

**Ron Hamm & Tim Allen MCSA Meeting
March 20, 2018**

At 7:00 p.m. President Rod Browning, who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chuck Stricker, Gary Smith, Pat McCoy, Bill Cummins, Dan Rader, Rod Browning, Jess Secrest, Mike Greener, Tim Allen, Joanne Cummins, and Don Babcock.

Opening Remarks:

Rod Browning had checked the propane tank and reported that it is at 40%.

Minutes/Treasurers reports:

Mike Greener read the minutes of the January 2018 meeting. Bill Cummins made a motion to accept as read, Joanne Cummins 2nd, motion passed.

Mike Greener presented the Treasurer's Report. Checking Balance is \$7,266.80. Construction Account is \$4,493. Paid membership is **136** for all of 2017 and **67** as of March 20th, 2018. Dan Babcock made motion to accept report, Bill Cummins 2nd, motion passed.

Correspondence:

We received a donation of \$150 from Barry & Nora Bergan. (Family Membership)

--- Letter from USA Shooting about Lones Wigger Endowment & Legacy Project. (Original mutilated by Postal Service)

--- Update letter from Marcus Strange on MWF stance on Black Butte Project.

Committee Reports:

None

Unfinished Business:

Rod Browning reported that his follow up with TR Defensive showed a change in the event day to Friday, June 1st and it would be just a one-day event. Currently, they have 7 paid participants with 3 possible. There is a possibility of them holding another sometime in October. Their events would be held at the pistol range so that the rest of the range would still be open for other members. No need to close off the range for the event. TR Defensive also discussed the possibility of using a car for their event and the members present felt that was okay for the event as long as all debris is cleaned up and car removed when they are done. One final note is that they are favorable to doing an event at our club every year.

No change to the Basic Combat Class on June 8-10. This class is organized by Ron Hamm & Tim Allen.

Gary Smith reported that the Small-bore Bench Rest event on May 29-30 would be a 2-day class with a \$20 cost for each day. It is recommended that participants have the option of buying a single membership for the same cost. Joanne Cummings moved that the membership option be presented to the participants, Dan Rader 2nd, motion passed. Gary Smith has the needed membership forms.

The Meagher County Sportsmen Association will have a table at the Community Expo this year. Scheduled date is April 28 from 7am to 11am. Tina Pomeroy will be our representative. Our door prize contribution is a Family Year Membership.

Rod Browning had hospital executives at the hospital to review our budget. They felt that it looked good except that our insurance cost for the year was too high. A discussion ensued where the members present reviewed the process leading up to the selection of our insurance carrier and all felt that we had the best price we could hope for. A total of 6 companies were reviewed in October of 2017 and our current cost was the lowest quoted.

The Insurance policy will be brought to the next meeting.

Dan Rader's wife has volunteered to do the 2017 audit. Paperwork will be sent to her on March 26th.

New membership form was presented and Dan Rader moved that it be sent to Scott for posting. Joanne Cummins 2nd, motion passed.

New Business:

The list of calendar dates on the web site was discussed and all agreed that it looks very good. The new order of listing is very easy to understand and to update. The small-bore bench rest dates for the summer are to be updated.

Discussion on moving the building on the pistol range as it blocks some of the line of sight for shooters who want to stand on cement under the cover. The hole by the covered shooting area on the pistol range is to be used for a flagpole. Moving the building and installing the flagpole will be addressed this summer.

Photos downloaded from cameras. Photos taken from the lawn mower building don't seem to capture the comings and goings of people very well. Afternoon sun washes out most of the pictures. Some pictures were passed around as examples. Mike Greener made a recommendation to move the camera on the lawn mower building to above the door entrance. All agreed that would be better. Bill Cummins replied that he would move it.

An offer was made to the members present and it goes out to all club members. Anyone who would like to tally the photos to get an idea of the amount of usage the range gets can pick up the disks from Mike Greener (521-0102). All photos are date and time stamped.

Rod Browning brought up the idea of getting a laptop for the club. All information would then be on it and this would facilitate transfer from old officers to new ones. It was recommended that a computer with large storage capacity would help store the photos that the security cameras take, plus member photos of activities at the range. Currently, the photos are burned to disk. Bill Cummins moved to proceed and get a laptop under \$1,000. Jess Secrest 2nd, motion was passed.

Tim Allen talked about our steel that we have for targets. He expressed concern that the targets built would have to be managed (i.e. stored between uses) since the steel is not thick enough for calibers that would damage them (i.e., .223 & higher). They would work fine for handgun loads. It may be possible to store them in the building at the pistol range. He mentioned that they are not yet built and with the weather getting better they may be ready for summer. There is also a design he is working on for flip targets much like the 22lr targets but for larger calibers. The target issue was tabled until next meeting when he may have some prototypes for us.

Mike Greener recommended that the lights in the indoor range be evaluated by an electrician to see if there is a better lighting option than what we currently have. Mike Greener will talk to Brian Fisher for opinion and cost estimate.

Move to adjourn by Bill Cummings, Gary Smith 2nd, motion passed.

Mike Greener, Secretary/Treasurer