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I was trying to recall our situation a year ago. Hunter sight in was waning, the weather was cooling down, and life was following an order of sameness that it does for most of us each year. What a difference a pandemic can make. Fortunately, we are still plodding along with things in a similar manner but with a great deal of uncomfortable low level anxiety. To say it's been a rough year would be an understatement. I don't care what interaction you have the consuming overall topic of conversation revolves around this viral boogeyman. I know many people who varying in opinion about how to deal with this thing going forward but that fact remains is that it is still affecting us all in deleterious manner. One such issue is that we have recently noted an uptick in membership range violations. The Range Masters to their credit have pointed these things out and the board will be taking action concerning the investigation of these matters and the proper solution to the problems. I only point this out to make a very strong point regarding our Range Masters. They are the boss when this range is under observation while they are working. No exceptions. One of the hallmarks of this range is our stellar safety record over the years. Most of that is attributable to the vigilance of responsible caring employees. If they ask you to do something or stop doing something don't divulge into a contentious questioning scenario. Conversely, if you feel you are right contact a board member and we will look into the matter. Enough said on this topic.

Regarding another matter I think it's important to address the boards thinking and actions during the course of this pandemic. Let me go back to March when we shut down the range. There were some members who felt we were being weak kneed by closing shop. Let me reassure everyone this was not an easy decision. I did have some very poignant members indicate that unless we shut down there would be a complaint registered with the State authorities. We felt we couldn't take a chance to lose our license to do business if we flew in the face of this public health edict. During the time we were shut down up to including to current time we were fortunate enough to have renter's conducting essential business which has kept us afloat financially. We did not qualify for any financial stimulus assistance. The result has been that we have been able to continue to pay the bills and even gain in terms of financial solvency. That meant when we did re-open first to members only and later to the public we had to readjust our operating hours to accommodate our contract with the renting agency. We have signed a contract that extends to July of 2021. It may be terminated sooner depending on matters outside our control. We are aware of the inconvenience this has caused and will do our best to rectify these things in upcoming board meetings. We recognize communication could have been better and will do our best to improve relaying pertinent information. I could write much more about the stressors that we all have endured during this time. I do believe we're returning to some semblance of normalcy even if it's the so called new normal.

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WCW Celebrates

75
years
1945-2020

President's Message, continued:

Lastly, I think every president should be fact checked. I am no different. I have been mentioning rather often on how this range is 75 years old. Well, I recently received an email from one of our most illustrious past presidents Mr. Vic Alvarez concerning my dissemination of fake information. While I guess there were a bunch of guys rooting around on the property in 1945 there was no formal purchase until 1953 and it was not a working range until 1958. Thanks for setting me straight.

Stay safe, have fun, and be courteous to others.

Club Calendar Updates

As a reminder to everyone, as we get back to normal, use the club calendar.

If there is an event that you would like to organize, or an activity that you want to restart, let the board know so we can coordinate it and get it on the calendar.

Our available times and dates are starting to fill up.

WCW Board Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Mike Wichser (Vice President)
Robb Stack (2nd Vice President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jim Thompson (Chairman Elect)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (2yr Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)
Jeff LeMoine (Chairman Trustees)
Larry Mallory (Trustee)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock (Range Manager)
Martin Morehouse (Rifle)
Ken Deleone (Archery)
Emylee Norgaard – Handgun

Guests:

Dave Levinson
Rob Bush
Jackie Stone

Guest topics:

Rob Bush with Leavitt Group presented our Summary of Insurance. Rob will be getting together with the Trustees and Board Members to complete the review of the policy and make any final changes that are needed. Potential changes include earthquake coverage and building replacement costs.

Jackie Stone presented on a proposal for various items that will help us sustain financial stability in the future. She has a marketing organization that focuses on our industry. She works with an organization called Blue Coat Music. We have been talking to her about options for things the range could do to honor Officer Shoop.

One option we are considering is naming one of the ranges in his honor. In conjunction with the naming of the range, we will consider having an event to raise money for fallen officers. She is thinking it would be better to wait to have the event toward the beginning of next calendar year.

