

LA GRANDE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 7, 2020

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The October 7, 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 at 409 N. Fir St. in La Grande. 12 members and one guest attended the meeting, including the following members of the 2020 Executive Committee: Karl Baum, Dick Hohstadt, Gary Langlitz, Sheldon Strand, Darrel Plank, Catherine Parks, and Trustees Dutch Brogotti, Gene Paul, and Bill Boren.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Old Business:

-**Treasurer's Report:** Sheldon Strand reports the Club bank account balance is approximately \$180,000.
-Karl reports the Club has 784 members as of the end of September.

-**Executive Officer Report:** Darrel Plank reports the following:

- Daniel's Construction has Conex overhanging roof at the 100 yard range construction complete. They are also constructing a new set of restrooms at the the 100 yard range. The old pit toilets have been removed, new concrete vaults installed, concrete building slab poured, and the new structure framed, roofed and sided. The new rollup door will be delivered in about 9 weeks.
- Darrel reports that some excess dirt/rock from the ODOT culvert replacement project on Hwy. 244 has been added to the shooting berms at the 100 yd. range. Mike Becker Const., the culvert contractor donated some drainage pipe to use as restroom vents. Karl will send a Thank You to them.
- A new flagpole has been installed at the 100 yard range.
- The USDA/USFS has authorized a reimbursement to the Club of up to \$9,480 for timber stand improvement/slash treatment in the area between the 300 yd. range and the pistol bays. This property improvement was identified in a Property/Timber Management plan prepared for the Club earlier this year by Chuck Sarratt. Darrel to check with a logging operator currently working in the area about the possibility of undertaking the Club's project.
- Darrel estimates his cost for picnic tables is \$200 for the metal frame only, not including wood or labor. Gene reports similar tables available from Amazon at \$300 each.
- Darrel washed the mud out of the 100 yd. range clubhouse.
- Darrel installed new posts and target backers at the 50 yard position at the 300 yd. range.
- Darrel installed shotgun patterning target stands at 25 and 50 yard positions at the 100 yard range. Users will need to bring their own target materials.
- Defensive Pistol Report:** No report (Dutch has been real busy at work!)
- General Business:** After discussion, a tentative date of November 7 was set for a work party consisting of EOU/LHS trap club members and club volunteers. Possible work projects included fencing repair along Hwy. 244, range cleanup, etc. Contact Darrel with other work suggestions.
- Karl is continuing discussions with Lindley Construction about their use of the Club electrical service

for their job trailer and employee trailers during the two year river restoration project getting underway just upstream from the 100 yd. range and should be receiving a plan from Lindley shortly.

-Karl reports that a electronic padlock, operable by Bluetooth from a smartphone application has been purchased by the Club. This lock will be placed at various outdoor locations over the next few months to evaluate if this type of technology may be useful as the Club works to upgrade the range access and membership processes.

New Business:

Membership: Leslie Michael resigned from the Membership Officer position during September and delivered all membership materials to the Club. (Update: Several members of the Executive Committee have subsequently met and have brought all membership applications/badges up to date.) Cindy Edwards has approached the Club with her interest in becoming the Membership Officer. A committee was formed by motion with a second, consisting of Karl, Gary, Catherine, Cindy, and Martin Creson, with assistance from Sheldon and Gene Paul. This committee intends to evaluate all aspects of the membership process and to make recommendations for improvements. Areas to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, digital membership applications (in-person and online), database member information management systems, member ID badges, transition from a Jan-Dec. membership year to a one year from date of membership term, electronic locks and range gate improvements, orientation process for membership, and associated changes to the Range Rules and Club By-laws. (Update: Subsequent to this meeting, this committee has had two meetings). This committee will provide a report at the next regular club meeting.

-Retention of Club Membership Records: A question was raised concerning the length of time to retain membership application/signed range rule records. Gary reports that a brief review of the Oregon Statute of Limitation for bringing Civil suits generally indicates a time period of six years. No further action.

-Martin Creson has proposed that the Club institute a bi-monthly Newsletter, possibly available electronically (email, Facebook, internet), and in hardcopy for applying members and others. Martin will have a sample available at the next regular meeting.

-Soils Testing: Dick H. has performed soils testing for several years at the Club ranges. These tests monitor the soil pH near the range firing lines and at the bullet impact areas, with repeated yearly samples taken from the same general areas. pH tests are made on the samples and areas needing pH modification are treated. The purpose of this testing is to maintain soil pH at levels which cause the lead deposited from shooting activities to remain in place, to prevent contamination to water and to provide evidence of good land stewardship. Dick has asked for volunteers to assist with this work, (Update: Karl and Gary met with Dick on Oct. 12 and collected the necessary samples, testing to occur later in a heated shop with coffee!! (and maybe cookies??).

-Dick has replenished the fuel supply for the 300 yd. range clubhouse oil heater.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION:

DISCIPLINE REPORTS:

-Darrel P.- Muzzle loader club match is planned for the second Sunday of October.

-Darrel P.- .22 Long Range Silhouette last match was October 4. Firing was allowed from the bench with a rest, and the scores were much higher. This firing position is planned for next year, but the targets will be smaller.

-Gary reports the .22 Silhouette shoot at the 100 yard range begins the first Sunday of December and will continue on the first Sunday of each month through April, 2021.

- Dutch reports the September Defensive Pistol match had 22 shooters. Next match is October 10.
- Dick reports the September .22 Bench rest match, again with two shooters from the Tri-City area, had multiple 400+ scores in the Unlimited Class. Next year will have smaller targets!
- TAW-Catherine reports 55 ladies participated in the last session. The next meeting will be held at the Armory in La Grande and a shoot is planned for December. CHECK THE CALENDAR.
- Tim R. reports the September monthly Cowboy Action shoot had 6 shooters. Last match will be October 17. Tim received authorization to purchase a sheet of AR steel for new targets.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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