

Manzano Mountain Gun Club

General Meeting 20 May 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Twelve members were present. Also present were Ike Ensey and Bill Pohl.

1. Presentation.

Ike Ensey, Republican candidate for Torrance County Sheriff and current senior criminal investigator for the New Mexico 7th Judicial Court, introduced himself, outlining his experience in law enforcement and his goals if elected as sheriff. Ensey would focus on improving the training of Torrance County deputies, so that investigations are run in a professional manner resulting in successful prosecutions.

2. Minutes.

Kathleen Clute announced that she had already corrected the minutes that were distributed by adding the word "yard" between "400-500" and "range" in the first paragraph of item 5, the Range Development report.

George Immerwahr moved to accept the minutes as amended; Rick Lopez seconded. The motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Ken Jackson reported that the club's current cash on hand is \$4946.03. There are 28 active members (who have paid their 2010 dues). After a question by Kathleen Clute, Ken corrected the May 20 financial report to show that a \$150 expense went to the NRA for club dues (instead of to Print Professionals, which expense had been recorded on the previous statement).

Kevin Dunlap moved to accept the treasurer's report as amended; Trini Griego seconded; the motion carried.

4. Officer's Report: Range Development.

Jim Greene gave the Range Development report on behalf of Robert Chung, who is out of town. Jim first invited Bill Pohl, the property owner, to speak.

Bill reported that he has been talking to his neighbors about the project and has had good reception all around. His neighbor to the east was involved in a range in Grants and brought up some good points for us to incorporate. Bill himself would like a concessions license as part of his compensation for our use of his land and he encouraged us to give a complimentary membership to Mr. Miller, his eastern neighbor, as well (in addition to the memberships for Bill and his son). The only neighbor Bill has not yet contacted is Mr. Chilton, from whom he does not expect opposition.

Robert's report, read by Jim Greene: Robert and other committee members had walked the space and plotted it with a GPS. It was then mapped by Alan Warren of the Forest Service, who had been in the group. The range will use 40 acres and be able to include shotgun, pistol, and rifle ranges, as well as parking and a gate for safety.

Robert's report also mentioned that the lawyer recommended to us by the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is Charles N. Latkins, a member of the Domenici Law Firm in Albuquerque. He charges \$150/hour and is willing to work with us without a retainer. Bill Pohl has requested that we draw up the lease we want and offer it to him.

The next steps for the club are to complete a lease and get it to Bill; get the insurance; and go to the county. Robert is expected to be back in town soon.

5. Officer's Report: Governmental Filings, Newsletter.

Kathleen Clute explained her confusion from the previous month about the IRS filing resulted not from Form 1024 (the application) but from Form 8718. On that form, which specifies the fee we pay to the IRS for filing Form 1024, if our annual gross receipts average more than \$10,000 during the first four years, then

we pay a fee of \$750; if our gross receipts average less than \$10K, then our fee is only \$300. That's where the confusing "\$10,000 limit" came from! Elaine pointed out that she created budgets that stay under the \$10,000 limit. Kathleen believes this limits our fund-raising (for range development) and thinks perhaps the club would be better just to pay the higher fee.

This month Kathleen is more concerned about a limit on Form 1024, which specifies that only 35% of club gross receipts may come from outside the membership fees. That is clearly impossible for us to meet as long as we are fund-raising to build the range. Kathleen plans to contact Bighorn's treasurer, Karma Whelchel, who is a CPA, for advice in this matter, and would like to hire her to look over our entire application.

The filing for the NM Department of Corporations was sent in; Kathleen is midway on completing the online filing for the NMAG office.

Kathleen created a newsletter, the first issue of which members received by email earlier this week, to fulfill another requirement in the IRS tax-exempt application. She requested that the club approve reimbursement for mailing expenses so that she can mail newsletters to the handful of members who do not have email. Ken Jackson moved that Kathleen be reimbursed for all mailing expenses she incurs for the club; George Immerwahr seconded; the motion carried.

6. Unfinished Business: Fund-Raising.

Jim Greene reminded everyone that the raffle drawing will occur at our June meeting, and therefore everyone MUST turn in all money and sold tickets by that meeting, and preferably sooner. Nearly all tickets are sold already.

Discussion about a pie auction at the raffle was brought up. Since the primary election will have occurred by then, Rick Lopez suggested we wait until September or October for the pie auction.

7. General Question about Range.

Lonnie Greene asked what kind of fencing is needed at the range to satisfy insurance requirements. Kathleen Clute will look into this. Kevin Dunlap noted that Donn Gallahue has excellent warning signs for posting along the fence.

8. New Business.

Jim Greene reported that a member had wondered if the club will create a membership category for people who do not plan to use the range. George Immerwahr commented it is too soon to consider that, since we have so much to accomplish yet to build a range. Rick Lopez thought that a non-range-use membership up to \$50 might be reasonable. Dorothy Greene thought that would look good for a business, but cautioned that we should still require NRA membership.

9. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will occur on Thursday, June 17, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe. The raffle drawing will take place at 7 pm, at the conclusion of the business meeting.

10. Report.

Kathleen Clute reported that she had an excellent and enjoyable adventure at the New Mexico Becoming An Outdoors-Woman weekend at NRA Whittington Center the previous weekend. Kathleen strongly recommended that all women join her in attending the 2011 BOW weekend. She will make sure club members get the information at the right time.

George Immerwahr moved to adjourn; Kevin Dunlap seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary