**QUINCY AMERICAN LEGION GUN CLUB**

MINUTES

March 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by president Ken Shields at 7:05PM. Those in attendance were Ken & Diana Shields, Diane & Larry Weil, Dave Bonfantini, Michelle van der Merwe, Kent Bacon, Elmer & Joseph Johnston, Devin Howe and Alan Bowman.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved. There were no minutes from the February meeting as that meeting was cancelled.

The treasurer reported a checking account balance of $2,195.68, savings account balance of $14,014.39 for a total of $16,210.07. The treasurer’s report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken reported that the meeting where they do the grant approvals went very well. Our Club’s request for funds to repair the club house roof was approved. It has been sent on to NRA headquarters for final approval.

Ken Bacon reported that the Northwest Pyrotechnics Assoc “Fire & Ice” fireworks show that was held on January 18th & 19th at our Club went well. A Grant County Sheriff’s Deputy came by to check on the fireworks display only because there were several inquires received by the department. Chuck Motzkus came by the Gun Club, upset because he said that he had not been notified about the fireworks display. Kent had attempted to contact all of the people in the neighboring homes in addition to putting ads in the local paper.

Ken reported that he had done research to determine who all the locks on the entry gate belong to. The Gun Club, the PUD, Cherry Creek Radio (KPQ), Critical Bridge (technical support for KPQ), and Dave Bonfantini are the owners of the padlocks. All of these padlocks will be unnecessary as soon as we are able to get the electronic gate purchased and in place.

The drawing for the proposed Tactical Range has been drawn up. Chuck Ray, an NRA certified range evaluator, has approved the drawings with a couple modifications. The training range was adjusted to 150 ’X 210 yds inside the berms but of 275 yds total. The adjustment was done to accommodate future expansion which would include a concrete slab, buildings, etc. Chuck Ray suggested that the tactical range be 600’ above the trap range and that instead of a 14-15’ berm at the east end of the range that it be a 20’ berm w/rifle backstop. There was lengthy discussion regarding the 20’ berm-it was felt by the members present that a 20’ berm was excessive.

Alan Bowman said that he had talked with Dave Prcal and the D-10 Cat is still in the area and available to do the excavation, but only until about the middle of March. Dave Prcal said that the D-10 Cat has GPS and that they should be able to excavate the proposed tactical range in 2-3 days. He also told Alan that were he to do the work, he would probable bring in D-5 Cat to work on the berms while the D-10 was doing the main excavation.

There has been a question asked by one of the Club members regarding how the new range would affect to our liability insurance coverage? Diane contacted our NRA approved insurance provider and we were told that “There is nothing additional needed to be done to our Gun Club policy of we construct an NRA Certified Range for our club members only. If it were to be opened to the public, then we would need to look into making changes.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken told us that there is a possibility that we could submit two separate grants to the NRA – 1 for equipment and 1 for range improvement. The gate would probably not be covered in a grant request as ‘equipment’ since it is something that restricts public access and therefore it would not be a “benefit the public”. The proposed tactical range may be eligible for grant monies if the Quincy Police Dept were to make use of it.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the need for Range Safety Officers (RSO’s) for the ranges at our Club. Laws are getting stricter and safety is of utmost importance! The Club also needs “formal” signage posted on all the ranges. At this time, there are 4 members of our club that we know of that are certified RSO’s – Devin Howe, Alan Bowman, Bob Wiley and Ken Shields. Devin has an RSO Class scheduled for April 27th. Ken made a motion that our Club send Dave Bonfantini to Devin Howe’s RSO Training Class and pay the cost of the training. The motion was discussed and it was decided to address this motion at our April meeting.

It was also suggested that we need our own list of Standard Operation Procedures (SOP’s). Ken would like for us to pick members for a committee to draw up SOP’s for our club. All current and prospective members would have to read and agree to/sign off on these SOP’s before they receive membership cards. It was suggested by Alan Bowman that we model our SOP’s after the NRA’s.

Ken contacted a gentleman by the name of Robert Raymond that works for Hoffman/MicroSoft regarding the excavation needed for the Tactical range. Mr. Raymond said that we might be able to get the excavation for the range donated. According to the IRS, the Gun Club’s non-profit classification is “501(c)(7) which means that our donors can not deduct contributions made to our organization. Troy Wiley, a CPA that Ken knows says that donations ARE deductible. Ken plans to contact Troy after tax season for further information.

Jim Pitt contacted Ken and told Ken that he can get dump trucks from Williamson’s to haul gravel to the Club here. Jim talked to Ken regarding numerous activities going on at the Club and wanted Ken to know that he is interested in what is goings on.

Alan Bowman informed the members present that they are expecting about 60 people at the Adapt Academy NW Handgun Training 2019 that is being held May 2nd-5th, 2019. If they get 60 participants, it will require 4-5 instructors some of which will be lady instructors. The training class will be equally adapt for experienced and inexperienced participants. Alan did a quick review of what the class includes. He said that the training in comparable to the Front Site training.

Ken Bacon asked permission to move the NW Pyrotechnics 40’ storage container to the Gun Club premises. The container is currently in East Wenatchee and needs to be moved. Kent does not have an area large enough at his home place to set it; but, it could be positioned at the Gun Club in the south west corner of our property. It has been decided that we will contact our insurance company to see about the possibility before we give Kent an answer.

There was a quorum at the regular Gun Club meeting tonight, so elections were held. Ken Shields remains President, Larry Weil is 1st Vice President, Diane Calloway remains Sec-Tres. The position of 2nd Vice President was vacated, and Michelle van der Merwe was nominated for this position. She was voted in by a unanimous vote to fill this position.

The Club received a request from the 2019 Senior Class for a donation for the Senior Class Party. It was agreed that we would donate $50, the same as last year’s donation.

The bill for our general insurance has been received and it is $3 less than last year. The premium has been approved for payment.

There was a short discussion regarding the “Guest Pass”, the cost and how many may be purchased by a member.

Michelle van der Merwe informed the Gun Club that there would be 4-H presentations at the April meeting, and additional presentations at the May & June meetings as was agreed to at the November 5, 2018 general meeting.

Ken is planning a trip to Post Falls, Idaho later this month to visit Solid Rock Automation regarding the ‘lift’ gate that they sell and that we are considering for r entrance to the Gun Club. He has asked for volunteers to accompany him.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,