

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8 PM with 34 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

 "Any corrections to the minutes? If not minutes are approved as posted."

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as presented.

Roll Call of Officers:

 all present except as noted

Acting President:	Craig Holdren	
Vice President:		
Treasurer:	Bob Oles	excused
Secretary:	Tim Wetzal	
Membership Secy:	Christ Liebegott	
Combat Exec:	Dale Garen	
Pistol Exec:	John Baldwin	excused
Rifle Exec:	Rich Wall	
Trap Exec:	Jack Budacki	
Junior Rifle Exec:	Kelsey Cade	

Craig Holdren announced that Chris Lemmon had resigned; and that he (Craig) is stepping up as president temporarily.

New Member Applications: There are no new members right now; acceptance of new members will be starting back up in January.

Profit / Loss Update: [The Full Monthly Report is posted in the Clubhouse.]

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report by Fred Arnold; second Don Cook. **PASSED**

Correspondence:

- none (Tim Wetzal asked Chris Lemmon whether he wanted his correspondence reported as received for this meeting; Chris answered no.)

Executive Reports

Membership Secretary: No change from last month.

Rifle Exec: Rich Wall – sight in days coming up, 3 days, Cowboys' last match of the year coming up.

Pistol Exec: John Baldwin – excused; nothing to report.

Combat Exec: Dale Garen – nothing to report.

Trap Exec: Jack Budacki – They will be shooting trap on Thanksgiving morning; there is interest in a high school trap team for Central Valley and Beaver; he’s not sure how serious the interest is.

Junior Rifle: Kelsey Cade – Juniors are shooting every week now using the Orion system; she is exploring doing virtual matches with other teams.

Executive Board Report: Craig Holdren -

- We need new people to get involved; we need to continue to grow membership and training helps that; asked for help for Rich on sight in days.
- The board sent out a range rule notification; we are going to hold to that; there’s been some controversy; Craig outlined the research that the board is doing in order to answer questions regarding the indoor range.
- In the December election, the club needs to fill membership secretary and treasurer positions. Both of those officers announced months ago that they would be stepping down at the end of this year. Craig will serve as president as long as needed to deal with the current situation.
- There was extensive discussion regarding the indoor range and the rules for using it. It can accommodate non-jacketed, hollow point, handgun rounds only; muzzle velocities under 855 fps; specifically no carbines. The club needs to be aware of liability and insurance issues, and has to make sure that the club can maintain coverage. Accidents can happen but we need to do everything we can to maintain safety and follow what we are covered for. The board is seeking outside technical, legal, and insurance information and guidance.
- Craig noted that he wanted to go after this research months ago but the board didn’t. He is now committed to do it as expeditiously as possible. He cited that Chris has done a good job but right now we have something we need to address.
- Sam Piccini says that the range is what it is and the club should get email out and signs telling people exactly what they can and can’t do; Craig noted that violators are subject to discipline per the bylaws.

MOTION to bring in someone from Action Target and spend up to [dollar value] to evaluate what the back stop can handle. Moved by Sam Piccini; second by Kelsey Cade.

Discussion followed. Dave Lozier feels it’s too soon to do that; the club needs to get a solicitor and visit other ranges to gather technical information; a reasoned approach with background research makes more sense. Fred Arnold mentioned safety, ballistics, and common / expected and business issues including financial risk; he asked what is our current insurance and what homework should we do before we approach our insurance carrier. The consensus was the the board needs to take a very deliberate and reasoned approach. Beyond that, additional safety issues like lead contamination may need to be addressed if research indicates that we should look at them.

Chris Lemmon called the question; Lee Gower seconded the call.

Motion *failed*. The secretary asked membership whether their sense was that the motion failed not due to its concept but to the timing; the answer was yes.

- Jason Wroblewski has donated time and materials to change and put more lighting on an outdoor range bays 1 and 2. Craig thanked him for his contributions.

FOAC Report: Bob Oles – excused; no report

County League Report: Craig Holdren – Rich reporting.

- Operation game thief is trying to get people to speak up if they see a game violation
- Reminded everyone to watch out for deer; PA has highest animal collision claims of any state

Unfinished Business:

- Nominating Committee: The suggestion was made that an email to be sent to all members to submit nominee names.

New Business:

- Lee Gower proposed a MOTION to amend the club bylaws' paragraph 6.3 as follows:

To be added as a new paragraph at the end of the current Section 6.3: "The Executive Board shall not have authority to make permanent changes to the Range Rules without a majority vote of members present at a Regular Meeting, Annual Meeting or Special Meeting as defined in Article V. Temporary changes to the Range Rules deemed necessary by the Executive Board under their authority of 'general supervision and control of all the activities of the Club' will be valid only until the next Regular Meeting, Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, at which time they will be put to a vote of the membership if the Executive Board feels that the temporary change needs to be extended."

Good of the Order:

- Dale Garen: This club is going the way of social clubs in Beaver County. Offices are empty and we need to get younger people involved. He also wanted Chris Lemmon's resignation letter read; the secretary read it.
- Kevin Martin noted that there are more target frames needed. Craig asked for volunteers to help make target frames with Dale; ferring strips are still expensive so he's been dragging his feet. Given the concern, he will buy some. Craig noted that NRA money from memberships was to go toward target frames and asked Dale to go ahead.

Junior Rifle Raffle:

- Winner was Dave Lozier who donated his winnings back to the club; Craig thanked him.

Next meeting: December 13 at 8 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Fred Arnold, second by Christ Liebergott. PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Wetzel, Secretary