

# **LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 5, 2020**

The August, 2020 meeting of the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club (the “Club”) was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Karl Baum at the Anderson-Perry Conference Room on N. Fir St. in La Grande. 10 members attended the meeting, including the following members of the 2020 Executive Committee: Karl Baum, Dick Hohstadt, Gary Langlitz, Sheldon Strand, Darrel Plank, Trustee Dutch Brogoitti, and members Tim and Jess Roberts, Martin Creson, and Paul Harrell.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved and will be posted to the Club website (lgrpc.com).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Old Business:

-Subsequent to the July meeting, various members of the Exec. Committee have been involved in discussions concerning the use of the LGRPC ranges for “For Profit” firearms training. Karl presented a copy of proof of liability insurance coverage for Jason Deem, who is proposing to conduct training classes at the Club ranges for Concealed Carry permits and other firearms training. Karl is involved in that the classroom portions of these classes would be conducted at his business location. The Exec. Committee has expressed approval in concept for this endeavor, since it furthers the Club goals as stated in the Bylaws, and enhances the services available to the public. Further discussion will settle details about range use fees, scheduling, and compatibility with existing range uses. It was requested that Jason arrange to have the LGRPC listed as a named additional insured party on his insurance, Karl will follow up. First class is tentatively scheduled for August 29.

-100 yard clubhouse cleanup still needs to be accomplished. Karl, Tim, and Darrel to follow up.

-The Club has 695 members as of the end of July.

-LHS and EOU trap club members may be hired to assist with revamp and cleanup of 25/50 yard targets at 300 yard range, and also to paint the 100 yard Conex. Karl and Darrel to follow up.

Consideration of Oregon Covid-19 restrictions need to be made prior to scheduling work involving the trap club members.

-Misuse/damage is still occurring to range props and target stands at all ranges. Dutch proposed eliminating the use of rifles and shotguns at the pistol bays or restricting their use to Bays 1-3. Dutch will develop a proposal for the use of rifles/shotguns at the pistol bays, and possible establishment of a shotgun patterning target stand at the 100 yard range, including signage and notices to members.

-Darrel has obtained one cost estimate for the 100 yard range Conex cover, and is awaiting a second estimate from another party.

-Darrel and Dutch continue to investigate the pros/cons of rebuilding/replacing the 100 yard range restrooms.

-Gary reports that the member liability insurance renewal premium will come due Sept. 4.

New Business:

-Paul Harrell approached the Club concerning the use of the Club property for firearms training classes. Paul, who has a significant background and certifications in firearms training and instruction, intends to

offer basic firearms safety and handling, Club Range Rules, and range etiquette classes, free of charge (except for a nominal fee for materials and supplies) and limited to first-time gun owners. These classes are in response to the apparent increase in the number of first-time gun owners and are in support of and encouraged by the goals of the Club. The Exec. Committee indicated that since this is a not-for-profit endeavor, these classes should be treated as a regular discipline of the Club and would enable these classes to fall within the coverage of the Club insurance. Paul was requested to prepare a class outline for review with the Club Chief Instructor (Catherine Parks), and submit this outline, along with a proposed budget and schedule to the Exec. Committee for approval and proper documentation in the Club records. Paul agreed and will follow up.

(Secretary Note: Previous discussions have considered having the viewing of an orientation video presentation become a mandatory part of obtaining and renewing Club membership. This video would be in support of the Club Range Rules and would include responsibility of members, safe firearms handling and use and safe range etiquette. It was suggested that the classes held by Jason and Paul could be videotaped to form the basis for this orientation presentation. A goal would be to have orientation procedures and materials in place for 2021.)

-A need was expressed for new "No Trespassing" signs, as well as signage for "Fire Season" range restrictions. The search continues for a sign maker.

-Leslie and Karl are updating the membership application forms and the member card. The membership "year" is being removed from the card and a checkbox for indicating interest in volunteering to help with range activities is being added to the application. A roster of prospective volunteers will be developed from this information.

-A new member has approached the Club with the idea of establishing an "Adopt-a-Bay" program for the pistol bays. This member will be asked to make a presentation at a future meeting.

-Sheldon reports that a Bearing Tree at one of the survey corners of the Club property has fallen. The County Surveyor will be contacted.

-Darrel P. reports that the earth berms behind the metric distance target stands at the 300 yard range have been improved. All present expressed their appreciation for Darrel's efforts in making these improvements.

## **END EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

#### **DISCIPLINE REPORTS:**

-Darrel P.- Muzzle loader matches for the remainder of the 2020 season and the annual Rendezvous have been canceled.

-Darrel P. announced that the November "Turkey Shoot" has been canceled.

-Darrel P.- .22 Long Range Silhouette had 5 shooters in July, match was conducted with no spotters, new berms worked well. Next shoot is scheduled for September 6.

-No archers report.

-Dutch reports the July Defensive Pistol match had 27 shooters.

-Dick reports 13 shooters for the July .22 Bench rest match, with 5 shooters from the Tri-City area. Range conditions were excellent.

-TAWW-On behalf of Catherine, Dutch reports 45 ladies participated in the last session. The local chapter of TAWW now has 80 members.

-Tim R. reports the Annual SASS Match was held with 24 participants. Check the Calendar for the August match info.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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