



ROYAL GORGE GUN & PISTOL CLUB

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To: All Gun Club Members
From: Mark Bunch/President Royal Gorge Gun Club
Date: February 21st, 2015
Re: Gun Club Changes

Fellow gun club members,

The annual meeting was held on February 21st and there were 59 members in attendance. Numerous issues were addressed and a good discussion on gun club business was undertaken in a constructive fashion by most attendees. The previous secretary of the club was afforded time to speak to the gun club members in attendance to defend her admitted willful misconduct in the execution of her gun club secretarial duties but she chose not to speak to the members present.

The gun club members in attendance nominated and elected Jeff Belanger as the new RGGC secretary and there is no doubt he will do a fine job for the RGGC. **We respectfully request all members call and or email to give us their updated membership information as soon as possible.** The reason that members were invited late or accidentally missed was that the previous secretary has steadfastly refused to turn over the gun club data base to the RGGC. We did the best we could to remember who all the members were, using the phone book, Dex online, Facebook, 4473 information and we also handed out meeting cards to many members at Lincoln Park Pawn during the first 3 weeks of February.

Insurance and land taxes have been paid for 2015 and good news our insurance went down about \$900 because of the addition of our new electronic gate which has been working very well for going on 6 months now. Many thanks to everyone who was instrumental in the completion of this project which cost just under \$11,000 to complete. Thanks to James Shockley and Dave Munro for lending the club \$2000 a piece to help with funding, Mike Brizendine, Mark Bunch, Brad Roberts, Bill Herlth, James Giebelhaus, John Hudson, Nickless Ball, Jock Harmon, Dan Hamilton and anyone else I have inadvertently missed mentioning. The club has \$344.18 in the bank and \$211.43 in petty cash after taxes of (\$671.92 and insurance of \$2,455.12) has been paid for the upcoming year. The club has approximately 248 members currently since we have 12 gate cards left out of the original 260 we purchased during the gate project.

Many new bench tops, steel targets have been added this past year, many thanks to Tim Kuretich, Melvin Watkins, Jeff Belanger, Jock Harmon, John Hudson, Nickless Ball, Bill Nagel, Bill Herlth and everyone else who showed up for work days to help construct and place all our new club enhancements.

Many thanks to Life members Jay Seavy and Rich Ledoux for helping out with additional steel silhouette targets for the club. Jay owns a steel fabrication and construction company east of town and has GRACIOUSLY agreed to donate a sheet of AR500 steel to the club to make additional steel reactive targets for the club. This is approximately a \$2,000 gift to your gun club!! Member Rich LeDoux has been helping cut out these targets and helping refurbish other damaged steel targets for the club.

The club By Laws are being updated and will be made available to all members online at RoyalGorgeGunClub.org as soon as they are finished being updated and scanned. The new data base will also be kept by multiple people in order to ensure that no database issues ever arise again.

Club Secretary Jeff Belanger is going to be buying a day of range time in order to conduct a law enforcement long range weapons class on either April 2nd or 3rd and that date will be posted well in advance to notify members as the range will be closed on that day. This class is in part going to help the Wounded Warriors Project and will also help out the club with much needed funds just prior to the first work day of 4/4/15. The club will provide pizza and drinks for both work days, the 2nd of which is on May 16th. Work days begin at 9 AM and run till about 1 PM.

Our previous livestock lease with Mr. Joe Stock was terminated by Mr. Stock effective February 14th, 2015 and a new lease agreement was signed with MJM Enterprises in order to maintain our agricultural lease status for tax purposes. The new company has a 5 year lease, and the RGGC is being paid \$100 per year for this lease payable on or before Feb 15th of each subsequent year.

It now looks likely that the Llamas were shot from the road late on Saturday evening January 3rd as numerous neighbors to the RGGC property reported high powered rifle shots around 10 PM that Saturday evening. The Llamas were found shot the next day and investigated by the Fremont sheriff's department.

Background checks are now being conducted on all new members to the RGGC, which will also bring down our insurance cost by approximately \$500 per year. Existing members will not have to pay for a background check, UNLESS they let their membership lapse at which time they will have to pay the additional \$15 for a background check and the \$25 new member insurance fees once again to the club. **THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST, 2015 AND A 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD IS ALLOWED FOR ALL MEMBERS TO RENEW BY. MEMBERS NOT RENEWING BY AUGUST 1ST, 2015 SHALL HAVE THEIR GATE SWIPE CARD INACTIVATED AND WILL HAVE TO RE-JOIN THE GUN CLUB.**

The members in attendance voted unanimously to fund the range security person at the salary of \$250 per month beginning in March 2015. The membership also voted to open the position up for competitive interview and applications will be accepted thru the first week of March 2015 and those chosen to interview will be notified. Applications can be picked up at Lincoln Park Pawn or printed off of our web page. Once selected our new security range officer will be interfacing with gun club members to ensure proper identification and membership status.

The existing board members were all voted back in unanimously and will continue to work hard to improve the quality of our gun club and to also protect our gun club from all threats, external and internal.

New By-Law changes for 2015 include multiple up to date data bases being kept by different club members, By laws shall be posted on the gun club web page for all to download and read anytime they wish,

New signs and new fencing were also approved when funding is available and weather permits these to be put up. Jeff will also be making yardage markers for all distances as time and weather permits.

The Friends of the NRA banquet and event will be held at the Abbey Event Center on Friday June 5th, 2015 and tickets can be purchased at Lincoln Park Pawn. Every year these banquets are conducted across the country by concerned citizens wanting to support the efforts of the NRA and the shooting sports. Half of the money raised at these events go to NRA headquarters and the other half stays in the state where each event was held. These funds are dispersed to local gun clubs and shooting organizations to help fund range improvement projects and purchase shooting equipment. I am the chair person for the Fremont County Friends of the NRA and will vote on where the funds we raise from this event get allocated to. Projects we would like to use this grant money for include a new building/clubhouse/class room, handicapped accessible bathrooms, complete road redo and the construction of 2 new ranges.

For those of you who have attended this event in the past, I strongly encourage you to do so once again as this year; your support of this event is also supporting your own gun club range enhancements. Those who have never attended one of these events before, you are in for an outstanding evening of great food, excitement, many chances to win something unique and special... and to make a statement in support of your 2nd amendment gun rights.

The Royal Gorge Gun Club Executive Board thanks you for your support and we wish everyone a great 2015.

Sincerely,

Mark Bunch/President Royal Gorge Gun & Pistol Club