

Gate City Sport Shooting Association

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

I. Call to Order

Chuck Howell called to order the regular meeting of the Gate City Sport Shooting Association at 7:00 pm on May 16, 2019 at the Oregon Trail Shooting Range Larry Allenbaugh Clubhouse.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present: Chuck Howell (President), Kelly Anderson (Vice President), Michael Wheelock, (Secretary/Treasurer), Adam Sorenson (Member at Large), David Read, Jeff Houck, Ron Gill, Layne Dustin, Gordon Perry, Steve Payne, Calvin Murdock, Chance Rowley, Matt Pallante, Juel Lambert, and Phillip Bauman.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Approval of the April meeting minutes was motioned by Steve Payne and seconded by Layne Dustin. A vote to approve the April meeting minutes was unanimously in favor.

IV. GCSSA Finance Update

Michael Wheelock discussed the GCSSA financial transactions that took place during the month of April.

V. Membership Update

Earmal McKinley was not present but sent an update via email. He reported that there are now 775 members in the 2019 database. He has taken membership packets 1200 to 1300 and distributed most of those to vendors. Membership packets 1301 to 1400 are the last of the memberships, which are still in the safe. Earmal suggested the Board discuss if more memberships should be ordered/assembled. He said it takes about a month to get the keys cut and numbered and the packets assembled.

Chuck suggested getting 200 more keys made and said Kingdom Keys has been doing this work for GCSSA. Steve Payne made a motion to make 200 more membership packets. Gordon Perry seconded the motion. Chuck advised that this would be a Board decision, so no vote was held. Chuck said that Safari Graphics has been making the membership cards and copies of the paperwork.

VI. Shooting Discipline Reports

3-Gun: 23 shooters at the May 3-Gun event, which was a good turnout. The stages were challenging. Chuck said it is a lot of work to set up for the 3-Gun events. He said there has been interest by people who want to continue 3-Gun after he leaves. Chuck will provide information and related documents to those interested. Adam Sorensen volunteered to coordinate the 3-Gun events with help from some of the other regular participants.

2-Gun: The May match was cancelled, but prior matches have had a good turnout. These matches are typically all steel which requires minimal reset between shooters. Chuck mentioned that most of the steel targets used belong to the range with the exception of the Idaho Star that Travis Buck loaned us and a Mozambique target that Phillip Bauman has loaned us. Phillip Bauman would like to continue the 2-Gun matches and has volunteered to coordinate them.

Handgun: Chuck said someone needs to take over the handgun events after he leaves. He said the setup is much easier for these events. Juel Lambert volunteered to run the handgun events after Chuck leaves.

Rangers: Had a memorial shoot for Richard Lopez with the Vaqueros. They had 30 to 35 shooters and a large number of spectators. There were four stages with a barbeque in between.

Vaqueros: Combined with Rangers (see above).

Portneuf Muzzleloaders: Had a shoot the last weekend in April with 10 shooters.

Sporting Rifle: Ran a "Stang" course. They are working out the details on their steel target system. They had 3 shooters.

Airgun: Helped with the high-school rodeo event in lieu of holding a shoot. Jeff Houck will help coordinate the High-school rodeo events moving forward.

NRL 22: Had 17 shooters at last match.

Broken Clays: No report.

VII. Old Business (open issues)

a) Ongoing Range Projects

- Land Transfer / Sale: Chuck said we currently lease 80 acres. The BLM stated they want to sell it to us a couple of years ago. Danny Miller is the contact for the land transfer at the BLM. Chuck has not been able to get in touch with Danny in several months. Chuck

suggested trying to contact Craig Parrish, who is a range member and an attorney. Chuck had been working with Gil Judkins to estimate the value of the land. Chuck said we need someone to champion this project and keep it going. He stated that we have been keeping a large balance in our reserve account for this purpose. Chuck also said that we need to spend \$15K for an initial study (appraisal) and would then have 6 months to initiate the purchase. He thought the BLM would sell us the land for 50% of assessed value because of our continuous use of the land.

- New Eagle Scout projects: A scout named Gage was going to do some painting on the main line. Chuck said we also need a new door on the boxcar. He said he would pass on the contact information for the scout projects to the board members so they can continue with these projects..
 - Wood chips/gravel: We need more gravel at the bottom of Gulleyville on the road side. Chuck suggested that maybe we could have Mickelson's lay some out. It would need to be worked a bit to fill in the potholes. We also need to spread wood chips out on road that goes out to target areas on the main line to prevent erosion. Kelly said he would get an estimate on some gravel work.
 - Additional bell/light for hot/cold range system: Joel Johnstun is willing to help with this project. Chuck said we had most of the parts we need already.
- b) Building Security Updates – Chuck said he checked with our insurance company and found that we are not covered for theft due to how far out the range is located. We are still considering a camera and security system. Chuck had the Clubhouse rekeyed and has issued about 15 new keys. There are currently no leads on who may have broken the window or stolen the items.

VIII. New Business

- a) Chuck Howell will be moving to Oregon and stepping down as the President of the GCSSA. Kelly will take over as acting President for the remainder of the year in accordance with the bylaws. Chuck stated that we should have an election to fill the Vice President position next month and review the Bylaws for the proper procedure.
- b) Pavement Repair – There are a good number of potholes in the pavement at the curve and cattle guard. There is also a section of pavement in front of the

cattle guard that seems to be sinking in a line. Kelly said he would get an estimate to repair these areas.

- c) Rule #17 – As a follow-up to his suggestions from the previous meeting, Layne suggested a revision to the rule to include distances for pistol, rifle, and rimfire. He proposed rifle at 100 yards for any steel target. Layne will give Mike a copy of his proposed rule change to review.
- d) Inventory of club owned steel targets – Chuck has made an inventory list of steel targets that are owned by the GCSSA that are used in 3-Gun, 2-Gun, and the pistol events. He will also list which targets are on loan from individuals. He will distribute the list to board members and to those who have expressed interest in running these events. Chuck stated that he would like to see the range get a wheeled plate rack and a Steel Challenge set. Chuck asked that we get pricing for the next meeting.
- e) RSO Safety Officer Guidelines – Chuck said John had been checking memberships again. The purpose of the RSO is to ensure that people are shooting safely. Chuck revised the RSO guidelines again and asked Mike to put them the revised guidelines on the website for member review.
- f) Portable toilets – We need to call Four J’s to repair a couple of the toilets. Kelly said he will call them and ask them to service all the toilets, including the one at the shotgun range, and make repairs. There was a request from the Cowboy shooters for an upgraded Porta-Potty near Gulleyville. Kelly said he thought the larger toilets were about \$3,500. Chuck said that purchasing was cheaper than long term rental. Kelly said he would check on pricing for the larger toilets.
- g) Joel Johnstun’s membership – Chuck upgraded Joel Johnstun’s membership to a lifetime membership for his work on the hot/cold range safety system. Chuck will scan his membership form and send it to Mike.

IX. Adjournment

Chuck Howell adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Wheelock

Minutes approved by: Kelly Anderson