
BBSC Minutes of Meeting

February 7, 2023

The meeting was attended by 16 members and no guests.

Location of the meeting was the Masonic Lodge in Alpine. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by president Jim Westermann. John Hollis gave an excellent invocation.

Secretary Scott McClanahan read the January 3rd minutes. John Hollis motioned to accept and Roger Amis seconded, the motion carried.

Liz Measures read the treasurer's report. Expenses include archery range materials, repairs to target mounts, springs for the Whirly-Gig, and steel IDPA targets for the rifle range. There were 34 keys sold, 30 members and 4 LEOs (ICE & HSI). 388 total keys sold with the count 3 ahead of this time last year. The club funds increased by about \$2000 in January. Gail Yovanovich motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Roger Amis seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business

Philip O'Shaughnessy gave the shotgun report with comments from Monty Kimball. One of the skeet machines is throwing targets randomly. The manufacture is sending a part to prevent cycling on its own. The trap house and high house need the roofs replaced and we need to put together the materials.

Electrical problems reported by Jim Westermann include a buried line that appears to be broken and the high house wiring needs organizing and not understood. Sean Mitchell of Marfa is one electrician recommended. Kyp Angel agreed to find an electrician.

Camera report by Jim Westermann included 7 of 8 cameras installed. The 4 cameras on high house do not work due to a power problem (they work when hooked to a generator). Jim recommends keeping Aaron on the installation project. Aaron will organize the wiring in the high house.

New Business

Rusty Kline did the target shed demolition and removal for \$200. Justin Rossi moved the shotgun conex to the target shed slab. Clay targets and the white barrels are now in the new conex at the rifle range. This conex needs magnets to secure the camera wires at the top of the walls. The shotgun conex had debris behind it that needs to be hauled off.

Philip O'Shaughnessy did the mowing.

Discussion about more organized shoots included youth events with 22 bolt-action rifles. The 4H club likes shooting small silhouettes. They bring their own rifles and learn about cleaning them. There are 20 sets of the silhouettes. Eight shooters can man the firing line at one time. A pig shoot was recommended with the prize being pork spare ribs. The Alpine Christian School now has a membership and is primarily interested in shotgun shooting. Bobby Duncan signed the release form. The next discussion was about the letter Jim Westermann received from the Border Patrol (BP) in Marfa. Their range is closed for lead reclamation (5 weeks), and they want to use the BBSC range for qualifiers and training. There is a membership discount for LEOs (\$60). Monty Kimball asked about which BP stations - Alpine, Marfa, Presidio - and he will contact the BP and get more information. Jim Westermann asked about which ranges they would use - Pistol #1 and the rifle range. - where the BP use would not close the entire site. Kyp Angel was concerned about the BP offering more money for the site lease and we lose our range. He is also concerned how much the range would be closed and unavailable to members. Monty recommended a limit of 40 BP personnel at the site at one time. Robert Johnson reported that only the DEA and HSI have asked to close the entire range in the past. Roger Amis recommended limiting the BP stations to just Alpine and concerned about supervision and safety with too many BP personnel on site. Ralph Gruebel expressed concern about not working out an arrangement with the BP and our year to year lease could go to the BP.

Jim Westermann recommends the secretary's new member information document be finalized and reviewed by the board and added to the web site. The archery range rules will also be finalized and approved and added to the web site. Signage at that range will post the rules, too.

Gail Yovanovich motioned to adjourn at 7:03pm and Roger Amis seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott McClanahan #270
BBSC Secretary
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