

Manzano Mountain Gun Club

General Meeting 15 April 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Sixteen members were present. Also present were Daryl Heiskell from Bernardo, and Bill Pohl.

1. Presentation.

Daryl Heiskell described the long distance range outside Bernardo: "little tiny targets way out there!" Most of the range members shoot pre-1900 guns. Their goal is to play a long distance away with very old guns.

2. Minutes.

Kathleen Clute announced that she had already corrected the amount written as the club's current balance in the March meeting minutes previously distributed by email. The correct March balance is \$3920.23. Lou Rupnick moved to accept the minutes as amended; George Immerwahr seconded; the motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Ken Jackson reported that the club's current balance is \$4000.66. That included \$220 in dues that came in; \$10 from the NRA for membership drive; and 43¢ in interest as income; and \$150 for the printing of the raffle tickets in expenses.

Lou Rupnick moved to accept the treasurer's report; Kevin Dunlap seconded; the motion carried.

4. Officer's Report: IRS filing.

Kathleen Clute reported that Elaine Zabor's dedication has brought about a nearly complete IRS application for tax exemption as a 501(c)(7) organization (club or association). A few items of support materials still need to be created. One thing that is holding up the filing of the IRS forms is that there is a \$10,000 limit on the budget, which seems impossible to comply with, and Kathleen cannot remember why there is that limit. Lou Rupnick recommended checking in with Zia R&PC to find out how they handled that, as clearly they have a budget well in excess of \$10,000. Kathleen said she would do that.

5. Officer's Report: Range Development.

Robert Chung reported that there has been wonderful progress on the range development. Trini Griego spoke with Bill Pohl while getting rocks from him, and learned that Bill and his son have land they are willing to lease us for 15 years. The location would support a 400-500 range for rifles, as well as ranges for pistol and shotgun. It is beautiful and scenic, 10 miles west of Ancient Cities, and ideal safety-wise.

Jim Greene said that he spoke with Jim Lambert today (April 15) and everything is okay with the Lamberts. They still want to help us with buying firearms and classes.

Bill Pohl, the owner of the property under discussion, spoke more about the property. The proposed range would sit on 15-25 acres. It has hills 160° around the range. It is not very obvious from the road. Bill also mentioned that there are half a dozen places we could apply for grants from. The property can be fenced off and we could have 24-hour access if we wish. He will talk with the neighbors and get them okay with our project before going to the county.

Robert said the next step is getting a lawyer's help with the lease. Jim Greene reminded us that there is a lot of work to be done to develop the range, even in such an ideal location.

6. Announcement: FNRA Banquet.

Jim Greene reminded everyone of the Estancia Valley Friends of the NRA banquet coming up on April 24. Our club has been heard by the banquet committee: the bucket raffle tickets will be well-mixed this year, and we'll help make it so! Jim asked Lou Rupnick to bring 2 5-gallon buckets for mixing of raffle tickets. On the night of the banquet, 4 MMGC members will be tasked with helping with the mixing.

7. **Raffle Planning.**

More MMGC handgun raffle tickets were distributed to members to sell before June. Jim Greene brought the Ruger LCP and the S&W 692 to show to members. He will take them back to Charlie's in Albuquerque. After the raffle drawing in June, the winners will do their paperwork there and pick up the guns. The Kimber is not in yet.

8. **NRA Club Affiliation.**

Jim Greene reported that he had received the renewal forms for our club's affiliation with the NRA. There was brief discussion of whether to renew for one year or for five. Kevin Dunlap moved that we renew for five years; George Immerwahr seconded; the motion carried.

9. **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will occur on Thursday, May 20, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe.

George Immerwahr moved to adjourn; Alan Clute seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary