



Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

All board members were present, with 9 members in attendance.

CALLED TO ORDER

President Kyp Angel called the meeting of the Big Bend Sportsman Club to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INVOCATION

Roger led the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests introduced.

OPENING MESSAGE – President

President Kyp announced that Dave Wilson made a generous donation to the club. The donated funds may be used wherever they are needed. The club expressed its appreciation for his contribution.

Kyp also reported that 550 keys were made last year, and 56 unsold keys were returned to him. Because of this, he limited the number of keys to 500 for the 2026–2027 membership year.

READING OF MINUTES – Secretary

Secretary Lea Catano read the August meeting minutes. Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Dave Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that two checks were written, one for the lease payment and one for postage to mail the payment.

There are currently 54 new memberships for the 2026–2027 membership year. Insurance has been paid in full for the year, and the bookkeeper is still working on the club's tax information.

A brief discussion was held regarding lifetime members. Jay Fielder picked up his key, and it was noted that the club has approximately 10 or fewer lifetime members.

Service keys still need to be distributed to the portable toilet service, AEP, BBT, and trash service.

FROM THE RANGE

Shotgun, Trap & Skeet

Dave reported that everything is going well. Another pallet of clays will be picked up from True Value.

Pat reported that he has funds for the club and needs to get the regular shotgun shooters together. There are approximately 18–19 regular shooters.

Scott reported The Alpine Christian School shotgun program will begin September 16, with students using the range from approximately 3:00–5:30 PM. Debbie will send a check once a month and will handle purchase orders for safety supplies and communication with parents. Pat will sign orders through True Value, and True Value will invoice the club.

Dave Wilson ordered a new controller switch for approximately \$130 and will be reimbursed by the club.

Rifle

Kyp reported that he replaced the two swingers on the rifle range.

Pistol

No updates were reported.

Archery

Ralph had contacted Scott regarding the mowing. Scott stated that he trimmed the shotgun range after noticing that someone had mowed the archery area.

OLD BUSINESS

Trade/Swap/Rendezvous – August 15, 2026

The Trade/Swap/Rendezvous went well and was well attended. Members reported that the event was enjoyed by those who attended.

New Frame Stand Bases

Thirteen frame stand bases are currently being worked on. None of the bases located on top of the hill have been completed yet. Jim will remind the workers that those also need to be done. The goal is to have the project completed by October 3.

2026–2027 Membership Packages

Dave, Liz, Roger, Ralph, and Kyp stuffed all 500 membership envelopes. The process went very well and took approximately two hours. Kyp thanked everyone who helped. The new membership keys are now available.

Range Mowing

Mac's mowing machine is currently not running, and recommendations were requested for someone who may be able to repair it. Mac is expected to leave town September 9. Pat suggested Joel Munoz as another option for mowing the range. Pat will contact him and arrange to meet him at the range.

The possibility of Joel becoming a permanent mowing option was discussed. Mac also suggested possibly establishing a scheduled rotation between the two.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Trade/Swap/Rendezvous Date

The next Trade/Swap/Rendezvous will be held November 21, 2026, at the usual time and location.

Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club Annual Turkey Shoot

Jim and Kyp met with the Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club regarding the upcoming Annual Turkey Shoot. They requested a volunteer from the shotgun group to help run the event. A game of 21 was suggested.

The Turkey Shoot will be held October 3, 2026. Pat volunteered to assist with the event. A new flyer will hopefully be created since the memorial information was held off.

The cost will be \$5 per event.

QUESTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANSWERS

Scott asked whether the club owns a ShotKam and expressed interest in using it with the Alpine Christian School students.

Dave stated that he currently has the ShotKam and suggested using it with a tablet and the internet available at the range. The ShotKam will be placed on the shelf in the high house for use with the students.

Jim reminded everyone about the Gun & Knife Show this weekend.

A handgun raffle will also be held during the event.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held October 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Mac made a motion to adjourn, and Dean seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.