

LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 2, 2020

The September 2, 2020 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 Conference Room at 409 N. Fir St. in La Grande. 11 members and one guest 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 Dutch Brogoitti and Gene Paul.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Old Business:

-Concerning the proposal made by Paul Harrell to offer Club sanctioned basic firearms handling, safety, and range rules and range etiquette classes to first-time gun owners: Mr. Harrell had presented a class outline for review by Catherine Parks, the Club Chief Instructor, as requested by the Club at the August meeting. This class outline was acceptable. Mr. Harrell has numerous “YouTube” videos currently available on the Web, many of which were filmed at the Club ranges. Concern was expressed about the depiction of the use of Club facilities in some of these existing videos not conforming to the Club Range Rules and that these depictions might be interpreted by the casual observer as being condoned by the Club. Discussion ensued about the possibility of modifying these existing videos to either remove or clarify that these certain depictions are not condoned by the Club and to agree about the use of the ranges in future videos that Mr. Harrell may prepare either in conjunction with the proposed first-time gun owner classes or for his personal benefit. It was mutually decided that agreement on these matters was not possible, no further discussions are anticipated.

-Executive Officer Darrel Plank reports the following:

-100d Yd. Range Conex cover: Daniels Construction was the only respondent to the Club request for quotes that provided a cost and timeline to complete the project this year. No other quotes were received which would allow for the intended work to be completed this year, therefore Daniels Construction was hired for the project. Darrel has cleaned and graded the construction area for this cover.

-Darrel has requested quotes and schedule for the replacement of the 100 yd. Range restrooms. It is the desire of the Club to complete this project this year. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to give Darrel the authority to contract for this construction.

-Darrel maintains a list of suggested range improvement projects based on the submissions of the Range Coordinators and Club members. More suggestions are welcomed.

-Karl indicated that the EOU/LHS shooting club members are returning to school and may be available for work projects. Karl will coordinate with John, the shooting club adviser.

-Darrel recited a list of work projects recently completed. Sheldon will revisit the available Grant funding programs to see what funding may be available for future projects, and to learn of the submission requirements and deadlines.

-Range Coordinator reports:

-Darrel reports that the 25 yard target area at the 300 yd. Range has been removed, and the area cleaned up and regraded. Dutch suggested a work project to repair the 50 yd. Target stand at the 300 yd. Range.

-Karl has signed an access agreement with ODOT, extending to Nov. 30, to allow cleanup and regrading of the creek area along Rankin Road upstream from Hwy. 244.

-Dutch requested partial payment of \$550 to Cross L Welding for pistol targets already completed. Motion made and seconded to approve this payment. Dutch authorized to engage Cross L Welding for the construction of 5 additional targets.

-Dan Slippy will try to schedule the cleaning of the 100 yd. Clubhouse as his workload permits.

-Darrel suggested obtaining sandbags to place along the upstream side of the 100 yd. Clubhouse to reduce or eliminate flooding damage to the structure. Karl has a source for sandbags.

-Bylaws, Range Rules, Member Orientation:

-Karl reports that revisions to the member ID cards and membership application is continuing, including identifying members who are willing to volunteer for Club related activities.

-Karl hopes to have Bylaws and Range Rule updates for review in Oct.-Nov. Suggestions for changes are requested.

-Karl suggested a general content outline for a member orientation video, to include the following:

-Introduction and description of range facilities

-Range Rules discussion (specifically highlighting what is not allowed)

-Range Etiquette (do's and don'ts during hot and cold range conditions, absolute requirement that all present at the range adhere to the hot/cold range rules.)

-Zero-tolerance policy

-Information sources (Club website, calendar, match descriptions), Facebook, Executive Committee members.

-Karl, Dutch, and Sheldon to follow up. Comments are welcome.

-The Club has 733 members as of the end of August.

New Business:

-Karl briefly discussed a suggestion to change the monthly meeting day in hopes of encouraging more member participation. The general consensus was to keep the meeting day as is.

-Sheldon indicated a need to replace and add additional picnic-style tables around the ranges. He is following up. Included in the discussion was the type of table (wood, metal,) and some means of anchoring the tables so they are not moved onto the range and used as target stands.

-A representative of Steve Lindley Construction indicated that his firm is performing the work on the Grande Ronde River restoration project located just upstream from the 100 yd. Range and that it will be in progress for about two construction seasons. He indicated that they plan to place an Office trailer and two employee trailers just upstream from the Club property and inquired if it might be possible to connect to the Club electrical service. It was requested that Lindley Construction provide additional information regarding location, electrical requirements, method of connection and expense sharing for review and approval of the Exec. Committee.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION:

DISCIPLINE REPORTS:

-Darrel P.- Muzzle loader club match is planned for the second Sunday of September.

- Darrel P.- .22 Long Range Silhouette shoot is scheduled for September 6, to be fired from the bench using elbows as the only support.
- No archers report.
- Dutch reports the August Defensive Pistol match had 38 shooters. Next match is September 12.
- Dick reports 13 shooters for the August .22 Bench rest match, again with shooters from the Tri-City area and a 3-way tie for top honors with scores of 400-28X (400-40X possible). Matches are scheduled for Sept. 19 and in October, check the calendar.
- TAWW-Catherine reports 45 ladies participated in the last session, with 45 participants registered for the Sept. 5 session. Also, 35 participants are registered for a firearms cleaning session.
- Tim R. reports the August monthly Cowboy Action shoot had 7 shooters. Additional matches scheduled for Sept. 19 and again in October, check the calendar.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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