

Gate City Sport Shooting Association

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 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 January 17, 2019 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), Jeff Houck, Richard Higashi, David Read, Earmal McKinley, Richard Lopez, Gordon Perry, Daniel Leatham, Calvin Murdock, Jim Farmer, Rick Hillman, Steve McClung, Charles Mahler, Ron Gill, Adam Sorenson, Gary Toop, Bruce Wheatley, and Clyde Huseby.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

November minutes need corrections. Switch Rangers and Vaquero shooting discipline reports and remove shooting bench carpet update. Approval of the November meeting minutes with noted revisions was motioned by Gordon Perry and seconded by Richard Lopez. A vote to approve the November meeting minutes was unanimously in favor.

IV. Annual Meeting Business

a) Annual Financial Report – Denis Freudenthal

Denis went over the annual financial report. Rick Hillman motioned to accept the report, Jim Farmer seconded. A vote was unanimously in favor of acceptance.

b) Annual Summary of Activities – Chuck Howell

- Chuck is continuing to work on a possible land purchase, and working with a realtor to get comparable land prices
- Improvements to Gulleyville included extending the barrier wall, creating an access road to place targets, building new target berms, and building a shade. Two new facades were also built by the Vaqueros. The shade still needs some finishing touches (ridge cap, gable ends, fascia).
- Main firing line hot/cold range safety system was completed
- Progress has been made on a project to cover the wood shooting benches with carpet
- Eagle scout project resulted in four new gun racks being built

- ICCU employees volunteered time to install wooden steps going down to boxcar
- Steel posts were installed for target backers in bays
- Wood chips were placed in bays and on main firing line
- A new Membership Coordinator position was created, which has eliminated most of the membership issues we have had in the past
- We hosted Friends of NRA for an event and meal
- We participated in the Sportsmen Against Hunger event at CAL Ranch
- We hosted an NRA Range Safety Officer training in May to train RSOs for our shooting disciplines
- We hosted a High School State Rodeo Finals shooting event (22 rifle)
- We hosted the Pistols for Pets event (fundraiser for Bannock Humane Society)
- We held hunter sight in days for the general public
- The shooting disciplines held numerous shooting events
- We hosted the Women's Defensive Pistol League

V. Membership Update

Earmal McKinley reported that Sportsman's still owes us about \$700 for 2018 memberships. They have implemented new procedures to avoid some of these problems in the future. Moving forward, Sportsman's will be given smaller lots and will settle up with us on the previous lot before getting another.

VI. Shooting Discipline Reports

Rangers: Did not hold events in December or January. A Christmas party was held at Kelly's house. About 30 people attended. Sam and the Rangers bought a new Vaquero pistol to raffle. Raffle tickets will be given out for participation in events during the year and the drawing will be held at the 2019 Christmas party.

Airgun: Held an indoor shoot in December.

VII. Old Business (open issues)

a) Ongoing Range Projects

- Land Transfer / Sale: Due to the government shutdown, the meeting that Chuck had scheduled with the BLM did not take place.
- Rail Car Door: Chuck got it closed, but he is worried about getting it open again. Chuck suggested removing the door and building a wood frame in the opening for a regular door when the weather warms up.

- b) ISU SSA shed – Kelly has leveled a spot and it is ready for ISU. Chuck signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ISU that clarifies that ISU still owns the shed and the contents.
- c) Revision of GCSSA bylaws / RSO Guidelines – Chuck is still working on the Bylaws and RSO Guidelines. Chuck hopes to post them for review and send out emails asking for members to review them and provide input. Chuck would like to vote on the revised bylaws next month.

VIII. New Business

- a) Replacement Membership Cards / Associate Member Cards

Denis Freudenthal made a motion to put in place steps for members to obtain replacement membership cards and associate member cards as follows:

Members may request a replacement membership card following these steps:

- 1. Member attends monthly board meeting, bringing their range key with them*
- 2. Member presents circumstances of lost membership card*
- 3. Board of Directors discusses request and if approved, issues member a replacement card. If approved, the replacement card will be signed and dated by at least two board members, and the key number will be written on card. The replacement card will be given to the member and the event will be recorded in the meeting minutes.*

Members may request an associate member card for their significant other following these steps.

- 1. Member attends monthly board meeting, bringing their range key and membership card with them.*
- 2. Member requests associate member card for their significant other.*
- 3. Board of Directors discusses request and if approved, issues the member an associate member card. The associate member card will be signed and dated by at least two board member and will have "Associate Member," originating member key number, and issue date written on it. Card will be given to member and the event will be recorded in the meeting minutes.*

Steve McClung motioned to approve, Jim Farmer seconded. A vote to accept the new policy was unanimously in favor.

b) Delta Waterfowl Banquet – Request for donation of membership

There was discussion which concluded that we don't know enough about the organization and it was felt they should come to a meeting to introduce their organization and ask for the donation in person. Chuck said he would contact them and let them know.

c) Sportsmen Against Hunger – CAL Ranch will be holding an event/fundraiser for Sportsmen Against Hunger on January 26th. Chuck suggested we donate two annual memberships and have a GCSSA representative present at a table to tell people about the range. The Rangers are planning to attend and set up a table also. David Read made a motion to donate two memberships, Jim Farmer seconded. A vote was unanimously in favor.

d) NRL 22 Events (not on original agenda) – David Read made a proposal to hold NRL 22 events on the fourth Saturday of each month during the summer on the main firing line. These events would fall under the existing sporting rifle and airgun disciplines. He asked if the GCSSA would be willing to fund some steel targets to host the events. Ron Gill stated the target pack would cost \$330. Chuck asked David and Ron to bring a list of needed equipment and costs to the next meeting. Chuck liked that the events might be attractive to young shooters. Two others (Daniel Leatham and Calvin Murdock) had been at the meeting to discuss the same events, but had to leave before the agenda item was visited. David Read said he would contact them to find out what they were proposing, and work with them if possible.

IX. Election of Directors/Officers

Steve Payne is not running for re-election to the member at large position. Jim Farmer made a motion to nominate the remaining board members to the positions they held during 2018. David Read seconded the motion. A vote was unanimously in favor. Adam Sorenson volunteered to fill the member at large position. Jim Farmer motioned to accept Adam as the member at large, David Read seconded. A vote was unanimously in favor.

X. Adjournment

Chuck Howell adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Wheelock

Minutes approved by: Chuck Howell