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President's Message

Whew! This whole experience is a bad dream right? Unfortunately, it is not and were all subject to the whims of a silent enemy that has changed much of how we live in a very impactful way. I am sure many of you have been monitoring the messages we have posted on our website. We have noted a marked increase in readership. It is my sincere hope that this is portend of the future. If we can get the majority of members to read the articles and notices on the website we can improve communication about things going on at the range. It is my hope that in every negative experience there is always something that improves matters in the future. I can't tell you how many times when talking to a member about a policy change I get this response. "I DIDN'T KNOW." Speaking of that refrain, as I pen this message we are still in the dark as to when we will be able to re-open the range. I usually script these messages prior to the end of the previous month. Given that fact, we do have a special board meeting scheduled for May 4th. Hopefully, we will receive some word as the when we be able to re-open the range.

If that happens shortly after May 4th, I do have a word of warning relative as to how we will be operating in the new normal. First of all, it is likely we will open to members only for a short period of time. We will have some strict hygiene protocols put into place to protect the general health of those using the range. This is particularly important when we take into account the health of employees. We are currently working on a set of procedures we will put in place to achieve as much protection for patrons and staff alike. This will have to include social distancing, increased sanitation, personal protection for employees and the overall cognizance of how and what we are doing as it pertains to interaction with each other. We will keep you posted as to the progression of things as soon as we know, you will be informed. I don't know about you but I am growing weary of the nonstop attention and conversation about this pandemic. But then, it can be a matter of life and death which is a pretty powerful motivator.

Believe it or not, there are other things happening that are worthy of note. We have a couple of people who have served on the board who are leaving us. Our treasurer Tami Gramer has helped us immensely and needs to get some well-deserved rest. She will be replaced by John Woolley who has graciously agreed to take the reins from Tami. Fortunately, Tami has agreed to be available on a stand by basis to answer any questions for John. Thank you both for being Stallworth members in you dedication to our club. The other person leaving the board is David Levinson. There aren't enough personal platitudes I could express relative to Dave's value at this club. He has also agreed to remain on a consultation basis to help out when needed. A new trustee is a former professional colleague and friend Mr. Jeff Gomes.

Jeff brings a plethora of experience to the board which we believe will be of great value to our club. Since this was a white ballot situation there was no need to post election results. I feel fortunate to have the dedication of board members who donate their time and talent out of love for the club. When you think about it that is no small thing.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. Just think how much fun it's going to be to resume activities. I don't know about you but that brings a smile to my face.

Stay safe and keep good humor.

WCW Celebrates

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years

1945-2020

WCW Board Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM by
President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Mike Wichser (Vice President)
Robb Stack (2nd Vice President)
Tami Gramer (Treasurer)
Dave Levinson (Chairman Trustees)
Jeff LeMoine (Chairman Elect)
Jim Thompson (Trustee)
Larry Mallory (Trustee)
Ping Look (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)
Soo Drechsler (Trustee)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager
present at meeting:
Robert Haverstock - Range Manager

Guests: John Woolley

New Business

First topic: Should we open or remain closed?

Joe started the conversation by saying he thought we should stay closed until May 4th. Jeff mentioned the Governor was talking about extending the stay at home mandate ending date to the 23rd. We discussed what to do. Everyone on the board wants us to open but there is concern about legal issues caused by opening. Tami made a motion to remain closed. No one seconded. Motion died.

Jeff proposed we open to members on Monday and then have another meeting later to determine if we open to the public. Mike said we do not have the proper protocols in place to be able to open and demonstrate safety and alignment to government guidance. For example, Tami asked who is going to sanitizing the facility each day (bathrooms, etc.) - who would do it? Also, how do we control who comes in the gate?

Dale moved we remain closed and we revisit this decision on May 4th or sooner pending any new information. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Second topic - Joe brought up the idea of giving people refunds on their dues

We had a discussion. Some of the things brought up are we are all in this together, this is a worldwide pandemic and we are following state mandated guidelines. Joe said we are in alignment that we should not refund dues because of the closure caused by the pandemic.

Third topic: Employment compensation going forward

We discussed the minimal staffing we need to keep up the grounds while we are closed.

We had a brief discussion around the cost of the range if we don't furlough people. We don't have enough funds to maintain this for multiple months. The board agreed with would furlough all employees except for the minimum.

Fourth topic: Need to put something on the website on what we decided to do today.

Joe will put something together and provide the input to Ping to post. We will include a thank you for the membership support and patience. We will this is caused by the pandemic and we are all in this together. We will let them know we are following the Governor's mandate and that mandate is driving the decision for us to remain closed.

