

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

## ***Meeting Minutes***

September 19, 2019

### **I. Call to Order**

Kelly Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the Gate City Sport Shooting Association at 7:00 pm on September 19, 2019 at the Oregon Trail Shooting Range Larry Allenbaugh Clubhouse.

### **II. Attendance**

The following persons were present: Kelly Anderson (Interim President), Layne Dustin (Interim Vice President), Michael Wheelock, (Secretary/Treasurer), Adam Sorenson (Member at Large), David Read, Steve McClung, Calvin Murdock, Charles Mahler, Jeff Houck, Steve Payne, and John Poole.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Approval of the August meeting minutes was motioned by David Read and seconded by Steve Payne. A vote to approve the August meeting minutes was unanimously in favor.

### **IV. GCSSA Finance Update**

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

He said he has been looking into the tax exemption status of the GCSSA for a grant he is writing. Through a request to the IRS, he found that the GCSSA is not a 501(c)(3), but is a 501(c)(7) Recreational or Social Club.

Mike explained that according to Idaho Tax Code, non-profit shooting ranges like the GCSSA are exempt from paying sales tax on membership fees, fees collected to attend shooting events, and guest fees. He showed the members present the specific code. He said he had been in contact with a tax policy specialist at the state who agreed. Mike explained that we will not ask for refunds because the state would expect that we return any sales tax collected in error to the members who paid it in. This would mean writing thousands of small checks and mailing them.

Mike applied for and received a credit card tied to the GCSSA that he can use for online and other purchases. This will prevent Mike from using his own card and asking for large reimbursements each month.

## **V. Membership Update**

Earmal was not present. Mike talked to Earmal before the meeting and Earmal had stated that he has only collected three memberships so far during this month. He sold one, and Gunslingers sold two. HUX was too busy and he was not able to talk to them when he went in, but someone said they had sold a few. Sam's was also too busy, but someone said he had sold two. We are still waiting on checks from C-A-L Ranch and Sportsman's Warehouse. Sportsman's is significantly behind with up to a possible 210 memberships sold that we have not been paid for. He has been having difficulty getting in touch with Shelby. He reiterated that Sportsman's will not receive large quantities of memberships next year and will have to pay for those sold before getting a new allotment.

He also suggested that we give the person who won a membership at the Sportsmen Against Hunger event a 2020 membership since he was not able to contact Chuck about getting his membership key and card. The Board agreed.

## **VI. Shooting Discipline Reports**

3-Gun: The September event had 21 Shooters. Since it was their last event of the season, they had a BBQ as part of the event. They used 3 bays again and ran three squads. They had an optional head-to-head shoot off after the main match.

2-Gun: September event had 8 shooters. They shot two short, fun stages. This was their last event of the season.

Handgun: August Steel Challenge had 11 shooters, including one female. They shot two stages. They will have their last event of the season on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Rangers: 8 or 9 shooters shot four stages and had fun.

Vaqueros: 4 shooters shot 3 stages. They will have a steel buffalo target for long range black powder and serve food at their next event, which will likely be the last event of the year. Steve McClung asked for reimbursement for half of a \$480 AR500 buffalo target. Kelly Anderson made a motion that the GCSSA pay \$300. Steve Payne seconded the motion. A vote on the matter was unanimously in favor. The Board also approved the expense.

Portneuf Muzzleloaders: No report.

Sporting Rifle: Just two participants at the Stang shoot.

Airgun: The usual few participated in one event. They participated in the Steel Challenge event in lieu of holding one of their events.

NRL 22: Had 20 shooters. Two spectators came to watch. They now have a consistent base of about 12 shooters. NRL granted permission to use larger targets, which will help cut down on the attrition of less skilled shooters.

Broken Clays: No shoots during summer.

