

RGGC Annual Meeting Minutes

RGGC President Mark Bunch called the meeting to order at 9 AM on 4/26/08, there were 22 RGGC members in attendance, and 8 current members renewed.

Treasurer's report

After paying insurance and land taxes, both of which went up, the club has \$194.50 in the checking account. Current membership of 152 members, 20 of which are Life Members, and 132 Annual Members. 37 members in 2006 did not renew in 2007. 31 of those mailed renewals, came back undeliverable.

Election of Officer's

All existing club officers agreed to re-enlist/get stuck with their current duties for the upcoming year. Bill Schwiem will continue on as Executive Officer, and Chief Range Officer, John Hudson will continue on as Vice-President and Chief Target Frame Renovator, and Mark Bunch will continue on as club Secretary and President.

Old Business

Executive Officer Bill Schwiem discussed the progress of the long range pits, which are approximately 75% completed. Pits should be completed later this fall. We are in desperate need of funds and labor to get this project completed.

Executive Officer Bill Schwiem discussed a plan to fix up our entry way and re-grade the road. Approximate cost to do so just for materials is in the vicinity of \$4,000. Club member Jerry Klemm and Walt Wallis suggested that we try using 2 inch rock around that section of our road to see if that might help with our ongoing erosion problem. That suggestion has been adopted and will be put into action providing we can raise the funds to do so this year.

President Bunch and Executive Officer Schwiem discussed the first, and possibly only gun show that the Royal Gorge Gun Club had in June of 2007. While it ultimately was successful, typical of most projects, there is never enough help to really get things done right. The club ended up making about \$7 profit on the deal.

No gun show/swap meet will be attempted this year, but remains a possibility in future years, depending on member interest and participation to help promote and work.

President Bunch recounted that the two work days scheduled in 2007 were very successful and well attended by volunteers of the club. Many projects were started and completed during these days, and hopefully the membership has noticed the range

improvements, new benches, new shotgun range, fixed main entrance sign.

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New Business

President Bunch and Executive Officer Schwiem opened a discussion regarding where your club dues go. Out of a \$50 annual membership, approximately \$38.25 of that goes to just pay bills, such as insurance, postage, club meetings, copying, land taxes, web page etc. Please see the attached sheet for a more complete break down of costs. Leaving approximately \$11.75 per member to do things like dirt work, rebuild the covered point, build new ranges, and new bench rests, trap throwers, new signs, road maintenance, trash removal, target stands, targets, prizes for matches, toilet paper, paint, sacrete, benches etc. The gun club currently has 133 paid annual members, X 11.75 each, = \$1,562.75 approximately per year, to get all of the above accomplished with. Obviously, we have a shortage of funds.

The selling of the vacant land across to the east of Red Canon Road was discussed and a motion to explore further and see if we can find a buyer was made by club member Jerry Sullivan, 2nd by Bill Bonnar, and passed unanimously. We have no idea what the land might bring, but whatever amount that happens to be, 1/2 of that will be invested into the club to put up new covered points, roof over the pits, a couple new ranges, new outhouses, new building/class room, new fencing, additional bench rests and anything else we have money for. The remaining 1/2 will be invested into CDs so that the club always has a cushion of money, instead of barely breaking even like we have been doing for years now. The land is probably valued at somewhere between \$40,000 and \$100,000.

Club Member Hap Hazard suggested that we raise dues to help the club raise money to finish some of the crucial projects that we need to get finished, since selling of the land might take as long as two years to accomplish. Other clubs have dues several times higher than do we, and it was motioned that the new dues become \$65 annually. Henry Teigen 2nd the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Vice-President John Hudson will be constructing some new target frames, and a reserve of frames will be made and kept in the open shed for members. Special thanks to 007 Jerry Sullivan, who surveyed the gun club property and provided official/detailed survey maps to the club, saving us approximately \$2,500 for having to have the property surveyed. Please thank Jerry when you see him, as this was a big help to all members of

the Royal Gorge Gun Club.

Executive Officer Bill Schwiem discussed the two scheduled work days, May 17th, and June 21st. The list of volunteers among those in attendance broke down as follows. Look at the enclosed match schedule for the 3rd workday date in October.

May 17th

Bill Bonnar Jerry Klemm
Ray Stephens Jack Disher
Mark Bunch Arthur Sedillo
John Hudson Jerry Sullivan
Bill Schwiem Henry Teigen
Barb Faber Clarence Bellew
Bob schweickert

June 21st

Bill Bonnar Ray Stephens
Jerry Klemm Jerry Sullivan
Mark Bunch Arthur Sedillo
John Hudson Bob Arterburn
Bill Schwiem Marvin Mangham
Bill Herlth Henry Teigen

WE URGE CLUB MEMBERS TO RENEW EARLY, AND HELP PROVIDE THE CLUB WITH MUCH NEEDED FUNDS TO FINISH SOME OF OUR ON-GOING PROJECTS. THESE PROJECTS HELP BENEFIT YOUR CLUB AND WILL HELP ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS.