



October 2018 Monthly Minutes

Meeting was held at the WACC at 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 31st

Those attending the meeting were: Richard Boston, Mark Bovee, Carl Berg, Brian Griffith, Alan Colliander, Bill O'Neill, and Brian DeGrote. Nik Opsal, Pat Idstrom, and Ed Harapat were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by Brian Griffith. All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – Since we are only a few days away from the end of the year, there was no formal report to review. Carl said he's preparing a report contrasting the finances of 2017 and 2018. He noted that overall, business is down in 2018.

New Treasurer Needed – Carl announced his resignation as Treasurer, effective December 31, 2019.

Punch Card Winner - A name was drawn from all the completed punch cards turned in throughout the year. The winner receives a case of shells. The winner this year is Tim Fishel. Congratulations Tim!

The **Secretary's Report** for September was not reviewed.

Quorum – The Club's By-Laws were consulted and it was determined that 4 of 7 Board Members constitute a quorum, so monthly business could be conducted at this meeting.

Rifle and Pistol Range Improvement Project – The board voted to accept the labor bids from DeGrote Construction to do the work outlined in the DNR grant to make improvements to the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. In order to complete the work that needs to be done in a timely manner this winter, Brian needs to get holes drilled before freeze up to anchor the canopies on the Rifle Range and to position the bullet backstops on the Pistol Range.

As proposed, there will be two canopies on the Rifle Range, approximately 10' x 14' with a two position shooting bench under each one. A 12' wide lane for access to the targets will also be provided. It was determined that each of the four shooting positions will have a bench seat as part of the construction. Seat height will be approximately 16-18" and shooting table height will be approximately 30-32".



Brian DeGrote noted that the overall width of the Pistol Range backstops is effectively limited by the size of the railroad ties specified to be used for construction. The distance from the fire line for each of the two bullet stops was discussed at length. Bill O'Neill pointed out that NRA pistol target (paper) requires a distance of 50'. The distance to the steel target rack, and indeed the viability of the current rack itself were questioned as far as design, target height, target ware, etc.

Bill O'Neill suggested a design change incorporating a steel plate angled so that bullets are deflected down into a sand pit inside the bullet backstops. He said that several hundred pounds of lead are extracted each year in similar designs he's seen. The rest of the bullet stop, railroad ties, would remain as designed.

In the Pistol Range Firing Line Enclosure (pistol shed), the remodeling will include open cell foam insulation to absorb sound.

Both Ranges Closed Until Further Notice – In contradiction to a motion passed at the September Monthly Meeting, due to demolition and reconstruction going on at both the Rifle and Pistol Ranges, it was decided that the club would be closed to all activity as of November 3, 2018 and would not re-open until further notice. Effectively, there will be no shooting benches on the Rifle Range, no shooting positions in the pistol shed, and no targets to shoot on either range at until reconstruction is complete.

Range Report - A 4-page report was presented by Club Manager, Richard Boston: The Range Report listed 22 line items of activities and needs, and included a calendar of activities through the Club opening next spring. Here are a few highlights of the report:

1. The repaired septic system appears to be working well
2. The Outhouses need to be replaced and we have received bids to do so
3. Water leakage through the ridge vent on the storage shed was noted. Clay pigeons stored there needed to be tarped to prevent damage.
4. Staffing needs for 2019 were discussed. All workers need time off and the Club must find enough well trained staff to allow each to take a few days off during the year.
5. The lock was stolen from the front gate and needed to be replaced.
6. The Trap Team's 2019 use schedule, and the Club's financial participation in that endeavor, needs to be reviewed by the board and communicated to the Trap Club.



7. The date for Youth Firearm Safety Training in 2019 (Range Day) will be announced by lead instructor, Bonnie Conrad, after the first of the year.
8. Staff would like the club to consider paying them every two weeks instead of monthly as is now the case.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 by President, Brian Griffith