## **VII. Old Business (open issues)**

### **a) Ongoing Range Projects**

- Land Transfer / Sale: Mike was called by the BLM. They are trying to set up a meeting with representatives from BLM and Commissioner Tovey to discuss the future of the range.
- New Eagle Scout projects: Mike has worked with two scouts to complete Eagle projects. One built six gun racks, which are now complete. The other painted all the posts on the main firing line. He is working with another scout who is interested in a project.
- Gravel / Pavement Repairs: Kelly said the paving companies are all still busy, but he would like to get to these projects before the end of the year.
- Additional bell/light for hot/cold range system: Nothing new to report. Joel Johnstun was not at the meeting and he is leading this project.
- Carpeting of Benches: Charles Mahler and Bill Purnell did more work on the benches. Eight benches on main line are fully carpeted. They will buy more carpet and finish the project in the spring. More than half are done now. One has cigarette damage. It was suggested to have ashtrays available, and maybe a place to put used cigarettes.
- Shade in Gulleyville: Steve McClung has finished staining the shade windbreak wall. He would like to buy a piece of T-111 to close gap between shade and shed. The Board approved the expense.
- Fee Safe for Gulleyville: Nothing new to report. Gordon Perry will install the safe when he is feeling better.
- Clubhouse Door Latch: Mike has ordered a heavy duty barrel bolt for the bottom of the door.
- Mouse Problem: Mike has not had time to get estimates/advice on the mouse problem yet. Layne volunteered to get an estimate from an extermination company.
- Concrete Pad for Portable Toilets: Kelly will get started on the pad. Kelly will also check again on the urinals.
- Display Monitor for Clubhouse: Mike purchased a 55" 4K TV from Costco for under \$300. He has also purchased a protective cover for it. He will buy a secure mount for it. Power still needs to be ran to the wall where it will be mounted.

- Boxcar Door: Seems to be working as long as you don't pull the handle out while it is unlocked. Steve McClung is still working to get an estimate to replace the door with something different.
- Tablet for Vaqueros: Mike has been working on getting a GCSSA Amazon account set up to make this purchase. Now that he has a credit card for GCSSA, he will purchase the tablet.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a) Insurance Inspection
  - i. Fire extinguishers – The three fire extinguishers in the Clubhouse have been recertified. One had to be disassembled and inspected. The cost was \$39. This will have to be done annually. Next year, the other two have to be torn down.
  - ii. Propane tank – Amerigas has moved the tank to the proper distance from the building. The propane line still needs to be hooked back up.
  - iii. Insurance for “contractors” – Mike did not understand the definition of “contractor” when he said we have contractors do work at the range. The insurance company had mandated that contractors carry liability and workmen’s compensation insurance before performing work at the range. He will explain his misunderstanding in his response and is hopeful this will clear up this mandate.
  - iv. Circuit breaker box – Needs to have a filler panel installed over empty circuit.
- b) Feedback from Member Survey: Mike had a handout with the survey results. The results were discussed. There was strong interest by the membership in a monthly newsletter. There was also strong interest in expanding the distances that can be shot at the range. It was explained that the limitations of the property that GCSSA leases prevents expansion beyond the current range on the main firing line.
- c) Firearms in Safe: There was discussion about the origin and intended use of the firearms in the safe. Layne suggested that we sell some of the guns either through consignment or auction. Some of the rifles are missing sights and/or magazines. This discussion item was tabled until the next meeting.
- d) Franklin Building Supply: Mike asked if anyone knew why we decided to use Franklin to source our lumber. Nobody knew why. Mike priced lumber at Home Depot and it was considerably less expensive. Mike will look into a setting up a Home Depot account for the GCSSA.

- e) Service for Ranger UTV: Mike asked if anyone knew when the last time the Ranger had been serviced. Kelly thought it had been serviced about a year ago. Kelly suggested that it is probably due for another service.
- f) Storage solutions for items in Clubhouse: Mike said the storage of items in the Clubhouse is getting excessive and something needs to change. This discussion item was tabled due to time constraints.
- g) FNRA Grant: Mike is working on a Friends of NRA grant proposal to obtain some expensive targets that would benefit several shooting disciplines. His priorities are a nice plate rack on a trailer with rifle armor, and a propeller rack. Other targets would also be nice, but he is cautious about asking for too much. Steve McClung said he would like to get some tombstone racks.
- h) Gift Certificates: Mike proposed that we have Safari Graphics create some gift certificates this year. Vendors would sell them and people can buy them as gifts. They can also be used as donations for raffles that the GCSSA wishes to support. David Read motioned to move forward with the creation of gift certificates, Steve Payne seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was unanimously in favor. Mike said he will first consult with Earmal to see if he (or the vendors) had any logistical concerns.
- i) Range Signage: Steve McClung would like a new sign in Gulleyville to let people know they can't shoot there. There was more discussion about changing/updating many of the signs on the range. Layne Dustin will review the signage on the range currently and come up with suggested changes.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Wheelock

Minutes approved by: Kelly Anderson