

Manzano Mountain Gun Club

General Meeting 11 March 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Twenty-one members were present. Also present were Jerry Melaragno and Bob Mundis from the Torrance County Senior Olympics.

1. Presentation.

Jerry Melaragno, Torrance County Senior Olympics coordinator, gave an overview of the program. The Senior Olympics are open to anyone 50 years or older, and participants compete in age brackets which graduate in 5-year intervals. In Torrance County, most participants recently have been from the Mountainair area, and most of the events are held in Mountainair. The events include archery, badminton, basketball, bowling, cycling, track, triathlon, dance, pool, horseshoes, pickleball, swimming, talent, and tennis. There is also a shooting competition, in airgun rifle or pistol. The Senior Olympics for Torrance County will take place beginning the week of April 26 this year, with the airgun competitions happening at the Dr. Saul Center on Wednesday, April 28.

Bob Mundis gave more information about the shooting competitions. The distance for both rifle and pistol is 10 meters. Scopes are not allowed. In the rifle competition there are 40 shots, taken on 40 targets; a perfect score is 400. The pistol competition also has 40 shots, but there are 5 shots per target. The Senior Center has a new air rifle and pistol, which shoot .177 pellets.

The forms will be out in about 2 weeks, and the cost is \$8, for entering as many events as one likes, not just shooting events. Jerry and Bob encouraged members of the club to participate in this year's shooting events.

2. Minutes.

Kathleen Clute announced that she had already corrected Donn Gallahue's name in the February minutes (originally written as Gallagher). Robert Chung said that the correct name of the Valencia County youth airgun program is Joel Martin (not Joe, as written in the minutes). With those corrections made, Lou Rupnick moved that the minutes be adopted; Paul Chavez seconded; all approved.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Ken Jackson reported that the club's current balance is \$3920.23. In the past month the club had several expenditures, including underwriting FNRA prizes, reimbursing Robert Chung for the loan he made to the club to purchase raffle rifles before the tickets were sold; paying fht top raffle ticket sellers, and paying the rifle transfer fees. Ken also observed that dues are beginning to come in, and the checking account had 62¢ interest.

George Immerwahr moved to accept the treasurer's report; Lou Rupnick seconded; all approved. And the club gave general kudos to Robert and Barbara Chung for putting on such a great raffle!

4. Board of Directors Elections.

Kevin Dunlap announced that he would like to withdraw his name from the running for Director-at-Large. Lou Rupnick moved to accept Kevin's withdrawal; Paul Chavez seconded; the motion carried.

Denise Immerwahr moved to accept the slate of candidates as now constituted; Christine Franks seconded; all voted in favor.

Therefore, the 2010-2011 Board is as follows:

President	Jim Greene
Vice-President	Alan Clute
Secretary	Kathleen Clute
Treasurer	Ken Jackson
Range Project Director	Robert Chung
Director at Large	Lou Rupnick
Director at Large	George Immerwahr

5. Officer's Report: Test Shoot at the Lambert Property. Range Development Discussion.

Alan Clute reported that he, Jim Greene, Ken Jackson, Robert Chung, and Lou Rupnick went to the Lambert property on Thursday morning, March 11, to try out conditions there for range development. Specifically, they wanted to test the sun angle and the train sounds.

Even with the range facing south, the sun angle was considered acceptable.

The current proposed firing line location is 150 to 200 feet from the train tracks, facing away from them, of course. There were a couple of seconds of whistles before the train approached the road intersection, and sometimes after as well. In addition, there was the rumbling of the trains as they continued by. The men were able to speak over the rumbling and their shooting was not particularly disturbed.

The consensus of those there was that the location could be used as a range. Alan recommended that we prepare our proposal for what we can do and take that to the Lamberts. He suggested that we propose 2 pistol bays, one 35-40 yards and the second longer to include rifle shooting; one action pistol bay; a 200-yard rifle bay; and a shotgun location. He recommended that we put that on paper and take it to the Lamberts.

Lou Rupnick commented that if we are concerned about hearing cease fire commands when there is a train, we could just have a general cease fire whenever there's a train present. Jim Greene said that it is quite noisy when a train has multiple engines. Thomas Bromley thinks it's not a good idea to put a range in this location as trains are so frequent. Robert Chung suggested that we call BNSF to find out how many trains go through the area daily and how many there will be when the second track through Abo Pass is open.

