Gem County Rod & Gun Club August 2026 Monthly BOD Minutes

719 S. Johns Ave - Gem County Community Senior Center
August 10, 2026, 7pm

Directors Present
Interim Treasurer/Director Doug Argo
Director Paul Kaczmarek
Director Ted Shaver
Director Joe Ziemann

Officers Present
President Larry Albaugh

Members and Guests Present:
Russell Escalera, Robert Thomason, Tommy Sullivan, Cliff Barta

Called to Order at 7:00 pm by President Larry Albaugh

June 2026 Minutes
June 2026 minutes were received from Secretary Bunting via email and forwarded to each Officer and Director for review prior to the meeting. Errors or omissions have been documented and will be corrected prior to adding to the website. Interim Treasurer/Director Argo makes a Motion to approve the June 2026 Minutes pending changes, Second received from Director Kaczmarek. Motion Approved Unanimously to Accept the June 2026 Minutes after corrections.

July 2026 Minutes
July 2026 minutes were emailed to each Officer and Director for review prior to the meeting. Director Shaver makes a Motion to approve the July 2026 Minutes with no changes, Second received from Interim Treasurer/Director Argo. All in favor, Motion Passed to Accept the July 2026 Minutes..

August 2026 Treasurer's Report - Interim Treasurer Doug Argo
07-31-2026 US Bank Checking Balance $18,138.97
08-03-2026 US Bank CD Balance $25,363.08
06-30-2026 Edward Jones Combined Balances $182080.79

The US Bank CD matured on August 03, 2026 and was renewed for an additional 5 Month term. The new maturity date for the US Bank CD is January 03, 2027

Director Ziemann has been tracking the performance of various funds in the Edward Jones account. He will be added to the account so he will have direct contact with our Edward Jones representative so he can follow up and address those concerns.Director Ziemann also noted a

change to the monthly service charge for internet/gate. President Albaugh stated that the change was for the recently added phone service, an additional $10 a month.

Motion to approve the August 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Director Kacmarek, Second received from Director Shaver. Motion Approved Unanimously to accept the August 2026 Treasurers Report..

Members Concerns

Member Tommy Sullivan has no concerns but stated that he is extremely pleased with the recent range improvements and appreciates the direction the club is going.

Membership Report - 2026 Membership is 1072, up 22 from July. 100+ on WaitList, additional members will be added as space becomes available. There is a Member Orientation scheduled for August 29, 2026, this should clear some of the members that haven't yet completed an orientation and provide an opportunity to add some additional members. There will be 1 or 2 additional orientations scheduled before we begin the renewal period in November. The renewal will be the final test of the new online membership system.

Range Status - President Albaugh and Robert Thomason

Robert Thomason has installed the MGM Steel Target supports that were ordered for the pistol bays, several supports had been showing signs of age and use and needed to be replaced. At the same time he replaced several pieces of damaged chain and fasteners on the fixed steel. All the fixed steel on the pistol ranges is currently in service with no repairs needed. All rifle backers were replaced the last week of July and all trash was hauled offsite to JAG.

We've begun the process of installing the new camera network. The first two have been installed to monitor the front gate and provide security for the gate operator and Drop Box, both of which have been the top priority. The others will be installed as we work around the heat, smoke, and membership use of the range.

Range Use has been consistent, peak days seem to be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the mornings. With hunting season approaching we should start to see increased use on weekends.

President Albaugh suggested the club purchase and provide some tools for the ongoing range maintenance and repairs.Currently anyone replacing target backers or doing any range work is required to bring their own tools to complete the task. Currently there is one shovel, at minimum there should be 2 shovels, 2 rakes, and wrenches and sockets to replace damaged steel. Ideally the club should have a set of cordless tools on hand that would include a ¼" cordless driver for servicing the target backers, a small cordless circular saw for cutting and trimming the backer supports, a ½' or ⅜" cordless impact for servicing the steel targets, and an assortment of sockets and wrenches for general range repairs. President Albaugh will put together a list and price breakdown for review.

New signs were ordered through Performance Sign in Emmett. These have been delivered and installed. The new signage includes the update on Steel Target use on the rifle bays as well as new Exit/No Parking signs at the front gate.

The Russ Trebby plaque still remains to be installed. President Albaugh suggests that the plaque can be mounted to the north side of the small gate conex visible to each member and guest as they leave the range. It would require a plate or backer to mount it to the conex, something similar to the aluminum material used for the range signs.

Taxes 2025

The club has received the KeyBank statements and records needed to complete the necessary paperwork to send to the CPA. President Albaugh will schedule a meeting to drop off the paperwork to complete the filing ahead of the deadline

Amend Rule 19

There have been a few close calls with members racing through while the gate is in the open position, they skip scanning their card and assume they will have time to get through. The gate still has a momentary delay and swings a few additional inches while it tries to stop moving. The sudden stop and momentum of the heavy gate are hard on the opener.

Rule 19 currently reads “19 GATE - The gate is to be closed and locked after entering or leaving. The gate may be left open during club events at the match director's discretion.”

Suggestion to add “Members are required to scan their gate card when entering and again when leaving, even when the gate is Open”

During orientation all members are asked to scan at entry and exit, with the cameras at the gate we will be able to clearly see if someone strikes the gate, the additional requirement would eliminate any doubt on the cause if they fail to scan and strike the gate while entering or exiting. That should eliminate any claims that the gate malfunctioned and caused the impact damaging the gate or a member's vehicle.

Treasurer Appointment

Director Argo has been serving as the Interim Treasurer for several months and is willing to take the position in an official capacity. President Albaugh asks for a Motion to elect Director Doug Argo as Treasurer of GCRGC.Motion is made by Director Shaver and a Second is received from Director Kaczmarek. A vote amongst Directors is unanimous, Doug Argo is approved as the Treasurer of GCRGC and will vacate his Director position.

Kaczmarek - Aye
Shave - Aye
Ziemann - Aye
Argo - Aye

Director Appointment

Director Argo assuming the Officer position of Treasurer creates a vacancy in his Director spot. President Albaugh suggested the Directors and Officers consider Member Russell Escalera for the open position. Russell is an active member that regularly attends board meetings as a representative of the Action Cowboy/Wild Bunch shooting discipline and lives in Gem County. Director Shaver makes a Motion to assign Russell Escalera to the Vacant Director seat,a Second is received from Treasurer Argo. Motion Approved Unanimously and Russell Escalera is unanimously appointed to fill the remaining term vacated by Director Argo.

Member/Officer Recognition

GCRGC has two former Officers/Directors that have served the club for a number of years.

Secretary James Bunting served for many years as Club Secretary and has also provided countless hours of service keeping the range trash free.

Former Director Robert Thomason served many years as a Director and also provided countless hours of service maintaining the range by keeping the target backers up and maintaining the club steel.

Both gentlemen have been key in keeping the club operating and will be hard to replace. The Officers, Directors, and Members, wish to acknowledge and Thank them for their dedication and years of service to GCRGC

No Additional actions or agenda items

Motion to adjourn brought by Director Shaver, Motion 2nd by Treasurer Argo Motion Approved Unanimously with the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting September 14th, 2024 at 7 pm