

# ***Gate City Sport Shooting Association***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 19, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Chuck Howell called to order the regular meeting of the Gate City Sport Shooting Association at 7:02 pm on October 19, 2017 at the Oregon Trail Shooting Range Larry Allenbaugh Clubhouse.

### **II. Attendance**

The following persons were present: Chuck Howell (President), Kelly Anderson (Vice President), Denis Freudenthal (Treasurer), Michael Wheelock, (Secretary), Ron Gill, Richard Lopez, Steve McClung, Jeff Houck, Robert Croker, Tony Domingo

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approval of the September meeting minutes was motioned by Ron Gill and seconded by Steve McClung. A vote to approve the September meeting minutes was unanimously in favor.

### **IV. Open issues**

- a) Power has been run to the main firing line for the hot/cold range system. Chuck would like to complete the system before the weather gets too bad. Chuck plans to send out an email notice asking for volunteers to work on the system.
- b) Gordon Perry was going to bring drawings of the lean-to that the Southern Idaho Rangers want to put up, but he was not present at the meeting. Chuck reiterated that he wants to make sure that a vehicle can easily get past the lean-to and into the Gulleyville area.

### **V. New business**

- a) Steve McClung presented sketches of a shade that they want to put up in addition to the lean-to. Steve stated that there will be room to get larger vehicles between the buildings and the proposed shade. No decision was made on approval of the shade.
- b) Chuck stated that Mickelson Construction will be doing some work to loosen dirt in the bays, place wood chips, perform erosion control work on the main line, bring rock in by the boxcars, and place a culvert to prevent erosion on the

road out to the main line. This work is expected to take 30 to 40 hours over two weeks.

- c) Insurance form for the Vaqueros has been submitted and approved.
- d) Tony Domingo, President of Portneuf Muzzleloaders, and Bob Croker, Vice President of Portneuf Muzzleloaders talked about their organization and expressed a desire to possibly use the Oregon Trail Shooting Range for some of their activities. They would like a site that is closer to town to get better turnouts for their events. They typically shoot out to about 100 yards, but have shot as far as 200 yards. They typically have between 3 and 20 participants, and hold their events on the last Saturday of the month.

Chuck suggested that Gulleyville might be suitable with some clean-up work, but that backstops need to be constructed in Gulleyville at the longer ranges for safety. Chuck went over some of the GCSSA policies including the \$3 non-member range use fee, how recognized disciplines have priority use of the range facilities over for-profit training events, and that disciplines are expected to volunteer time to help with upkeep of the range. Tony indicated that they were on board with those requirements.

Chuck said we would give them an opportunity to bring out their members and try out the range on a trial run. Chuck mentioned that to be recognized as a discipline, they would have to go through the formal process. He also mentioned that the scheduling meeting is held in February each year. Tony said that they have a Facebook page, but the content is not up to date. Tony and Bob wanted to consult with their membership to see if they felt the Oregon Trail Shooting Range would be a good fit.

- e) Chuck stated that he was working on a grant through Friends of NRA to fund extension of the barrier wall in Gulleyville and some needed culvert work.
- f) Chuck stated that the Broken Clays Trap Club has a formal event scheduled on the first Saturday of every month starting in November. Chuck also said that others (Portneuf Muzzleloaders) can use the trap range if they coordinate with the Broken Clays club.
- g) Chuck discussed how the state meeting for the Friends of NRA will be held here in January. The GCSSA will be feeding the participants of the meeting, and will set up some shooting activities for the group. He also mentioned that there will not be a meeting held in December before this occurs.

- h) Chuck discussed how the current bylaws indicate that we will mail out notices. This needs to be changed. Chuck will be asking board members and anyone else who would like to help revise them to provide input on how we can make them better at the November meeting.
- i) There was discussion about what to do with the welder in the tool room that has not been used for many years. There is no outlet to use it and Chuck would like to get rid of it to free up space. Richard Lopez offered to take it. Steve McClung motioned to let Richard have it. Kelly Anderson seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.
- j) The GCSSA needs help putting the 2018 membership packets together. Denis thought it would take 6 to 8 people about two hours to complete the packets. Preliminary date was set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- k) Kelly was able to get most of the membership information from Delynn. There are 190 memberships unaccounted for. Many of the applicants did not provide their email address. The new membership forms will state that members choose to opt out of range communications if they do not provide an email address. Chuck stated that the GCSSA will be using email to communicate with the membership about projects going on at the range.
- l) Membership price dropped to \$30 after Labor Day. This price drop will likely occur each year from this year going forward (to be evaluated). 2018 membership forms will be delivered to sellers by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2017 lock will be removed on February 1, 2018. There will be a new key system for lifetime and veteran members.
- m) Earmal McKinley has accepted the Membership Coordinator position. The position will start on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- n) Denis went over the GCSSA finances.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Chuck Howell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Wheelock

Minutes approved by: Chuck Howell