to fire a shoulder fired firearm on a club pistol bay. Coneen fired a rifle caliber firearm 7.62 X 39mm on a club pistol bay (signs are posted). Mr. Coneen also failed to present a 2019 club membership card upon request of a range official (Rule 18 GCR&GC bylaws). Roy Coneen also failed to fill out a required club guest waiver for one David Hangartenes as a guest shooting on club property (Rule 20 GCR&GC bylaws). These violations were recorded by VP Greg Kershul. Secretary Jim Bunting stated he will send Mr. Coneen a certified letter to ask him to appear at the February 10th, 2020 GCR&GC monthly Board meeting to give his side of the situation before any action is taken by the Board of Director/Officers on these club violations. Greg Kershul states that these regulations are on the yearly enrollment form so there is no reason for Mr. Coneen not to know them.

Rule 18 on the yearly enrollment form: Club cards must be carried at all times by members while on the Club property. Members agree to present membership card and photo ID to Club officials upon request.

Rule 20: A Member shall be limited to bringing (2) non-member people as guests. All members are responsible for their guests and guests must be on

the same firing line/bay as club member. Members are responsible to fill out guest waivers on each visit.

Agreement between land owner David Shaw and the GCR&GC: President Russell Trebby reports that David Shaw's two items on the contract regarding insurance on employees and vehicles are to be left on the contract in case of future changes. President Russell Trebby says there has been some frustration on the use of Attorney Alex Kincaid's office on arranging a time and place to sign these documents to be recorded.

Motion: VP Greg Kershul makes the motion to accept the language of the contract concerning the bridge/road usage of the GCR&GC on David Shaw's property. Director Dean Wells seconds the motion and it carries. President Trebby states that as soon as the document is signed and recorded he will email the leadership of the GCR&GC.

Edward Jones investments: Tom Caperon (financial advisor) reports to the club that the current monies the club has invested with Edward Jones investments have been earning 7%. Tom Caperon states that the current plan of investing a little at a time instead of one lump sum still seems to be the best financial strategy.

Motion to adjourn was made by VP Kershul and it is seconded by Officer Shannon Wells. Motion to adjourn carries.

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