Jeff is in touch with Officer Shoop's brother. He will run anything we propose by the family first to make sure they approve. One idea is to have the event on Officer Shoop's birthday. This will be considered.

Jackie will look into how much money we need to raise to create the memorial.

Jackie and Jeff Gomes will work on a proposal and present an initial proposal in November. Then, we will revisit again in December to identify a date for the event. We will likely target February, March or April.

Dave presented on converting from a 501c4 to 501c3. If we did do that, we would have to change our by-laws. We have several questions including if we apply and we are refused, will that jeopardize our 501c4? Our current CPA said he did not believe we would qualify as a 501c3. We will bring this up at the next members meeting.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were presented during the board meeting are below.

Archery report:

Mike Wichser presented. Mike shared an update on the continued success of several of our archers. They continue to do extremely well.

Handgun Report:

Martin Morehouse presented via email. We met to discuss an updated pistol special use process, got input from committee chairs, rangemasters, and a member. We will schedule a meeting with the rest of the rangemasters soon. There was much discussion about untrained new members. Scott Lorenz wants to start pistol turning target practice, and pistol '1800' matches on Range 3. He will let us know when he wants to schedule them.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented via email.

We have scheduled two Basic Rifle classes in October, to reduce the student backlog, on 10 and 24 October.

We would like to open the clubhouse to smallbore rifle, possibly on Monday and Friday evenings. We will coordinate with the JOAD archery schedule, as they want to use the same evenings.

Scott Lorenz and Murray Hackett are working together on a Range 1 Target frame improvement and maintenance proposal. We can provide more detail at the member's meeting next week.

Shotgun Report:

Due to circumstances beyond our control (medical emergency), the Shotgun report was not presented at this board meeting.

Manager's Report:

Due to circumstances beyond our control (medical emergency), the Manager report was not presented at this board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented. Expenses are down and income is down. The private rental is sustaining us. Without the private rental, our club would be in a much different position. We are continuing to spread out our money to multiple holdings so we are covered by FDIC.

Trustees Report:

Due to circumstances beyond our control (medical emergency), the Trustees report was not presented at this board meeting.

Old Business:

The Hog Hunt has been reinstated due to the continued efforts by Joe Rinaldi. We have word from the Gambling Commission that we will be able to receive a permit to raffle off the Hog Hunt. Next steps are to apply for the permit and plan the sale of the tickets.

New Business:

Next month we will talk about number of hours we want to be open. We are challenged by our inability to find employees (Range Safety Officers). One hypothesis is the stimulus checks are preventing people from looking for work. If someone knows a person who would want to be a Range Safety Officer (RSO, please have them contact Robert Haverstock.

We had a discussion around communicating our plans with renting the facility and our future hours with our members at the membership meeting. At the next members' meeting, we will make sure we share the challenges we are facing, what we are doing and what we know about the future.

These are challenging times for all of us and for our club. We must stick together as a club to make it through. Thank you members, employees, Trustees and Board Members.

At the next board meeting, we will also look for an update from the special use task force, revisit the proposal to eliminate the past president's vote.

For the Good of the Order:

Nothing was presented.

Joe moved to adjourn at 9:29 PM. Dale seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.

WCW Membership Quarterly Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Member count: 16
Board member count: 9

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jeff LeMoine (Chairman Trustees)
Jim Thompson (Chairman Elect)
Larry Mallory (Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Excused board members:

Mike Wichser (Vice President)
Robb Stack (2nd Vice President)
Gary Webster (past President)

Guests:

None

Guest Topics:

No guest topics this quarter.

Reading of the last Board Member Meeting minutes:

Dale Sieg read the Board Member Meeting minutes from the last Board Meeting.

Dave Levinson moved to accept the minutes as read. Barbara Ulrich seconded. Passed.

Reading of the last Membership Meeting minutes:

Dale Sieg read the Membership Meeting minutes from the last Membership Meeting.

Dave Levinson moved to accept the minutes as read. Barbara Ulrich seconded. Passed.

Joe Rinaldi moved to accept the By-Law Article 5 Section 5 changes read from the July 8th Quarterly Membership Meeting. Barbara Ulrich seconded. Passed.

Committee reports:

A brief review of the Archery Committee's, Shotgun Committee's, Handgun Committee's, Rifle Committee's, and Operations Manager's reports follow. Also included below are brief notes from Corresponding Secretary's, Trustees', Treasurer's monthly updates presented at the quarterly meeting.

Archery Report:

Ken Deleone presented. The only thing to add to what was read from the October Board Meeting minutes is that Amy Coloma is going to join Ken as co-Chair for the Archery Committee.

Handgun Report:

John Sutton presented. John Sutton mentioned we are looking to put up a building for the second pistol range. We are working with a contractor to understand the cost.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented. In addition to what was read from the October Board Meeting minutes, we had 15 new special use attendees at the last committee meeting and 1 renewal.

Shotgun Report:

Joe Rinaldi presented. We are re-instating the Multiplex. People have been actively using the Shotgun range.

Operations Manager Report:

Robert Haverstock presented. Robert met with some construction people on the update the second pistol range. We completed the change to the new insurance company. We are getting closer to choosing a new POS system. They fixed the large berm on Range 1 at 300 yards. Working with the renters to make sure that is continuing to work well. We are looking for new employees. Let Robert know if you know of anyone who would be interested. John Sutton asked if we have started advertising our ammo for sale. Robert said yes and we had put it on the website.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Nothing was presented.

Trustees' Report:

John Sutton presented. John said the Trustees are working with Robert to identify what needs to happen around the club. John said we will have more to share at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented. Membership is a little higher than this time last year. Right now, 1/3 of the pistol range bays and 1/2 of the rifle range bays are open. We are at 22% of what our income for public shooters was at this time last year. We are at 36% of what our inventory income was at this time last year. We are at 64% of what are payroll expenses were at this time last year. Because of the renters, we are in okay shape. Without the renters, we would have depleted a significant amount of our rainy day fund. Someone asked if the hours are posted that the renters are using the facility? Yes. They are posted on our website.

Old Business:

Joe Rinaldi needs someone to take over the management of the Hog Hunt. If anyone is interested in helping with that, please let Joe know.

New Business:

We had a long discussion about the possibility of changing from a 501c4 to 501c3. To continue this consideration, we will need advice from our tax attorney and CPA. By-Laws will have to change if we change to a 501c4. If the membership decides we want to go this way, there will be expenses. It may be up to \$10,000 or more. As a 501c3, we can provide scholarships to our juniors. Money can be donated to the club and are tax deductible to the donor. The form alone for the 501c3 application is 27 pages. As a 501c3, anyone in the public can ask for a copy of our books. If we go this route, we may need to have a CPA on retainer. Ken suggested we contact a club that is already a 501c3 and find out how they did it. Joe mentioned Robb is contacting some clubs, the NRA and other organizations to get more information on what it takes to be a 501c3.

Joe opened for questions and concerns. One of the members said the range hours don't work for someone working 40 hours per week. Especially for archery. Robert said members with Special Use can use the facility Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 6am to 10pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to noon. Rifle is restricted to starting to shoot at 9:01am and must stop at dusk. The reason for the smaller number of hours we are open for non-Special Use members is because we were unable to find enough employees. One of the members said the communication to the members regarding the open hours has been poor. He suggested the club send emails to inform the membership of hour changes and other important announcements. Another member also suggested we email to remind and inform members of upcoming meetings. We then had a brief discussion about the state of the club finances and how the renters have saved us. A member suggested we revisit special use. This could resolve almost all of the issues people have been commenting on this evening. He suggested we require the special use for all members. We will be looking into revamping the Special Use process.

For the Good of the Order:

One member asked if there is a chance we could update range 2 benches? They are not in good shape. A member said he would come up with a proposal and present it. One member proposed a capital expense item for the club. He suggested we get a card key activated gate. This is something the club is investigating.

