

# *Manzano Mountain Gun Club*

## **General Meeting 17 September 2009 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Club president Jim Greene. Fourteen previously enrolled members were present. Also present were 3 potential new members.

### **1. Minutes**

Kathleen Clute read the minutes of the 20 August meeting; she began by verbally correcting the date at the beginning of the minutes, as what she sent to the membership was incorrect. Robbie Kayser moved to approve the minutes with the corrected meeting date; Robert Chung seconded. The minutes were approved.

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

Ken Jackson reported that the Sunflower Festival fundraiser by Kevin Dunlap and Robert Chung brought in \$27, in addition to gaining several interested potential members. The current club balance is \$661.90, which reflects the fundraising, 2 new memberships, and 5¢ interest.

Lou Rupnick moved to accept the treasurer's report; George Immerwahr seconded. The motion carried.

### **3. President's Report**

Jim Greene stated that there will be no sharing/showing of guns until we have a protocol for the handling of guns at club meetings. At the end of our August meeting there was a potential gun handling issue. Alan Clute moved that we have a training session at our next meeting; the motion was seconded by Lonnie Greene. Robert Chung observed that as the restaurant is a public space, it is not appropriate to pass guns around informally; better to have a presentation as part of the meeting. After further group discussion, Alan withdrew his motion.

### **4. Old Business: Range Development**

George Immerwahr reported about the visit to the Lambert property in August. The range location currently envisioned is about 200 yards from the Lambert home and the Lamberts are not concerned about noise. If the range is developed on their land, Nanci Lambert, who is a certified NRA instructor (as is her husband), would like access to the range for training classes she puts on privately. That would be in addition to any classes sponsored by us. The Lamberts are enthusiastic about working with us to develop a range on their property.

### **5. Old Business: Membership Drive**

Kathleen reported that we now have our NRA recruiter ID number as well as recruiter materials. After Kathleen demonstrated how to fill out the NRA forms, some members took sets to use in signing up new members. Kathleen promised to have t-shirt ideas by the next meeting. She also distributed MMGC signs to be placed around Mountainair.

### **6. President's Report: Planning & Zoning Meeting**

Jim reported that Jim and Dorothy Greene, Alan and Kathleen Clute, Robert Chung, Lou Rupnick, and Thomas Bromley attended the September 1 meeting of the Torrance County Planning and Zoning Board. This was an opportunity to introduce our club and our range development project to the Board.

Before attending the meeting, we had learned that a shooting range is not a specified

permitted use of land in the Torrance County zoning ordinance. Therefore, what we will need to request from the County is the creation of a Special Use District on the area of the Lambert's property that we intend to develop as a gun range. The board members were very encouraging.

Jim is working on getting letters of support for our project from the Estancia Police Department and the Torrance County Sheriff's Department. The members who attended the P&Z meeting also visited the County Extension Service, to solicit a letter of support from the County 4H program; that letter is expected soon.

Jim stated that a priority item is to obtain a legal description of the Lambert's land. The lease apparently need not be complete immediately, but we need the legal description for P&Z.

As we will be paying taxes on the land we lease, Alan requested that Jim find out from Art Foust, the County P&Z Coordinator, what the tax rate would be for the Special Use District, compared to agricultural zoning.

**7. 50/50 Drawing.**

Barbara Chung won the 50/50 drawing, and she donated her winnings to the club. The club made \$16.

**8. New Business: Membership Requirements.**

Robert Chung summarized the differences between our bylaws and those of other area clubs, as they relate to membership requirements. He distributed handouts highlighting those differences, of which the primary ones are club oaths and/or pledges of no violent crime convictions, and no membership in organizations seeking violent overthrow of the government. Kathleen requested that Robert email her the handout, for distribution to all members.

Robert moved that members consider additional membership requirements for discussion and vote at our next meeting. Lou Rupnick seconded that motion, and it carried.

**9. Announcement**

Alan Clute announced that he and Kathleen were taking the NRA Range Safety Officer training in Albuquerque the next day.

**10. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 pm at Ancient Cities Cafe.

Robbie Kayser moved to adjourn; Robert Chung seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary