

Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes May 12th, 2025

Directors Present: Director Ted Shaver, Director Doug Argo, Director Harry Kaczmarek, Director Robert Thomason

Officers Present: President Larry Albaugh, Secretary Jim Bunting, Treasurer Shannon Wells

Other Members Present: Bev Martin, Colt Walker, Gordon Sortomme

Senior Center located on 719 S Johns Ave in Emmett, Idaho.

Director Ted Shaver makes a motion to approve the April 2025 BOD's/Officer's meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Director Doug Argo. The motion to approve the GCRGC April meeting minutes carries.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Shannon Wells reports the checking account is at \$93,256.29 and the savings account is \$86,413.52. There are currently 1637 members for 2025. Once the GCR&GC hits 1700 members only Gem County residents will be allowed to become a new member. Treasurer Shannon Wells states that new memberships have slowed down considerably in the last couple of months but will pick up again as we get closer to hunting season. Edward Jones account information was given to Director Robert Thomason.

Member Concerns: Member Colt Walker asks for clarification on the Club's rule concerning carrying loaded concealed weapons at the gun range. It was explained to him that the current policy states that no loaded firearms are allowed away from the firing line whether they are concealed or not. This means that your firearm cannot be loaded until you are on the firing line and must be made safe before leaving the firing line.

Scooter's Event: Treasurer Shannon Wells reports that the Scooter event went off without a hitch. Director Robert Thomason states that the organization did an outstanding job putting away items and cleaning up after themselves after the event was over. Every year the Club shows support for Scooters by making a donation and closing the range for the event. The youth event hosted 264 kids this year at the gun range.

Range Status: President Albaugh reports that the gun range canal bridge has 50% of the runners split and the condition of the wood underneath the runners is unknown. The replacement of the 750 feet of wood will come to around \$2200 at Sweet Lumber and around \$4000 at Home Depot and others. President Albaugh will check with Sweet Lumber to see if they have Douglas-fir and/or the wait time if they don't. Once all the unknowns are figured out there will be a vote by e-mail to purchase the wood and go ahead with the repair.

Iron Gate Repair: The gun range iron gate welding repair will cost the Club \$900 for repair and cannot be done for another three weeks. *Director Paul Kaczmarek makes a motion for the go ahead on the gun range front gate bushing repair at the cost of \$900 to be done as soon as possible. Director Ted Shaver seconds the motion and it carries.*

The gun range road is still in need of grading and pot hole repair. Excessive spring rains have taken their toll as well on the parking lots and the road leading from the pistol ranges to the rifle ranges. The cement water gutters in front of the rifle ranges were unable to capture all the runoff water coming off the ranges and have created channels throughout the road and parking lot of the range. Director Doug Argo explains that the cement gutters were poured at incorrect angles and that is the reason for their failure. It was also mentioned that the water it does catch and runs down the side of the range is taking material and depositing it on the neighboring property and is not ideal. Director Doug Argo explains a possible plan of a series of catch ditches to be strategically placed at the rifle ranges in order to correct for the wrong angle of the cement gutters that were poured several years back (Erosion Control Project). President Albaugh will call Shippy Construction and discuss what can be done.

Shippy Construction: Shippy Construction is offering a ten hour every two months deal for \$1000. This would be basically putting Shippy Construction on retainer. Director Doug Argo States that the ten hours does include travel time to and from the gun range. This would give the Club approximately 8 hours of work time for \$1000. Director Robert Thomason States that having Shippy on retainer would be very beneficial to the Club and put us ahead on annual maintenance projects. *Director Ted Shaver makes a motion to give Shippy Construction a 6-month trial for the 10 hours of work every two months for the cost of \$1000. Director Paul Kaczmarek seconds the motion and it carries.*

Idaho Power: President Albaugh states that Idaho Power has given its blessing on allowing the Club to install a key pad/cement pad for an electric gate on the Idaho Power right of way. The Club is hoping to have the electric gate installed and up and running by September of 2025. Idaho Power will amend the right of way and get the documents back to the Club. President Albaugh was told that new right of way description is moving through the channels.

Website: The rules of the range on the Clubs website do not match the rules of the range on the Clubs membership application. To correct this the rules of the range that were approved in September of 2024 will replace what is on the website. Secretary Jim Bunting whom manages the changes on the website will take care of updating the out-of-date information. *Treasure Shannon Wells makes a motion for Secretary Jim Bunting to change the Clubs website rules of the range with the set of rules that were approved in September of 2024. The motion is seconded by Director Doug Argo and it carries.*

Director Ted Shaver makes a motion to adjourn the May 2025 monthly BOD's/Officer's meeting. The motion is seconded by Director Robert Thomason and it carries.