Other property near Manzano that had been suggested to the club as a possible range location is not available, and Paul Chavez commented that that property would not have been suitable regardless.

Robert Chung, new Range Project Director, requested that he have a committee to help with the range project. Several people volunteered: Kevin Dunlap, Lonnie Greene, Lou Rupnick, George Immerwahr, Trini Griego, Rick Townson, and Paul Chavez.

6. Membership Renewals.

Kathleen Clute announced that memberships need to be renewed by April 1st. The dues are set at \$120 per year; however, only \$20 is due now. The remainder of the dues will be prorated to the remainder of the year once the range opens. Those who paid in advance will have their pre-payment prorated as well, so they will most likely have a credit balance at the beginning of the 2011-2012 membership year.

7. Raffle Planning.

Jim Greene announced that the next raffle will feature concealed carry pistols. He has ordered pistols at Charlie's Sporting Goods in Albuquerque. A Ruger LCP .380 and an S&W 642 .38 Spec +P are already in. A Kimber .45 ACP is on order.

As we made \$1600 on the first raffle, Jim proposes that we sell 400 tickets at \$10 each, or 3 for \$25, for this raffle. The club's cost for the guns is \$1480 and the K&L selling fund is \$150, so club expenses should total \$1630. At the proposed ticket prices we should bring in at least \$3300, thus essentially doubling our money.

George Immerwahr moved to accept Jim's proposed ticket prices and number of tickets; Robert Chung seconded; the motion carried.

Peter Ide's wife has a printing business. When the tickets are designed, they will include a "sold by" line.

After discussion of raffle dates, Lou Rupnick moved that we hold the raffle drawing at our meeting on June 17; Kevin Dunlap seconded and the motion carried.

There was discussion of holding a hunting gun raffle in the autumn. Lou Rupnick moved that we create an ad hoc committee to select 3 rifles for a fall raffle; Christine seconded. Robert Chung commented that we should just create a raffle committee, and Lou agreed to change his motion to that effect. The motion to create a raffle committee carried.

The following persons volunteered to be the raffle committee: Robert Chung, Lonnie Greene, Kevin Dunlap and Paul Chavez. Kathleen Clute volunteered to run the ticket sales for the hunting rifle raffle, as she is not concerned about being ineligible to purchase her own ticket for it.

8. Report: MMGC FNRA Underwriting and FNRA Banquet.

Jim Greene reported that MMGC underwrote the following items for the Estancia Valley FNRA banquet: the 2010 Knife of the Year, the NRA belt buckle, the Boyt concealed carry briefcase, and the Leupold binoculars.

Jim also mentioned that he has 6 tables of tickets for MMGC members to purchase or sell.

Alan Clute had some comments about procedures at last year's FNRA banquet. First, the table drawing was conducted out of sight, in the hallway. This seemed fishy, especially when the table that won had only one entrant (therefore requiring only one prize). He requested that the table drawing be done in the presence of everyone this year.

Alan also felt that for the bucket drawings the tickets should be dumped into a much larger bucket or box, so that they can be mixed before being drawn. A 5-gallon bucket would suffice, and volunteers could go along just ahead of Peter to do the dumping/mixing and not hold up the event.

Jim agreed to take those comments to the FNRA committee.

9. Report: Concealed Carry Class and Youth Airgun Program.

Robert Chung reported that 22 people signed up to attend the concealed carry class on March 20th.

Robert also visited the Valencia County youth airgun program, for students aged 8-17. Robert was very impressed with the program: the participants take it very seriously, even keeping their voices down to a whisper throughout. New Mexico youth shooters rate very high in national competitions.

For us to start such a program here, the main costs would be lights, guns, and spotting scopes. We can build the traps. But to start the program we need at least 3 adults very committed to coaching. Coaches take NRA training. Anyone from MMGC who wants to see the Valencia program in action is welcome to go to visit the program; they meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm, at the rodeo grounds in Belen.

10. New Business: Sunflower Festival.

Lou Rupnick is in the process of getting information about having a club booth at the Sunflower Festival on August 28.

11. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will occur on Thursday, April 15, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe.

George Immerwahr moved to adjourn; Lou Rupnick seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary