

17 January 2017, White Sulphur Springs -Monthly Meeting

January 17, 2017 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Dan Rader. VP Rader led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bill Cummins, Matt Dupont, Jess Secrest, Dan Rader, Chuck Stricker, Pat McCoy, Jim Berghorn, Mike Vennard, Daniel Fuller, Joanne Cummins, Ron Hamm, Scott Thomas, and Gary Smith.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mike Vennard, and seconded by Pat McCoy.

Treasurer's report was presented with distribution of a spread sheet of income and expenses and report of Checking Balance of \$2,515.85 in the operating account, and \$2,672.64 in the construction account. Regarding the checking account, insurance premiums of \$1,827.75 and \$609.25 had been paid. From the construction account, a check was issued to Bob Rooney for \$75 for fuel for unloading ties on the grant project.

137 MEMBERS PAID TO DATE for 2016. 24 in 2017 so far. More added tonight to reach 32.

Correspondence: Letter from FWP that they are now accepting applications for grants with deadline of Feb. 2017. Letter from Friends of the NRA for their Annual Sponsor Appreciation dinner on 2-2-17 at 6 p.m. at the Best Western Grantree in Bozeman.

Committee Reports: Jr. Shooting has begun. There is 2 now . Schuetzen shooters were numbered at 7. No calls received yet for the Personal Protection Class. Personal Protection Class is scheduled for March 15, 2017 to April 15, 2017. Pat will place an ad in the paper to try to get sign-ups started. Need 5 to hold the class. \$85.00 and \$10 discount to members. Castle Mountain Grocery will be getting mini-mags in and have been asked to save some for us. Nora Bergin indicated an interest in the class.

Old Business:

Regarding the target butts on the range, the work is about half completed. A few targets are being moved to make them more visible. No new information due to winter weather and have not worked on it.

Repaired lights in indoor range, but another needs to be purchased to replace one removed that did not work.

Pat has started to make a schedule of events to host in 2017. This includes classes, matches, Mini Quigley, sight in days, etc. Should be posted at the website and a list sent to Joanne. Pat will also send to the paper for the community calendar section.

Pat showed us the new Plaque that was purchased for listing of Junior shooters. 8 years were added with room for lots more years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Hamm had 3 items to discuss: 1) Glad to see dues were increased. 2) Expand the indoor range to handle heavier calibers. 3) He will contact Austin Heckler at course in Helena about a 3 gun match for a seminar in the Spring.

Discussion about the expansion of the indoor range ensued. It had been discussed many years ago and was found to be very expensive at that time. Need to remove back wall, put in angled wall of 3/4 steel and at that time was \$6000. We would need to provide 1/2 of that to begin project before receiving grants. (Note: email next day indicated even more government restrictions than expected.) Ventilation is a big issue and cost.

https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/05/f1/Range_Design_Criteria.pdf

Dan Rader indicated he has started a 4-H shooting program and has about 8 participants. It was moved by Jess Secrest and seconded by Mike Vennard to have such a program. It will possibly give us new future members as well as be a nice addition to list when applying for grants. It is Wednesday evenings until March 1st and then resume again in late October when Dan is available. He mentioned that the rails for the curtain need repaired as someone has shot them and the curtain will not slide closed.

Mike Vennard will check with Go-Daddy, the domain for the club website. He thinks it is time to pay the fees as it has been several years. Pat McCoy moved to spend the money if under \$200 and Jess Secrest seconded. If more than the Board will discuss and need to approve.

Joanne asked for someone to volunteer to audit books for 2016. Pat McCoy and Jess Secrest will review them.

Joanne indicated she has recorded the Non-Profit Corporation with the State of Montana and will work on the 990-E postcard soon.

Jess reported looking at the camera data and felt that having the cameras has helped on destruction at the range, but will review later this Spring to see if we can find locations that give us sharper pictures to be able to count usage of the facility.

Dan Rader thanked Bill Cummins for plowing the road into the range and parking lot to make it easier for his classes.

Request for nominations for expiring terms was requested and none received.

Vice President: Dan Rader agreed to run again.

Range Manager: Ron Coleman agreed to run again.

Director # 2: Bill Cummins agreed to run again.

Director # 3: Tim Allen agreed to run again.

Pat McCoy moved and Mike Vennard seconded that by acclamation, these officers continued in their positions.

Move for adjournment by Mike Vennard and seconded by Tim McCann at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joanne Cummins