

# *Manzano Mountain Gun Club*

## **General Meeting 17 June 2010 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Sixteen members were present, as well as a contingent of future members from Claunch, Alamogordo and Mountainair. In addition, Mountainair Chief of Police Don Lyles was present.

### **1. Minutes.**

Lou Rupnick moved to accept the May minutes as published in the June Newsletter; Paul Chavez seconded; the minutes were approved.

### **2. Treasurer's Report.**

Ken Jackson reported that the club took in 41¢ interest, bringing the club balance to \$4946.44. There were no renewals or new members during the month. Due to an uncashed check returned from the NM PRC, the club balance is really \$4956.44, but that is not yet reflected in the official report.

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

### **3. Officer's Report: Governmental Filings.**

Kathleen Clute reported that she just learned that the filing she did for the NM PRC was not necessary. The PRC returned the \$10 sent in, which we appreciate. Kathleen has nearly completed the NMAG filing and just has to resend certain information.

Kathleen had emailed Karma Whelchel, Big Horn Gun Club treasurer and CPA, to ask about the IRS requirement that no more than 35% of club income come from sources other than club activities. Kathleen was worried that our fundraising amounts would make us ineligible for IRS tax-exempt status. As it turns out, our fundraising for the range is a core club activity, so we are not disqualified. Kathleen will attempt to finish the IRS filing this month.

Jim Greene also had emailed Karma about our having a non-taxable certificate, so as not to pay gross receipts tax. Unfortunately, we are not eligible for that, so we will be paying GRT on any purchases (raffle tickets, fences, etc).

### **4. Officer's Report: Range Development**

Robert Chung reported that he, Alan Clute, and Kathleen Clute, met with Albuquerque attorney Charles Lakins. Mr. Lakins will work with the club for \$150/hour, without retainer. The meeting was partly meet & greet, and partly to review the lease we would propose to Bill Pohl for the range. Mr. Lakins had several points to make about additional clauses to add to the lease, to make everything very clear, to protect both the club and Bill.

Robert summarized the basic terms that Bill Pohl would like to see in the lease. For \$1/year, Bill will allow us use of approximately 40 acres, for a term of 15 years. Bill would like the exclusive right to provide concessions (cold drinks, etc) at the range. Robert has hammered out most details with Bill. Regarding "improvements" and what would happen to them on termination of the lease, Bill would like to keep the lease language flexible. For water, we will put a meter on the water line about 1/4 mile away. For electricity, we will go to CNMEC. We would re-negotiate the lease if we ever become for-profit. Overall, things are on the move finally!

### **5. Report: Appleseed Shoot.**

Alan Clute attended the June 5 & 6 Appleseed shoot in Socorro, where the temperatures reached 108°! The Appleseed Shoots provide an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of riflery, as well as teaching Revolutionary War history. One of the things Alan learned at the Appleseed Shoot was that the first battle of the War, the Concord and Lexington skirmishes, were fought over gun control, as the British had embarked on their raid intending to confiscate the supplies at the colonists' armory in Concord.

**6. Unfinished Business.**

Jim Greene reported the Moriarty FNRA banquet in April brought in \$45,145, which will most likely be the highest grossing banquet in New Mexico. In addition, the Moriarty banquet had a 60% profit (through under-writing), while the national average is a 52% profit. This places the Moriarty banquet in the top 10% of FNRA banquets in the nation, and our club is what has pushed them over.

**7. Announcement.**

Robert Chung reported that Donn Gallahue will be offering a concealed carry class in Albuquerque on June 26. Also with just 4 more people, Donn will offer another class in Mountainair. Donn charges \$125 for MMGC members, and he does the fingerprinting and takes in the student's application to Albuquerque. (The state fee is in addition, of course.) Contact Robert if you are interested in the concealed carry class.

Along these lines, Jim Greene pointed out that we need to find someone to teach the state Hunter Safety class here, for the Mountainair (Abo, Claunch etc) boys and girls.

**8. New Business.**

Kathleen Clute brought up the issue of applying for an NRA range development grant this year. Although we are still in planning stages, Kathleen believes that we are far enough along to make a case for receiving funds. The deadline is early August. Kathleen requested that someone volunteer to take on this project. Denise Immerwahr volunteered. Alan Clute and Robert Chung said they would be willing to help (and indeed they know more about the proposed range than anyone else at this point). Rick Lopez volunteered his wife. Wana Beth Fox said that she would help with proof-reading.

**9. Raffle.**

Finally the moment everyone had been anticipating arrived. Jim Greene reminded us that there were 400 tickets sold for the raffle, and he had 400 stubs, in multiples of 100, ready to place into the bucket. The guns are at Charlie's Sporting Goods in Albuquerque, with the exception of the 1st place prize, the Kimber, which the store still has not received from Kimber USA. The winner of the Kimber will have the option of waiting for it to be built and shipped to Charlie's, or accepting an \$800 certificate to be spent on anything at Charlie's.

Jim introduced Mountainair Chief of Police Don Lyles, on hand to draw the raffle tickets. This time, the raffle tickets were be drawn in order, first to third. After each was drawn, Jim put the ticket in the envelope marked "1st", "2nd", or "3rd"; then he announced them in that order as well.

First Place Prize, the Kimber, went to David Saline of Moriarty. His ticket was purchased from Kevin Dunlap.

Second Place Prize, the S&W 642, went to the Wells Insurance Agency.

Third Place Prize, the Ruger LCP, went to Evelyn Averhoff of Edgewood. She also purchased her ticket from Kevin.

The highest sellers were Lonnie Greene, who receive \$100; and Kevin Dunlap, who received \$50.

**10. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe. Food will be available from the restaurant by then!

Lou Rupnick moved to adjourn; George Immerwahr seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary