

BBSC February Meeting Notice

The meeting is Tuesday, February 6th, at 6pm at the Mason's Building, 2300 Highway 118 North in Alpine. This building is adjacent to the south side of the TXDOT yard.

Special Speaker

After the meeting adjourns, we will have a special out of state speaker. Alex Shay is the Caliber Club Coordinator of the GOA, and the West Virginia GOA Director. We may hear about the Caliber Club program.

We will also meet Alex at the range for some fun. I will send another notification when we get the range visit set.

Attached Material

Below in this packet are the following:

1. **December Minutes** as there was no January meeting. The same content as sent in January.
2. **Meeting agenda**
3. Organized Shoots flier
4. Shotgun Range flier
5. Book review (part 1) of "The Right to Bear Arms" by Stephen P Halbrook

Organized Shoots

- Every Saturday at 2pm is steel target shooting on Pistol #1. Please note the new time. Both weekend shoots are now 2pm.
- Every Sunday at 2pm is either skeet or trap, rotating each week. This Sunday (31st) is skeet, January 7th trap, 14th skeet, 21st trap, and 28th skeet.

Range Closings

- 2pm to 5pm on Sundays for shotgun range access and parking

Please check the web site **Events** calendar for range closures before going to the range. None are scheduled at this time outside of rifle on Sunday afternoons.

Good Shooting!
Scott McClanahan
BBSC Secretary



BIG BEND SPORTSMAN CLUB AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON: 2/6/2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT _____ PM

_____ TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer

BY PRESIDING OFFICER _Jim Westermann_

_____ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

_____ INVOCATION

_____ INTRO OF GUESTS:

_____ OPENING MESSAGE: President

_____ READING OF MINUTES: Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

_____ Trap & Skeet events: Monty Kimball / Philip O'Shaunessy

_____ Archery events - Ralph Grubel

NEW BUSINESS

_____ Plan organized shoots / youth events - Luke Hendryx

_____ Port-a-Potty update

_____ Upcoming range closures

QUESTION & ANSWER / open floor

_____ ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REMINDERS FROM PRESIDENT/ VP / SECRETARY /
TREASURER / RANGE OFFICER

_____ MEETING ADJOURNED AT _____ PM

BBSC Minutes of Meeting

December 5, 2023

The meeting was attended by 13 members and no guests.

Location of the meeting was the Masonic Lodge in Alpine. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by president Jim Westermann. John O Hollis gave the invocation.

Reports

The November 7th minutes were read by Scott McClanahan. Robert Johnson motioned to accept and Kyp Angel seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Liz Measures read the treasurer's report. Expenses include \$4500 to five Second Amendment organizations and \$1000 to the Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club. \$2900 was spent on repairs, material for archery targets, target frame cardboard backing, plus spray paint and new flags. There were 32 new members and 5 LEOs. Sul Ross paid for last year's 9 members. There are 312 total members. John O Hollis motioned to accept the treasurer report, and Kyp Angel seconded. The report was accepted.

Old Business

Monty Kimball reported the \$115 trap machine parts were installed to fix throwing two clays at once in the high and low houses.

The First Rendezvous will be after Christmas. No date was set.

A letter of appreciation from the Alpine Christian School for the raffle was received and read by Jim Westermann. This is the first year in seven years of the ACS having a fundraiser that an organization has sponsored their gun raffle.

New Business

The club wants to buy a new dueling tree. The old one is no good and unrepairable. Two spring rifle targets were shot off and need repair.

Robert Johnson motioned to adjourn at 6:29pm and Kyp Angel seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott McClanahan #270

BBSC Secretary

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Organized Shoots

@ the BBSC Range

Pistol Steel Targets

Every Saturday 2pm Pistol #1

Pistols and Pistol Caliber Carbines

Draw from Strong-Side Holster with a Shot Timer

Skeet or Trap

Every Sunday 2pm Shotgun Range

Rotates Every Week between Skeet and Trap

Parking on the Rifle Range, North of the High House



Organized Shoots

On the Shotgun Range

Trap

February 4 Sunday 2pm

Skeet

February 11 Sunday 2pm

Trap

February 18 Sunday 2pm

Skeet

February 25 Sunday 2pm

Parking on the rifle range north of the high house

For more information, email Scott at ki5anq@outlook.com

Book Review #2

by Scott McClanahan

"The Right to Bear Arms" by Stephen P Halbrook

This book is copyrighted in 2021 by Stephen P Halbrook and published by Post Hill Press. The soft-back book is 363 pages.

Foreword by Renee Lettow Lerner

The book begins with the 1970s "effort to stem violence and fear in cities and states upon the idea of restricting guns. Courts acquiesced to the new gun restrictions. Courts were not blameless in the rise of violent crimes." The new criminal procedures "increased costs and uncertainties of accurately investigating crimes, arresting offenders, trying them, and punishing them." The result "burdened criminal justice systems and lowered deterrence. Focusing on guns conveniently deflected attention from the effect of courts' decisions on criminal procedure."

This foreword by Ms. Lerner is an excellent essay about when America turned to gun control. "As a result of gun restrictions, criminal had an easier time wreaking havoc, intimidating, and making our cities even more unlivable. Police were overwhelmed."

Mr. Lerner makes it clear the relationship of Second Amendment rights and gun restrictions are causing the courts to underperform while encouraging crime. This is the core concept of the book, the right to bear arms and self defense with criminals allowed to run amok with no punishment.

It was not until 2012 that the first law school textbook on the Second Amendment was published. From the 1600's until recently, the right to bear arms and self defense were commonly accepted in the US. Now there is a proliferation of articles. "All of them need to address Steve's work." Ms. Lerner then begins a chronology of Stephen P Halbrook's books and papers including the 2008 book "The Founders' Second Amendment," which "remains the definitive account of the founding era history of the Amendment's origins, drafting, and ratification. His work is influential and widely read among judges." This includes the Supreme Court justices who "repeatedly cited and relied on his work. Federal courts have cited his work in 122 decisions."

To really understand the Second Amendment, one starts with Stephen's books, just as judges do.

One of my favorite statements from Ms. Lerner is about the current times. "Recent political and social unrest underscores the importance of this topic. The events of 2020 have emphasized to many, if they did not notice it before, that every citizen is his or her own first responder." This is the mantra of Brewster County! "For weeks, officials in Portland ceded all control over a swath of the city's downtown to rioters and anarchists. Looting, intimidation, and murders occurred." The result? "Nearly 23,000,000 firearms were purchased that year, a 65 percent increase over 2019. Sales to black Americans were up 58.2%, the largest increase for any demographic group." So who felt threatened by the race riots? The ones not rioting!

This was only the introduction to Stephen's book. I will continue the review in the next issue.