

Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes

July 8th, 2024

Directors Present: Director Dave Timony, Director William Barry, Director Paul Kaczmarek, Director Larry Albaugh, Director Robert Thomason

Officers Present: President Larry Robertson, Vice President Heather Bunting, Secretary Jim Bunting, Treasurer Shannon Wells

The meeting was brought to order by President Larry Robertson at 7:00 pm on July 8th, 2024 at the Senior-Community Center located on 719 S Johns Ave in Emmett, Idaho.

Treasurer Shannon Wells makes a motion to approve the June 2024 BOD/Officers meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Director Dave Timony and it carries with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shannon Wells reports \$16,023.08 in the checking account and \$84,211.86 in the Club's saving account. Membership for 2024 is 1453.

Member Concerns: No member concerns.

Range Report: Director Thomason reports that even with the sign that says do not take rocks from the erosion control project and shoot them that he is still finding rocks scattered all over the range lanes. This creates an unsafe target and the Club may have to start looking at camera footage to determine who is using rocks for targets. Director Thomason also reports that all backings are in place at the rifle ranges. All steel reactive targets at the pistol ranges seem to be operable at this time. The range has seen considerable usage in the last month and is picking up as fall hunting seasons arrive. Thank you to Director Robert Thomason for all your hard work and dedication to the Club.

The sign at the front gate that reminds members to sign in their guests has not been put in place yet due to mounting problems. President Larry Robertson suggests that it needs to be welded to the post. The no dumping sign at the range has been removed due to damage. The sign was put in place when members were leaving large items at the range for range staff to dispose of.

Trainers: Trainer Jon Rhodes spoke to the BOD/Officers about conducting the shooting portion of his pistol classes at the GCR&GC. In order to become a trainer at GCR&GC one must get approval from the BOD/Officers along with signing a hold harmless agreement with proof of one million dollars insurance. Jon will have two instructors teaching at the range and possibly up to 14 students at a time. All questions were answered satisfactorily and Jon Rhodes provided all necessary documents.

Secretary Jim Bunting makes a motion to first change the \$100 a day fee for trainers to \$50 if and only if the reservation is for a half day or less. The motion is seconded by Treasurer Shannon Wells and it carries.

Secretary Jim Bunting makes a second motion to except Jon Rhodes as a trainer at GCR&GC and allow him to make reservations for his classes. This is under the condition Jon always provides a current copy of a one-million-dollar policy of firearm trainers insurance. The motion is seconded by Director William Barry and it carries. Director William Barry reminded the club that trainers can be accepted at this time but as soon as the club starts seeing scheduling conflicts between the trainers and members that new policies will be put in place to ease the conflicts between the two.

GCR&GC Range Gate: Director Larry Albaugh spoke about possible incorporation of an electronic gate for the range. Currently the Club has a steel gate with a combination lock. The problem with a combination lock is members can give out the combination which results in non-members using the range without having paid the yearly membership cost and not signing a contract with the Club. Director Larry Albaugh states that the Nampa Rod & Gun Club have an electronic gate and even though there were some initial problems they see it as one of the best things that they have implemented for their club. The initial cost of the Nampa Rod & Gun Club's electronic gate was \$12K. A possible change that could occur due to an electronic gate system would be that the yearly membership fee would be due one year from your membership anniversary instead of being due the first of January. The membership cards as well would be handled by a private company instead of the GCR&GC. The private company would get a percentage of the annual club fee and would then pay the Club. President Larry Robertson asks Director Albaugh and Director Thomason if they could research the cost of a specific system and report back to the Board at the August monthly meeting. Director Dave Timony requests if it could also be asked how the members of the Nampa club like the electronic gate compared to the old gate and lock system of entrance.

Club Membership Fee: It was discussed to raise the non-Gem County resident membership fees to match that of Gem County resident membership fees. Currently the non-Gem County resident members pay a lesser yearly fee but do not have voting rights in the Club. Club bylaws would support the increase in fee. It was also discussed to increase the yearly membership fee as well. An increase to anywhere from \$65-\$100 was suggested. Wood backings for the rifle ranges, steel reactive targets for the pistol ranges, rock work, road work, berm work, fire line work, trash cans, trash bags and much more have increased significantly for the Club since the last increase of annual membership fees. President Larry Robertson asks the BOD/Officers to think about the increase in annual membership fee so it may be determined in the August meeting. Director Dave Timony states we should wait on raising the membership cost until the cost of the gate is determined.

Director Larry Albaugh makes a motion to increase the Non-Gem County GCR&GC members annual fee to match that of the Gem County resident member fee. The Non-

Gem County resident member will still have no voting rights in the Club. The motion was seconded by Director Barry Williams and it carries.

GCR&GC Hat: President Larry Robertson shows the BOD/Officers a membership ball cap that could be offered up for sale to the membership or could be given to each member of the Club when they renew their membership or become a member. There was no vote taken but all seemed to like the idea. Director Larry Albaugh suggests that maybe instead of giving out a hat when you pay your membership that maybe it should be offered on the GCR&GC website instead. There was also the question of who would be handling the shipping of the hat.

Treasurer Shannon Wells makes a motion to adjourn the July 8th monthly Gem County Rod & Gun Club BOD/Officers monthly meeting. The motion is seconded by VP Heather Bunting and it carries.