

Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes July 11th, 2022

Directors Present: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells, Director Larry Robertson, Director H. Paul Kaczmarek, Director Dave Timony, Director Dave Larson

Officers Present: President Russell Trebby, Vice President Heather Bunting, Secretary Jim Bunting

Members/Guests Present: Robert Thomason, Dan Butts, Denny Wiley, Tony Arneson, Kathryn Csikos, Attila Csikos

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Heather Bunting at 7:02 pm July 11th, 2022 at the Senior- Community Center located on 719 S Johns Ave in Emmett, Idaho.

Minutes: Director Dave Timony makes the motion to approve the June 2022 GCR&GC meeting minutes and it is seconded by Director Larry Robertson. The motion carries.

Member Concerns: It was reported that at the cowboy action shoot a gentleman was allowing his kids to play on the range lanes separation berms. The gentleman was politely told not to and the dangers of doing so were explained to him. For an unknown reason the gentleman was very resistant to the club safety rules. A club member who was advised to shoot from the proper line on the pistol range but refused to do so will be discussed in the August GCRGC meeting and any disciplinary action will be determined at that time.

Treasurer's Report: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells reports that the clubs checking is \$25,157.69, club savings \$64,141.88. The club currently has 1375 members for 2022.

Range/Club Status: Robert reports everything looking good at the gun range. Secretary Jim Bunting did take a large load of scrap wood to the dump but there are still lots more to go. Folks are still taking rocks from the erosion control project and shooting them. The signs that were posted did stop most of the people from taking the rocks and using them as targets.

President Trebby requests that Board Members/Officers take a look at the many signs at the gun range to determine if any of them can be purged. President Trebby also reports that Squaw Butte Enterprises informed him that lumber for the resurfacing of the gun range bridge will be available in about 10 days time. Director Robertson said he has some appropriate barricades to stop folk from trying to drive across the bridge while it is being worked on. Director Paul Kaczmarek inquires how the Board is going to notify the members of the club of the complete closure of the bridge. President Trebby states there is no good way to give advance notice to the membership due to the work needing to be done as soon as the lumber arrives. President asks Dan Butts (caretaker of the property leading to the range) if there was any timeline on a new bridge construction. Dan Butts states they are still going through the engineer permit process as well as surveys still need

to be done. Since the gun Range Bridge is the only access to the power lines for Idaho Power there is a possibility that Idaho Power will help with the costs of the bridge. Dan Butts also inquires if it would be a problem to the club if the gun range road was graded. The whole Board of Directors and Officers stated that it would be super beneficial to the club if they wanted to proceed with road grading.

Military Rifle Match Proposal: Robert Thomason gives a presentation for the club sponsored Military Rifle Match. The Military Rifle Match is scheduled/organized on the second and Fourth Sundays of the month with the gate opening at 9am for the public with set up following and safety meeting at 9:45 am. The match begins after the mandatory safety meeting.

Discussion for BOD/Officers consideration: There is interest among club members to use and compete with Military issue type rifles. This will be a sage venue for responsible use and skill development in the use of military rifles. It is desired to include both vintage and modern firearms to serve more shooters. There should be no funding required to start, as the GCRGC has the metal reactive targets and bowling pins already. Targets will be engaged offhand and from the bench for a total of 20 shots for score. No sighting in of rifles during the match, but there will be time before the match for sighting in. A \$3 contribution from each shooter in the match should cover target maintenance, paint & score cards. In conclusion they would like to try this to see how much interest this would generate from both GCRGC members and non-members (guests that sign an assumption of risk agreement).

Long time club member Dean Wells (not present at the meeting) is opposed for modern day military rifles being piggy backed to the traditional military rifle shoot. Dean Wells wants to keep them separate so there is no confusion on what type of rifle to bring to that particular shoot. Robert states that the current agreement is to keep strike vintage separate from modern military rifles and there should not be any confusion. Director Paul Kaczmarek inquires if any steel core ammunition would be fired as that would damage GCRGC steel reactive targets. Director Kaczmarek was told no steel core ammunition would ever be used.

Motion: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells makes the motion to approve the modern military rifles inclusion with the strike vintage military rifles in the GCRGC sponsored Military Rifle Match with the agreement they are to be kept separate to avoid any confusion. The first Military Rifle Match with the inclusion of the modern military rifle is to begin on the 24th of July, 2022. If an individual shooting does not make the safety meeting they do not compete/shoot. The motion is seconded by Director Dave Timony and the motion carries unanimously.

Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells asks President Russell Trebby to put the Military Rifle Match on the clubs calendar on website as well with some sort of heads up to the members about the gun range road bridge being closed unannounced for bridge resurfacing.

Smaller rock for the erosion control project: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells stated that the club needs to bite the bullet and purchase the smaller rock for the erosion control project so folks stop taking the bigger rock to shoot on the firing lanes creating possible ricochets and clean up problems. President Russell Trebby asks the Board of Directors to table the matter to give the signs and a website post a chance to inform the members.

Trespassers and gun range fence: Concerning non-members jumping the gun range fence Director Dave Larson suggests the club prosecutes the trespassers to send the message that the club will consistently take these matters to court. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells feels that any attempt to prosecute would be stopped at the District Attorney. Director Larry Robertson has come to the monthly meeting with prices for more cameras for the range to use to catch trespassers. Director Robertson states that wireless cameras are nice except each camera would need its own power source unless you go solar. If you do not go solar each camera would need a power cord trenched in the ground to it from the clubs power source. Eight cameras with power splitters will cost the club right around \$1100. The extra costs to consider would be to trench in the wires 12” deep about 200 feet in length and to run a box. Five cameras would give the club a 180 view and cover the entire range. The memory of the cameras would record for 30 days until it would start recording over itself. The box portion of the install would be for the recorder which would need to be kept in one of the connex’s. Director Dave Timony states that even if the cameras are shot that the information would still be on the recorder and if it is downloaded on a USB it could be used in court to regain financial damages. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells asks President Russell Trebby to inquire about someone who could trench in the wires. Director Dave Timony says he knows someone who might donate the equipment with possible help.

Motion: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells makes the motion to pay for the 8 camera setup and 200 plus feet of ditch work involved to bury the wires 12” underground. Director Dave Larson seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells makes a motion to adjourn the July 2022 monthly GCRGC meeting. The motion is seconded Director Dave Timony and it carries.