

Gem County Rod & Gun Club

October 17th, 2022 BOD Meeting

BOD Present: Director Larry Robertson, Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells, Director David Timony, Director Paul Kaczmarek

Officers Present: Vice President Heather Bunting, Secretary Jim Bunting

Director Larry Robertson makes a motion to approve the September Board of Directors/Officers Minutes with one correction. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells seconds the motion and it carries.

Member Concerns: Member Robert Thomason asked why the club does not allow rim fire rifles on the pistol range that would be allowed to shoot the clubs steel targets? Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells states that it will open the door to others not understanding that it would be for rim fire only. Director Larry Robertson adds that the club has spent a lot of funds repairing steels shot by .223- and 5.56-mm rifles that do a tremendous amount of damage to the steel reaction targets. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells adds that it has been a big problem communication to the membership that shoulder fired firearms on those ranges damage club property beyond repair and take the targets out of commission for pistol shooters while being replaced. It is better just to say absolutely no shoulder fired firearms to lessen the confusion, Director Larry Robertson adds.

Club member Robert Thomason also discussed a very creative idea about how to mount the trash cans at the gun range that would help prevent trash cans from blowing around at the range and moved to places where they can get ran over by cars. Secretary Jim Bunting said it was a really good idea, but if the club decided to go back to a Gem County trash pick-up service when the new range road bridge is put in place by the new owners that the design would not work. Secretary Bunting asks the BOD if they could put the idea on a back burner for now until things play out with the bridge one way or another. Secretary Bunting states he thinks Robert's plan is a very sound idea and has been used at the gun range in Nampa.

A gentleman who is not a member of the club yet but plans to be on January 1st asks respectfully to the BOD if the club plans on starting a trap/skeet range as well as put on competitions. The gentleman stated that he as well as others would be very interested in the club pursuing that shooting activity. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells states that our current range is not set up for trap/skeet, but the club has been seeking a property to purchase for years to meet the growing need of its members. A piece of suitable property has not been found in the Emmett area and with current real estate prices it's not even a real possibility at this point, Director David Timony adds. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells also states that the club has been actively looking for a piece of property to have a long-distance rifle range but has seen the same roadblocks with State laws as to its location and the skyrocketing real estate prices. She adds that both ideas of a trap/skeet and long-distance range is still on the table but just not realistic as far as we have the funds to do it right now.

Berms: Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells states that the club needs to build the berm between pistol range 1 and 2 to be longer. The reason is because of the angle of the two ranges. Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells makes the motion to extend the berm between pistol bay 1 and 2. Director Larry Robertson seconds the motion and it carries.

Secretary Jim Bunting stated he noticed a big chunk of wood taken out of the new work done on the gun range bridge. Looks like, a big track wheeled piece of equipment was driven across the bridge. Director Larry Robertson will check with the new owners to see what is going on.

Director Larry Robertson has been meeting with several electricians to get the CCTV set up at the gun range. So far no electrician has committed to the job because of heavy workloads. An electrician is still being sought to complete the project.

Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells will once again be at the gun range November 1st to sign up people to membership of the Gem County Rod & Gun Club. This is for the benefit for folks who don't have computer access or computer knowledge.

Help needed at the range: Secretary Jim Bunting discussed with the Board of Directors/Officers that he could use some help at the gun range to accomplish a few big jobs that needed to be done before the cold and snowy weather hit. Director David Timony told Secretary Bunting that he was going to pass on this information to Deputy Ben McNevis {Sheriff SILD}. Secretary Jim Bunting thanked Director Timony because this is going to be such a huge help. Deputy McNevis oversees folks needing to complete community service projects and has a lot of manpower to complete such tasks. Thank you very much Director David Timony this is going to help so much. You are a valued member of this team.

Director/Treasurer Shannon Wells makes a motion to adjourn the October GCRGC monthly meeting. The motion is seconded by Director David Timony.