

# LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

## MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 4, 2020

The March meeting of the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club (the "Club") was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Karl Baum at the Anderson-Perry & Assoc. conference room on N. Fir St. in La Grande, Oregon. 14 members attended the meeting, including the following members of the 2020 Executive Committee: Karl Baum, Dick Hohstadt, Gary Langlitz, Sheldon Strand, Darrel Plank, and trustees Bill Boren and Dutch Brogoitti. Also present was Leslie Michael, Membership Coordinator.

All persons present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved as read. These minutes will be posted to the Club website (lgrpc.com).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Old Business:

- Membership, as of the end of February, 2020, stands at 339 members.
- Danforth Construction will be installing door closers at the 300 yard range restrooms.
- Sheldon reports that approx. \$10,000 has been deposited in the Club account, 90% coming from membership dues, and the remainder from match entry fees and miscellaneous sources.
- Dick reports that a partial cleanup of the 300 yard range clubhouse has been done, and that he needs a couple of volunteers to finish the general cleanup prior to arrival of Dan Slippy, who will be doing a professional cleaning job.
- No audit date has been set.
- Jolyn Scott and Chris Hubbell., representing The Well Armed Woman (TAW), indicated that their first training and range session will be April 4 and that additional chairs will be needed for the clubhouse training session. Karl to follow-up. Training and range sessions for this group will continue monthly, see the Club calendar for dates. Jolyn also reports that the response to the formation of this local chapter of TAW has been overwhelming, with nearly 50 participants signed up.
- Dutch reports that the pistol bay plate rack has been repaired.
- Dutch also presented a pistol discipline 2020 budget proposal of approx. \$1,000. This proposal would cover the expense of props for the matches, a shooting timer and scoring tablets, and various supplies. He indicated that in 2019, the pistol matches produced a gross revenue to the Club of \$2,550, net was \$2,411. Motion was made and seconded to approve this proposed budget.
- Jess Roberts volunteered to be the 100 yard range committee person. He will be working to compile a work list for the 100 yard range, which may include previously discussed Conex overhang and shelving, restroom improvements, bird netting repair/replacement, Conex painting, new flagpole, need for lawnmower and weedeater, and acquisition of a laser engraving machine for use by all disciplines. 2020 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual "Cowboy Action" shoot, scheduled for July 17-19. Discussion was held concerning the acquisition of prizes for this event. Jeff reports that the 2019 income for the cowboy shoots was \$3,250 gross, \$975 net.
- The following disciplines indicated their 2020 budget needs to be of the nature of normal consumables and repairs (paint, targets, etc.): Muzzleloaders-Darrel P, .22 Benchrest-Dick H., Trailwalk-Lee, .22 Silhouette-Gary.

- Dutch, as the Pistol Range committee member, discussed a proposed work list for that range, including up to three semi-permanent target backers, rebuild the stairs in the picnic area, road repairs, fencing for a secure storage area, weed control. These proposals to be forwarded to Darrel P., the XO.
- Regarding work projects at the four ranges, discussion was continued and will continue concerning the availability of help through the High School/College Trap Shooting club.
- Discussions also continued concerning range protection/vandalism. Discussed was a requirement for range orientation for membership, more signage, updated Range Rules, banning centerfire rifles and shotguns from the pistol bays and providing alternative shooting locations.
- Special Use Permit. Karl and Gary reported their discussions with the USFS. The permit fee has been paid for 2020. The USFS needs an up to date Certificate of Insurance. Gary will follow up.
- Karl and Dick will continue efforts related to Bylaws and Range Rules updates.
- Jolyn indicated that Catherine Parks can provide Range Safety Officer training for members. She will investigate costs, etc. Dutch reports that five members attended the RSO class in Milton-Freewater last month.
- Karl distributed several copies of aerial photos and engineering drawings for the USFS/BOR/CTUIR Longley Meadows Fish Habitat Enhancement Project, which involves reconfiguration of the Grande Ronde River and regrading for water flow on the USFS land located just upstream from the 100 yard range. Anticipated in the project is an excess of excavated material, some of which may be placed to supplement the berm backstops on the range. Karl reports that the Club has been approached for a permit to remove dirt and trash from the waterways on Club property, he will follow-up.
- Darrel P. and Karl have been authorized by the Executive Committee to enter into agreements on behalf of the Club for grants and reimbursements concerning the work of Chuck Sarrett in the assessment and preparation of a management plan for the Club's timber resources.

#### New Business:

- Reminders: The Club corporate tax return is due April 15. The Club Officer Liability Insurance renewal premium is also due April 15.
- Darrel P. reports obtaining plywood and 2x4 lumber for target backers from a remodeling project at The Observer. Dale Frizzell and Dave Bingner assisted.
- Dick H. reports the following:
  - The NRA is challenging several aspects of the proposed Oregon ballot initiatives that involve firearms. Contact your representatives.
  - The Club has several CO2 air rifles that should be considered for sale.
  - Dick requested a volunteer to assist with and take over the annual soils testing on the Club ranges that he has been doing for several years. Darrel P. and Dale F. volunteered.

### **END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### Discipline Reports:

- Muzzleloaders-Darrel P. reports the Feb. 9 match was cancelled.
- .22 Silhouette-Darrel C. reports 10 shooters at March 1 shoot, good range conditions. Match results have been posted to the website and Facebook page.
- Action Pistol-Dutch reports IDPA matches to start in April.
- Cowboy Action-See Calendar
- .22 Benchrest-Begins 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday in April.
- Safari Shoot has been added to the Calendar

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting is April 1.

UPDATE: The April meeting, as well as most of the scheduled matches, were cancelled in accordance with the Governor's directives regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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These meeting minutes were read and approved at the May 9, 2020 business meeting.