

# LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

## MINUTES OF MEETING

May 9, 2020

The May meeting of the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club (the “Club”) was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Karl Baum at the LGRPC 300-yard Range Clubhouse. 11 members attended the meeting, including the following members of the 2020 Executive Committee: Karl Baum, Dick Hohstadt, Gary Langlitz, Sheldon Strand, Darrel Plank, Catherine Parks, and Trustees Gene Paul and Dutch Brogoitti.

All persons present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved as read. These minutes will be posted to the Club website (lgrpc.com). Note that the April meeting was canceled.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Old Business:

- Automatic door closer installation has been completed at the 300 yard range restrooms.
- Sheldon reports that the Club's bank account is in good condition. Sheldon also reports that the 2019 tax return for the Club has been completed and filed.
- Dick reports that the cleaning of the 300 yard range clubhouse by Dan Slippy has been completed, job well done and much appreciation to Dan.
- No audit date has been set.
- Range committee reports were received for the Pistol range, 100 and 300 yard ranges. Generally, it was reported that a Conex storage container has been delivered at the 300 yard range and is painted as agreed in its purchase. Painting of the Conex at the 100 yard range was discussed, including a request from Gene Paul that the prominent display of the Club name on the Conex be made part of its painting. Motion made and approved to proceed with this work.
- Work projects at the ranges which may involve hiring the High School/College Trap Shooting club have been postponed until Fall-2020.
- Discussions continued concerning requirements for membership with the goals of enhancing safety, protecting and preserving range assets, and encouraging member participation in Club activities. Discussed was a possible requirement for range orientation (video and on-site), to be completed prior to issuance of member ID badges and lock combinations, and a more “Zero Tolerance” policy concerning adherence to the Range Rules. Along with the discussion of range orientation procedures, the need for a simultaneous update of the Bylaws and Range Rules was noted. Karl suggested a goal of having range orientation polices and the Bylaws/Rules updates in place by the beginning of 2021.
- Karl and Dick will continue efforts related to Bylaws and Range Rules updates. Karl also mentioned that the Membership application form should be reviewed and updated.
- USFS Special Use Permit-Gary reported that the 2020 permit fee has been paid and a current Certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided. Also, “Civil Rights” posters have been placed at the 100 yard, 300 yard, and Pistol ranges (Thanks to Dutch).
- Darrel P. described target backer repairs made at the 100 and 300 yard ranges.
- Dutch and Karl report that a target stand has been installed at Pistol bay 4. The intent is to have a recognizable place to hang targets and to reduce the damage to barrels and other event props which may be present in the bays. A motion was made and approved to install 5 more target stands in the bays and obtain a cost-estimate for an additional 5 stands, Dutch will follow-up.
- Karl reminds that anything painted RED is a no-shoot object.

-Tim R. reports that the organizing of props, etc. is taking place at the 100 yard Conex and storage buildings.

-Discipline Directors report the dates to resume matches in light of Covid-19:

Dutch-first match was held today (May 9), 24 shooters in two divisions

Tim R.-May 16 for Cowboy Action, annual match is in question

Darrel P.-June for .22 Long Range Silhouette

Lee S.-first Trailwalk of May 12

Darrel P.-Muzzleloaders in June, Rendezvous is uncertain

Archers-tentatively planning to cancel June shoot

Catherine P. (The Well Armed Woman)-two meetings have been held and two more are planned.

Next regular meeting June 6, lots of enthusiasm. Mentioned need for a whiteboard and additional benches for their training at the 300 yard clubhouse.

Directors are requested to keep shoot dates/cancellations up to date on Club website and Facebook page.

-Catherine P. (representing The Well Armed Woman) discussed the status of the events they have had. These events involve a training session held in the 300 yard clubhouse and range training at the pistol bays. Discussed was the need for safety and the concurrent use of the ranges by others during these events, possible range closures, use of separate padlocks to control access, and additional signage. Since the TAWW events and the pistol discipline events have larger attendance than most events, discussion was had concerning obtaining some "sandwich board" type signs which could be placed at the range entrances to alert visitors of which events are being held and their location, and which ranges are limited access or closed. These signs could also be used during other disciplines events. These concerns also highlight the need for as much communication with the general membership through the Club Calendar and Facebook pages.

Discipline Director Pledge: Associated with the conduct of the TAWW and Pistol Discipline events was a continuing discussion of the responsibility and authority of the various Discipline/Match Directors in the conduct of their events. Items discussed included responsibility to maintain safe event conditions and authority to determine and apply consequences for unsafe acts. Does or should the Club and Directors have a uniform plan to handle accidents, including procedures and designating individuals to handle notification of 9-1-1, law enforcement if necessary, Life Flight (including GPS coordinate location of the ranges)? Does or should the Club have First Aid Kits, portable defibrillator, and other emergency equipment? Should the Directors have current First Aid training, where is this training available (Red Cross-online, Ski Patrol, New Day Ent., and others)?

New Business:

-Reminders: The Oregon Assoc. of Shooting Ranges annual membership will come due on June 19 (fee based on \$2.00 per member-total number of members at the end of 2019, fee paid in 2019 was \$1296). The Club's Member Liability Insurance premium is due on Sept. 4.

-Karl expressed concern that members who volunteer the use of their equipment for Club benefit generally have not been requesting reimbursement for the wear/tear sustained on their equipment. He asks that the Exec. Committee and members involved recognize the fairness needed in these situations and proceed appropriately.

-Karl raised the issue of increasing the Club membership fee,suggesting \$75/year. This proposed increase would sustain the existing Club activities and support the accomplishment of the improvements currently being identified and prioritized by the range committee leaders. The existing and future activities and improvements might include upgrading hardware/software for Club

business/membership needs, improved access control, surveillance systems, additional storage facilities, maintenance/repair of existing structures, road improvements, signage, fencing and gates, additional retaining wall at 300 yard range, new toilets at 100 yard range, ongoing target backer repair/replacement, mowing, weed control, etc. Karl will follow-up.

-Karl indicated that the Club has been approached by an individual who would like to use the Club ranges for the field portions of a For-Profit firearms instruction course. Discussion followed concerning whether the Club would allow this use, and if so, what requirements would be placed on this instructor. Motion made and approved to proceed with discussion on the following preliminary basis:

- Instructor to make a presentation to the Club regarding the instruction course and range needs prior to approval of activity.
- Instructor to provide certificate of current liability insurance-\$2 million minimum.
- Club to receive \$10 per student per course.

-Discussion: Restricting tactical drills with AR-style weapons and shotgun patterning to Pistol Bays 1 and 2 and providing suitable target stands for these activities and installing signage guiding users to these bays. Reasoning: Safety where muzzle control during tactical drills is not acceptable in more open areas, having suitable targets for these specific uses, and reduce damage to targets and props in the other pistol bays. Other typical range uses of AR's and shotguns will continue at the other range facilities. Dutch to follow-up.

-Darrel P. was OK'd for the following:

- Purchase brooms/dustpans/etc for use at the Clubhouses and restrooms
- Increase size of dirt berms behind the 50-200 meter ground level target stands at the 300 yard range
- Obtain new bids for the shelter construction at the 100 yard new Conex container

## **END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discipline Reports:

See comments in the above discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm. Next meeting is June 3 unless changed due to Covid-19 considerations. Please consult the Calendar and Facebook page for any changes to this meeting date and any other changes in match schedules.

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These meeting minutes were read and approved at the June 3, 2020 business meeting.