Fifth topic: Insurance

We may switch to a different insurance company because our insurance agent is not doing a good job. We will update our policy and, in parallel, look for another company to work with. Robb suggested we look at some of our memberships and other gun organizations to see if there is an underwriter where we could get a good deal.

Lastly, we discussed needing to work on protocols for safety and hygiene for when we open. Robert has started working on it.

For the good of the order:

Jeff is sitting in a park watching bald eagles fly overhead. This is a sign we will get through this.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 3:23 PM.
Dale Sieg seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.

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Jimbo Hearsay \$66

April Manager Range Up date

- All non essential Employees put on unemployment standby on April 11
- Covid 19 virus countermeasures discussed and implemented .
- Range rental throughout the month.
- Employee deep cleaning of range.
- Ongoing administrative duties.

Maintenance

- Mower belt fixed and battery replaced
- Fabrication and installation of plexiglass barriers to protect from covid 19
- Ongoing weed eating, mowing and clearing of fallen trees.
- Access roads on ranges 1 and 2 cleared of debris and mudslide.
- Replacement of rotten wood on Chalet



Kenmore Rifle Committee Report to Board

1 April 2020: Old Business

Events scheduled

All events after 17 March have been cancelled or rescheduled until we can reopen the ranges and classrooms.

Puget Sound Rifleman's League indoor smallbore matches are likely to resume to complete the season in September.

Youth Rifle has been suspended.

Our regular schedule of rifle matches has also been suspended. This has been coordinated with sanctioning organizations where applicable, such as the CMP or the NRA.

Meeting attendance

The regularly scheduled meeting for March was cancelled.

Special Use Process

19 members so far this year have taken the Rifle Special Use classes.

New Business

Due to the corona virus closures, we may have to restart our coordinated Rifle and Pistol Committee meeting, to cover those who haven't been able to attend.

Brian Walker is also interested in adding wind flags and cord to range 1, and replacing the worn cord and flags at benches 12-13. We will coordinate installation when we again have access to Range 1.

Our first Benchrest Competition Clinic was held on 14 March, with 10 shooters attending.

Safety or Maintenance Concerns?

Rifle Committee Work Party schedule

Wind flag replacement and installation on Range 1 to be scheduled.

Other

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2020 Shotgun Yearly report.

Shotgun is a busy place. We currently have member's night on the first and third Monday of the month with a meeting on the third night. We welcome all of you to attend.

Things are starting to take shape at trap 0, the berm was re-shaped, and the trees were planted on top, next step is to start laying for the full trap field and getting the concrete poured. This will be our summer project this year.

The youth league that Mark Silver runs, was another huge success and the Members at shotgun showed up in force to help Mark with the youth shooters. Thanks to the Members and several non-members who came out in some not so good weather to help out.

This past year we ran a Doubles and Handicap League, which was well attended by shooters from March to September, then in October we had a Continental League and again the Members and some public shooters enjoyed taking part in!

The McMurtry Shoot is on hold this year due to Covid-19

Continental shoot was Sunday February 9th. We had 123 shooters 12300 targets thrown. The weather was perfect day for holding a shoot, the club was in awesome shape considering how wet December and January were this year. The event ran smoothly with the support of the Shotgun members and employees.

Our 2 PITA Matches were well attended this year, the first one was a two-day event with Singles and Doubles the first day, the second day was Singles followed by Handicap. Our fall shoot was a 200 hundred bird Handicap event and was the 3rd largest shoot of the season that was not the Wa. State championship or the Grand Pacific event! 67 shooters were on hand, with shooters coming from Canada, Idaho, Eastern Washington and all-over Western Washington.

Wa. State Championship Shoot had another strong showing from the Kenmore shooters this year, The Stewart Kids shot very well with Meryn winning Lady's Singles and Lady's High All Around Champion winning in an exciting shoot off! Good shoot Meryn. Other notable club shooters were Jack Helmkamp coming in 2nd in the Handicap Championship. Kenmore shooters traveled to quite a few events this year including going over to Wenatchee this year and we did well there, then our annual trip over to Poulsbo for a day shoot, when all the dust settled Kenmore won just about everything, Jack Pennant, Jack Helmkamp, Andrew Gough and Jim Storlie cleaned up in class, High gun in Handicap and HOA plus 2 out of 3 classes in HOA!

We have a lot of pride in what we do here and have a lot of great support. We are always open to new ideas to help this club continue to grow and be successful for not only now but for the future of the next generation.

Thank you,
David Elliott and Andrew Gough

