

Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 2025

Directors Present: Director Robert Thomason

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

Other Members Present: Mike Gibson, Terry Hauser, Steve McAinch, Rus Escallera

The GCR&GC June meeting was held at the Senior Center located on 719 S Johns Ave in Emmett, Idaho. President Larry Albaugh started the meeting at 7pm.

Director Robert Thomason makes a motion to approve the May 2025 BOD's/Officer's meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Treasurer Shannon Wells. The motion to approve the GCRGC May meeting minutes carries.

Edward Jones: Mike Gibson from Edward Jones reports to the Board that the Club has had a \$6500 increase in the last year. Mike inquired on the timing that the Club might have for a purchase of land for a 1000-yard range. Though the Club is actively looking for purchase opportunities in reality it is looking at three years or more. Mike also inquires about the amount of money in the portfolio that the Club would like to keep free. President Albaugh says it would have to be significant because of projects like repairing of the bridge. Mike also inquires about adding new funds to be invested because it has been over three years since the Club had done so.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Shannon Wells reports the checking account is at \$94,415.09 and the savings account is \$86,784.52. There are currently 1655 members on June 9th, 2025. Treasurer Shannon Wells reports new membership is the slowest she has seen in many years.

Member Concerns: Members of the Club state that they have been noticing other members leaving the iron gate at the range unlocked after they enter the range. Members are informed to ask for a membership card or write down a license plate number. Members present are informed that the electric gate that should be installed by the end of August will take care of most of the current problems with folks purposely leaving the gate open. Besides legal reasons, leaving the gate open could trap a non-member inside the perimeters of the range leading to the Sheriffs office being called.

Range Status: Director Robert Thomason states that at times the attendance at the range was close to 80%. Steel targets are all up and the rifle range backings are all in place. The wooden tables at the pistol ranges are patched but are beat up. It was discussed on replacing the tables at the pistol range but nothing set in stone until the meeting has a quorum to do so. Director Robert Thomason states that the preventive maintenance list that President Larry Albaugh had submitted was in fact the range status and the Board of Directors/Officers should concentrate efforts on that list. Secretary Jim Bunting states he almost has everything he needs to repair the cement gutters that direct water out of the

parking and road area at the range. The cement gutters in the road were the “Erosion Project.”

Range Monitoring: Director Robert Thomason explains that GCR&GC is open 108 hours a week and there is little presence of someone whom will enforce the range rules. On top of that few members actually read the signs and the rules on the membership application or website. The Club has recently changed the rules of the club on the website to match that of the latest approved rules on the 2025 membership application. Director Thomason explains he see’s a lot of AR’s and shotguns on the pistol ranges and a lot of waiving around of guns. Correcting some members is a fight as well. One of the problems on the range is an overabundance of rule signs. Director Thomason states he will review all the rule signs and give recommendations on what signs the Club can take down. Bolt indicators are also required and provided by the Club but few members use them. VP David Timony states that rules are only as good as it is enforced. President Albaugh agrees with streamlining a lot of the signs. The Club is considering making members who are caught not following the rules come to the monthly meeting to explain why they violated the rule. VP David Timony also explains that signs with pictures seem to be very effective.

Membership: It was discussed that the Club might want to go to a one-, two- or three-year membership once the electric fence is installed at the range. President Albaugh states that the Club might also look at family membership once again. Instead of \$75 make it \$100 for a family membership that is defined by the BOD/Officers of the Club. Family memberships will also save the Club on waivers that have to be provided at the gate entrance. In the same conversation automatic firing weapons at the range was discussed. GCR&GC does not allow automatic firing weapons except by special permission. It was mentioned that other local clubs do not allow any automatic weapons of any kind. The reason for the ban is insurance rates are exceptionally high for that kind of range activity.

Idaho Power: President Albaugh states he has gotten an email from Idaho Power that the right of way will be amended from the 2013 version to allow GCR&GC to place a keypad outside of the range gate for the new electric fence to be installed. Idaho Power has requested that they be given the code of the gate for emergency purposes. Director Robert Thomason and VP David Timony say that is fair.

Bridge Repair: President Albaugh has sent a letter to Little Enterprises who is the new owner of the land around the range and owner of the gun range road bridge. This letter introduces us as well as talk about the bridge being closed for repair. After the Club makes contact, we will schedule the bridge repair.

VP David Timony makes a motion to adjourn the June 2025 monthly BOD’s/Officer’s meeting. The motion is seconded by Director Robert Thomason and it carries.