

# *Manzano Mountain Gun Club*

## **General Meeting**

**19 March 2009**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attending:**

21 members and 3 guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Jim Greene, president.

#### **1. Minutes.**

Robbie Kayser moved to accept the minutes, as previously submitted by Kathleen Clute, without reading them aloud. John Cicola seconded. The motion carried.

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

Ken Jackson reported that we now have a bank account, and our current balance is \$421.01. There are 8 new members at this evening's meeting, so that balance will increase.

Ken also opened a Post Office box for the club, so that the checks will have an address on them. Our new club address is P.O. Box 93, Mountainair.

#### **3. Announcements.**

Jim Greene announced that the NRA is running a special on life memberships, and that more information about that can be found in the current issue of the Rifleman magazine.

Kathleen Clute had three announcements:

1) The required "first report" to the NM Public Regulation Commission was filed on time at the end of February.

2) Kathleen will now turn her attention to filing for nonprofit status with the IRS, and she requested help with that. Elaine Zabor volunteered to help Kathleen with the IRS paperwork.

3) Kathleen does not want to clutter up email inboxes with unwanted information. Therefore, to keep the club announcements, minutes, and other information coming, join (ie, pay up) or email Kathleen with a request to stay on the list.

#### **4. Range Project Committee Report.**

Robbie Kayser gave the Range Project Committee report. He, along with George Immerwahr and Jim Greene, has visited property on B-016 whose owners are interested in hosting our club shooting range. The ranch property consists of 647 acres total, has "perfect terrain," could possibly accommodate a 1000-yard range, and the owner, Bob Sullenger, is enthusiastic about having us there. The location also already has water and electricity and is ready to go. While the owner, Bob Sullenger, and his son, Craig, are also planning to build other facilities on the property (paint ball, bow, concession stand), they will give us priority in the layout.

[Note: Around this time in the meeting, Bob Sullenger arrived to answer questions. Craig arrived a bit later as well.]

Craig Sullenger lives on the land which we might lease for the shooting range and gave us some background about the recreational events he has held/plans to hold on the land. He has it paint ball ready, wants to put in a rock crawling trail for 4WDs, also a campground. Most of the events he would like to hold would be on weekends, so if we were ever planning large events on a weekend he would like some advance notice for scheduling. Possibly we could hold some events simultaneously. At any rate, Craig affirmed that he is very willing to work with us.

Jim Greene reported that after viewing the land, he had emailed Peter Ide, who replied that we should 1) request a 99-year lease, so that we can apply for NRA grants for range development. 2) Get "Directors & Officers" insurance coverage from an NRA-endorsed provider. Then 3) the NRA will help lay out the range. And 4) the EPA will get involved.

Jim asked the Sullengers about the lease. Bob Sullenger replied that such a long lease would need to be tied to the taxes; he's not concerned about a long lease per se, but the financial terms must protect him from tax increases.

After further general discussion of issues to be considered, and excitement about the possibility of leasing the Sullengers' land for our range, Jim said that he will talk with the attorney who has agreed to help us, and also ask Peter Ide about bringing in the NRA now for more advice.

Lou Rupnick moved that Jim Greene be given the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the Sullengers on behalf of our club. The motion was seconded by Trinidad Griego, and carried.

#### **5. Estancia Valley Friends of the NRA Banquet.**

Jim Greene asked members in attendance if we, as a club, would like to underwrite some of the prizes to be available at the Friends of the NRA banquet. This will build awareness of our club in the region.

Lou Rupnick put money on the table and challenged everyone attending to contribute. After the air cleared, \$130 had been raised to underwrite prizes.

NOTE: any other club member who would like to contribute can give or send money to Jim Greene, P.O. Box 458, Mountainair. Do it soon!

By the way, the FNRA banquet will be held in Moriarty on April 25. Our club has filled, or nearly filled, 4 tables, and tickets are expected to sell out before the banquet date. If you would like to attend, contact Jim as soon as possible: [jdgreene@wildblue.net](mailto:jdgreene@wildblue.net).

#### **6. Further Announcements.**

Alan Clute introduced certified NRA instructor Cliff Stillion to the group. Cliff will be available to teach several of the NRA safety courses to club members, for a modest fee (\$20 or so) to cover the materials.

Alan announced that Zia Rifle & Pistol Club in Albuquerque is holding its range orientation on Saturday, March 28, at 12 noon. Arrive at the range 10 minutes early, bring eye and ear protection. For more information on the Zia range orientation, see [http://www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com/new\\_member\\_info.htm](http://www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com/new_member_info.htm)

**7. New Business.**

Jim was asked by a potential member whether we will accept club members who do not wish to join the NRA. After some general discussion, Kathleen reminded the group that our Bylaws state that all club members must belong to the NRA. That provision is required if we are to receive NRA grants for range building. No one expressed interest in changing the Bylaws.

**8. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, at 6 pm. The location will be Ancient Cities Cafe, as its meeting room has ample space for us. [Please note: we don't need to order food to hold our meeting at the Cafe; on the other hand, anyone who is hungry may order.]

Lou Rupnick moved that the meeting be adjourned; George Immerwahr seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary