

Manzano Mountain Gun Club

General Meeting

21 January 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Twelve members were present.

1. Minutes

Kevin Dunlap made a motion to adopt the minutes of December, 2009 meeting as submitted by Ken Jackson. The motion was seconded by George Immerwahr and approved by all members present.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ken Jackson reported the current balance of the Club as being \$3,051.49. George Immerwahr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Thomas Bromley seconded; all approved.

3. Report: Range Development

Robert Chung reported the following on the current status of the range search. He stated that the Lambert property posed two challenges at this time:

(A) Previous plans for the range had to be adjusted due to the location of the train tracks. Based on the topography of the property, we would have to build the range so that we would shoot to the south.

(B) Based on the above update, Jim Lamberts requested the Club relocate a road presently in place and other changes to his property to conform to having to shoot to the south.

Jim Greene reported that other potential range locations so far identified in this area all require we shoot to the south. He noted that other clubs have found having to shoot facing south tolerable, although not optimal. He also reported that the NRA recommendation is to engage the NRA range representative for advice about shooting to the south.

There was additional discussion about other potential range sites, including the Asbestos Dump. It was requested that all members continue to search for appropriate properties for review at the next meeting.

4. Report: Rifle Raffle Effort

Jim Greene reminded the membership that there was only one month left to sell the remainder of the raffle tickets. Kevin Dunlap took another 10 tickets, numbers 151-160. It was suggested that members having trouble selling their tickets contact Jim Greene who will coordinate further distribution of the raffle tickets. Future member Alan Warren suggested we consider offering something free, such as T-shirts, to those purchasing raffle tickets. It was pointed out that, while such an item is inexpensive to acquire, the recipient may feel that he is getting something immediately along with his purchase of a raffle ticket. Another benefit noted was that people wearing the T-shirt would publicize the Club and its efforts.

5. Old Business:

Report and discussion on revised membership requirements were deferred to a future meeting.

6. (A) New Business: Social Events

Barbara Chung asked the membership to comment on ideas for social events. She proposed that the club consider sponsoring a pig-roast with a gun raffle drawing and other entertainment to be offered at this event, which would also serve as a membership drive. Jim Greene suggested that if the Club sponsors another gun raffle, handguns be considered for the prizes. Members also noted that we may have overestimated the community tolerance for \$20 tickets, and that we should consider making the price of future raffle tickets around \$5.

(B) New Business: Youth Air-Gun Program

Alan Warren suggested that a youth air-gun program be investigated as a means of engaging the community and attracting future members. Barbara Chung agreed to investigate this idea, with assistance from Jim and Dorothy Greene, and will report on the status at the next meeting.

(C) New Business: Membership Dues

Jim Greene pointed out that the matter of membership dues had to be addressed by the Executive Board at the January, 2010 meeting, as mandated by the Club By-Laws. Whereas a quorum of the Executive Board was not present at this meeting, it was agreed this matter would be addressed at the February membership meeting or earlier.

(D) New Business: Underwriting Items for the Upcoming *Friends of the NRA* Banquet

Jim Greene proposed the Club consider once again underwriting an item(s) for the Silent Auction at the Friends of the NRA Banquet to be held in April, 2010. He felt that the Club's last year's donation was useful in building awareness of the Club efforts. It was agreed that a decision on this matter will be made at a later date.

George Immerwahr made a motion to adjourn; Robert Chung seconded. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Chung, Member