

# *Manzano Mountain Gun Club*

## **General Meeting 15 October 2009 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Club president Jim Greene. Sixteen members were present. Let the record show that Lou Rupnick was on time for the second meeting in a row; he was recognized by the President for this accomplishment.

### **1. Minutes**

Lou Rupnick moved to accept the minutes as previously distributed to the membership; Kevin Dunlap seconded. The minutes were approved.

Kathleen Clute reported that her notes of the Ad Hoc meeting on 9/24 were incorrect in the following regard: Paul Chavez and Ken Jackson were present at that meeting, and Trinidad Griego was not present. Kevin Dunlap moved to accept the notes as corrected; Robert Chung seconded; the notes were approved.

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

Ken Jackson reported that we now have 39 paid members, and our current checking balance is \$697.96. Our interest this month increased to 6¢! In addition, not reflected in the balance because it was just handed to Ken, is the first check our club has received for NRA recruiting, in the amount of \$15.

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

### **3. Officer's Report: Range Safety Officer Training**

Alan and Kathleen Clute took NRA Range Safety Officer training from Paul Gallagher in Albuquerque last month. They enthusiastically recommend that everyone in the club take that training. Mr. Gallagher is on the board of Zia R&P Club and is very knowledgeable and helpful. Robert Chung has already begun planning to take the training from Mr. Gallagher and would be happy to have other club members take it at the same time.

### **4. Officer's Report: Insurance**

Jim Greene and Kathleen Clute presented information about insurance the club will need to purchase quite soon. The most important coverage will be General Liability. Kathleen has been given a verbal quote by Dan Hilboldt of Lockton Risk (NRA Endorsed insurance) of \$700/year for \$1 million in coverage; the exact amount will be based on the number of club members. Directors & Officers coverage protects the Board members from personal liability in the event of a lawsuit. D&O coverage would most likely cost between \$800 and \$1000 per year.

### **5. President's Report: Planning & Zoning Requirements**

Jim discussed what will be needed for us to approach Torrance County with a request for a Special Use District on the Lambert's property. One of the most important issues will be drawing up a site plan. It's possible that there will be a meeting with the Lamberts on Friday, October 16, for the purpose of laying out the access and ranges and specifying the amount of land we really need to lease; have not yet received confirmation from the Lamberts on that.

Alan Clute reported that Debbie Reynolds, who built the Clute home, is willing to help draw up the site plan.

### **6. Officer's Report: Finances**

To have our request for a SUD considered at the December Torrance County Planning & Zoning board meeting, we will need to submit all requested information and the \$1000 non-refundable fee by November 17. In addition, the liability insurance will need to be purchased as part of our lease agreement with the Lamberts, and a notarized copy of the lease is among the items we need to submit to P&Z on November 17. In addition, the club will need to send a check for \$300 to the IRS with our application for tax-exempt status. Since so many expenses are looming, at the 9/24 Ad Hoc meeting, Robert Chung had accepted the task of brainstorming fundraising ideas.

Robert pointed out that we are needing money "up front" and suggested the idea of selling lifetime memberships, which he initially placed at \$400. After much discussion it was generally agreed that \$400 lifetime memberships would create a severe strain on finances in the long run.

Among ideas thrown out by the group:

- an immediate assessment of \$100 per member, yielding nearly \$4000
- lifetime memberships of \$1000, which could be paid over two years
- since it is not certain that P&Z will approve our SUD request, and since the zoning process could drag on, instead of purchasing liability insurance before signing the lease, and having the clock running on the year's premium, include a contingency in the lease that the insurance will be purchased when the zoning is approved and work begins on the range; thus cutting down immediate expenses
- simply paying next year's dues now, with those dues reflecting the availability of a range

Denise Immerwahr moved that the dues for our next membership year (April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011) be increased to \$120; AND that anyone paying those dues by November 6th receive a \$20 discount. Lou Rupnick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

We are still accepting members at \$20, of course, and those memberships are valid until March 31, 2010. However, as a result of tonight's vote, any member paying \$100 to the club on or before November 6 will be paid up until March 31, 2011. Members may pay the full \$120 if they wish; the discount is just to encourage members to pay now. Denise Immerwahr and Jim Greene volunteered to take phone calls if members have questions about this new policy.

Finally, Barbara Chung stated her willingness to run a "stocking stuffer" raffle for the club, in which raffle tickets for a firearm are sold before Christmas (which tickets can be stocking stuffers) and then the drawing occurs between Christmas and New Year's. Barbara would like others to advise on what firearm to offer.

## **7. 50/50 Drawing.**

Ken Jackson won the 50/50 drawing, and he donated his winnings to the club. The club made \$18.

## **8. Old Business: Membership Requirements.**

Members discussed having new members affirm that they are not convicted felons, whether by checking something off on an application form or taking an oath. Since convicted felons are prohibited from possession of firearms, it seemed reasonable to ensure that members do not have felony convictions. Privacy issues were a concern about any more intrusive questions (like, "Have you ever been convicted of any crime?" or "Have you ever been arrested.")

There was also discussion about levels of membership, and a general consensus that juniors (non-emancipated minor children) have free membership in the club. Robert Chung will draw up a proposed new membership section for the bylaws, and present that at the November meeting.

## **9. Announcements**

Paul Chavez spoke with our County Commissioner, Vanessa Chavez, who encouraged the club to get people to sign petitions in support of our range. Ms. Chavez said the County Commission has the power to waive the \$1000 P&Z fee.

Paul also reported that PJ is getting the name of someone we can contact at BNSF, since the railroad is adjacent to the proposed range and will need to be notified of our plans.

Alan Clute announced that there will be an Appleseed Shoot in Socorro on November 7 & 8. Also, Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is holding an orientation at 12 N this Saturday, 10/17. And, Paul Gallagher also teaches the Utah Concealed Carry Permit training, which is valuable for NM concealed carry permit holders to have, as it extends the number of states where they can carry and also will cover them if their NM permit expires before its replacement arrives.

**10. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 pm at Ancient Cities Cafe.

Lou Rupnick moved to adjourn; George Immerwahr seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary