



**To:** All Gun Club Members  
**From:** Mark Bunch/President Royal Gorge Gun Club  
**Date:** January 21, 2017  
**Re:** Annual Gun Club Meeting Minutes

Greetings Club Members,

We recently held our annual club meeting to discuss club business both old and new. We had approximately 25 members in attendance to which I say a sincere thank you to. Items discussed for everyone is as follows.

Treasures report—we currently have \$20,177 in the bank, the highest we have had in approximately 15 years! Don't get too excited as I am blowing all of it in a few short weeks as we continue to make big improvements to your gun club.

Taxes and insurance have already been paid for in 2017, approximately \$3,200 for both.

We will be working on our main road later this spring to get all the ruts out and raise up the gravel level another 4 inches, probably in late April.

Club Work Days will be Saturday April 8th, and Saturday May 13th. We will be serving lunch and drinks, so please come and help us out.

Our new storage building will be finished in the upcoming two weeks, a great addition to our club. We will be constructing another automated gate entry to the south of the existing gate later this spring so in the event of needed gate maintenance, members will still have an automatic gate in which to access the gun club.

Lots of brand new steel has been set up along with new target stands for members to shoot. To those who keep shooting pistol steel targets at 15 yards with high power rifles, IE, AR 15s, AK47s, etc., if you get caught

you will be purchasing new steel targets for the club since you have been warned numerous times and allowable firearms are clearly posted on each range.

We make a considerable effort to keep targets painted for members, so please, whomever is bringing out their old white house paint and painting everything in sight please cease and desist. The new east range targets are supposed to be camouflaged so please leave your paint brushes at home.

Many thanks to Lon Pennington, Jock Harmon, John Hudson, Mel Watkins and everyone else for all the work they have done for our club over the past several years; we have come a long way from where we used to be when we only had 2 ranges.

Just over a week ago, I had the great pleasure in writing a check to the Royal Gorge Gun Club in the amount of \$12,262.25 out of the proceeds of last year's Friends of NRA banquet and fundraising event. For those of you who are not aware, I along with the rest of your executive board chair, run the Fremont County Friends of NRA event each year for the National Rifle Association. We, meaning your gun club, get half of the total amount net that we raise each year. We did so well at last year's event that not only was I able to fund our grant request fully, I was also able to fund our local Fremont County 4H shooting sports fully as well. I wrote our local Fremont 4H a check for \$6,283 to help our local young shooters and families.

I would candidly like to see more Royal Gorge Gun Club and local 4H member families participate in this year's Friends of NRA banquet and fund raising event. The NRA is the ONLY organization on this planet that has ever defended your right to keep and bear arms and we need your help to make this year's event a success. We still have dinner and raffle tickets available at Lincoln Park Pawn, 1345 Elm Ave, 719-276-3030.

To my gun club members I remind you that HALF of whatever you spend comes back to YOU and YOUR Gun Club. Please come out and support us; our dinner is Friday, February 10th, 2017 starting at 5 pm at the Holy Cross Abbey event center.

Moment of Silence....This past year we lost our friend and range security officer Tim Kuretich. Tim served us proudly, just like he did the United States Marine Corp as Embassy Security. Most members probably do not know that years ago, our very first steel targets were provided by Tim for literally pennies on the dollar. Bow your head and raise your glass to our dearly departed friend and protector of Freedom.

Our new security officer is Nick Ball who has been a valuable member of the staff for the past 4 years. You will likely see him painting targets or doing things for the club. Please be friendly if he stops and asks to see your gate card. Keeping non-members, illegal aliens, martians and any other non-desirables off of our range benefits each of you.

I am proud to announce that the Royal Gorge Gun Club will be looking at partnering with our local 4H to help provide a safe place for our local younger generation of shooters to practice their archery skills and rifle skills beginning in April of this year. I and the rest of our board will be meeting with Mrs. Verla Noakes and her shooting coaches to draft a plan that is beneficial to all. I will keep everyone updated as we get closer to their season launch. We will be constructing an Archery range just south of our 100 meter firing line for them to use as well as a mirrored section for our members to utilize for practicing their archery skills as well.

I have attached this year's application and I would like members to send in their member dues as soon as you can. We have lots of ongoing projects and as always we need your dues early in the year to help cover the

cost of our new range improvement projects such as resurfacing the road, approximately \$5,000, new gate, approximately \$5,000, new Archery range, approximately \$2,000, new storage building, \$15,000, new handicapped restrooms, approximately \$7,500 etc..

Life members of the club are still required to send in \$10, to cover the expense of our security officer position. About 20 life members didn't send in their \$10 last year, so this year send in \$20 please!

2017 can be a great year for our club, please do your part and come buy tickets and show your support for our 2017 Fremont County Friends of NRA event and send in your club dues as soon as you can. I hope to see you all there, and on behalf of your Executive Board, I say a sincere Thank You for all your continued support!

Sincerely,

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