

# LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

## MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The February 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 & Assoc. conference room on N. Fir St. in La Grande, Oregon. Members of the 2020 Executive Committee present were officers Karl Baum, Dick Hohstadt, Gary Langlitz, Darrel Plank, and trustees Bill Boren and Dutch Brogoitti. Also present was Leslie Michael, Membership Coordinator and three additional members.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Not available, Sheldon did not attend due to other commitments and bad weather/road conditions.

Karl reports that a police report was made concerning the recent vandalism of the plate rack in the pistol bays. Also, Karl indicated that a Facebook posting has been made on the Club page concerning this and other ongoing range damage with a request for information from anyone who may have knowledge of any of these events. Karl mentioned that a short article concerning this problem was presented to the local newspaper, it appears that it will not be published.

Discipline directors should check the Club website calendar to ensure the dates of their events are entered and correct.

Darrel P. is continuing the effort of have door closers obtained and installed in the new restrooms at the 300 yard range.

Karl obtained a fruit gift basket which was presented by Karl, Darrel P. and Gary to Anderson-Perry in appreciation of the use of their conference room facilities. The gift was well received.

300 yard range clubhouse: Dick contacted Dan Slippy and was authorized to hire him to clean this clubhouse, estimated 2-3 hours at \$40/hour. Cleaning to occur sometime in March. Dick indicated that the Club needs to do some precleaning before Slippy arrives. Also, after the snow melts, the Club needs to work to rodent-proof the clubhouse as much as possible. Dick will followup.

Targets: Dick and Dutch continue to communicate with the Eagle Cap Shooters about their target needs. It is unclear if they are looking to buy targets from the Club or if they are looking for our sources of targets. Also discussed was the use of existing excess targets by other disciplines.

Audit: No date set, followup will be made with Sheldon.

New Business:

Discipline Agreement Pledge: Karl passed around a draft copy of this pledge which is directed to the Discipline Directors. Generally, this is a pledge to conduct their discipline events in accordance with the Club rules, provide a written roster of event participants to the Executive Committee, provide income and expense amounts and records in a timely manner to the Treasurer, agree to not maintain any bank account outside the management of the Treasurer, agree to not levy discipline dues in addition to club dues, and ensure that all equipment is stored and the range is clean at the end of all events. Karl also expressed a concern regarding the Club insurance coverage for Discipline Directors. More research and discussion will be forthcoming. No action at this time.

Karl passed around information about a game camera system that could be one method of obtaining information about range vandalism. This is for information only at this time. Darrel P. also indicated he became aware of gate padlocks that can be actuated by smartphones-more information to come. Karl suggested that the Club form a committee specifically tasked with the protection of Club physical assets (land and improvements).

Membership-online credit card payment: Karl indicated a willingness to process credit card payments for memberships through his private business (Oregon Trail Trader), no additional cost to the Club. Consensus is that this payment alternative may be of benefit to both local and out of town members. Karl will work with Jess Roberts to see how this might work.

Leslie reports that as of this meeting date, the Club has 242 members for 2020. Regarding membership, a brief discussion was held about membership requirements, such as a mandatory orientation meeting. This meeting might include a physical meeting, video or online material, and discussions of range rules and practices. Further discussion expected.

Bylaws-Karl and Dick requested input from the Trustees regarding Bylaws updates. Dick made reference to ORS Chap. 65 for state regulation of non-profit entities, and also Senate Bill 360 (2019) for additional information.

Range Rules-Range Rules should be updated in conjunction with Bylaw revision, and with consideration of membership process, vandalism, safety, and range practices.

The Club has been approached by Jon Shorts, the instructor of the High School and College trap shooting club. His club members are available for hire in 4-6 hour blocks (\$500-\$600 each block) to do work on our ranges at our direction. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to proceed with this agreement. In conjunction with this, Karl asked for volunteers to head four committees, one for each of our Club's ranges, to develop work lists and assist in coordinating the work efforts. Dutch volunteered for the Pistol Ranges, Dick volunteered for the 300 yard range, and Lee Sancoy was volunteered for the Trailwalk range. A volunteer will be sought from the Cowboy Action Shooters for the 100 yard range. All members please submit your work project ideas to these committee heads, who will work with Darrel P. (our Executive Officer) to prioritize for need, cost, and schedule.

Special Use Permit-the Club continues to maintain a special use permit with the Forest Service on lands adjoining the Club property. This use includes the posting of a "Civil Rights" poster and inclusion of a written statement with Club business communications. Gary will arrange for the placing of posters and will followup on including the written statement on the Club website and on the Club letterhead which Karl is working on.

Pledge of Allegiance- a motion was made by Gary to start each Club meeting with a recitation of the

Pledge of Allegiance. Motion seconded and approved, Gary will arrange to have a flag present at each meeting.

Property management- Darrel P. reports that Chuck Sarrett is continuing to evaluate the Club forest resource and prepare a management plan.

Miscellaneous-Dutch reports that the repair cost for the damaged pistol bay plate rack is approx. \$400. Dutch was authorized to have these repairs made. Dutch also mentioned that the Milton-Freewater shooting club is holding a NRA Certified Range Safety Officer course on Feb. 22, cost is \$75, if anyone is interested.

### **END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### Discipline Reports:

Muzzleloaders-Darrel P. reports there will be a Feb. 9 match.

.22 Silhouette-Gary reports 11 shooters at Feb. 5 shoot, good range conditions. Match results have been posted to the website and Facebook page.

Action Pistol-Dutch reports IDPA matches to start in April, will be evaluating need/cost for targets.

Cowboy Action-no report

Traditional Archers-no report

Range Safety Officer training-A question will be posed to Catherine Parks as to whether her NRA training certifications would allow her to train our Club members, and whether she would be willing to provide the training. Karl will followup.

Facebook-Dutch remarked that there is a moderate amount of interest being shown in the Club Facebook page, by both women and men, predominately in the 45-54 age bracket.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting is March 4.

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These meeting minutes were read and approved at the March 4, 2020 business meeting.