Ken Deleone moved to adjourn at 9:11 PM. Seconded by George Smith. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.

Range Notes

With our limited hours and limited facilities, due to the pandemic and the state restrictions, things can be a bit crowded around the range. We can still make coming to the range a pleasant experience if we remember our club rules and work things out together.

Be sure to check our operating hours at the club website, both to make sure we are open when you arrive, and to make sure that there isn't an event scheduled that interferes with your plans.

If you arrive and the gates are locked, there may have been a last minute change, we try to keep these to a minimum.

If something changes while you are here, the rangemasters will let you know. Remember, they didn't make the change, they are just trying to make it work.

And finally, if the rangemasters ask you for ID, or correct something you are doing, they are doing it for safety reasons. You can always bring the matter to a board meeting for discussion. Occasionally someone argues with a rangemaster, and that just makes things worse. We can choose to be a good example, or learn from someone else's bad example, the first is far less painful.

Hope to see you on the range!

Archery!

Recently four members of our Archery Youth Program participated in the SoCal Showdown tournament and again came away as winners.

Pictured with Coach Mike Wichser from left to right is Emma Kim, Women's Recurve Cadet Division Bronze Medal, Bella Fredrick, Women's Recurve Junior Division Gold Medal, Gabe Anderson, Men's Recurve Junior Division Gold Medal, and Erin Mikelberry, Women's Recurve Senior Division Bronze Medal, and of course Coach Mike Wichser.



Kenmore Rimfire Match Report

October 2020

There were 22 competitors competing in this month's match with thirteen competitors in the Match Division and nine in the Sport Division.

Welcome to newcomers Mark Huber and Brian Hodgson.

In Relay 1 Match Division Brian Lapinski shot a score of 242 4X. Rick McGuire was second with a score of 241 3X with Stephen Goodwin in third at 240 2X. In the Sport Division, Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 231 3X. Christian Eckhoff was second at 228 2X with David Konkle came in third at 227 0X.

In Relay 2 Match Division Brian Lapinski was first at 242 6X. Ernie Snyder placed second at 240 7X and Kevin Kellogg came in third at 238 1X. In the Sport Division, Eric Carter placed first at 231 1X. Hsin Hsing Liao placed second at 229 4X with Christian Eckhoff in third at 227 3X.

The Third relay was comprised of four Match shooters. In the Relay 1, Luka Treperinas shot the high score for the match at 243 5X. Ron Wuesthoff was second at 236 2X and Gary Lotterman third at 231 0X. In Relay 2, Luka Treperinas scored a 237 3X, Ron Wuesthoff was second at 231 3X and Gary Lotterman third at 231 1X.

All the scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

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Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

October 2020

There were six contestants in this month's 300-yard match with three in the Custom Class and the Factory Class.

Match 1 Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 103 with Joshua Shaw in second at 101 and Parker Letson in third at 93. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff and Larry Wright tied for first with scores of 95. Matt Daly was third at 94.

Match 2 Custom Class: Joshua Shaw was first with a score of 101. Ted Larson was second with a 99 with Parker Letson third at 90. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff finished first with a score 99 with Matt Daly in second at 98. Larry Wright placed third with a score of 91.

Match 3 Custom Class: Joshua Shaw came in first with a score of 100. Ted Larson was second with a score of 97. Parker Letson finished third with a score of 61. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff scored 100 for first place. Matt Daly was second at 97 with Larry Wright in third place with a 94.

Match 4 Custom Class: Ted Larson finished first with a score of 102. Joshua Shaw who broke 100 in all four matches and Parker Letson tied for second with a score of 100. Factory Class: Matt Daly placed first at 100. Christian Eckhoff was second at 96 and Larry Wright in third at 94.

The overall winner in Custom Class was Joshua Shaw at 403 with Ted Larson two points behind at 401 and Parker Letson in third at 344. The overall winner in the Factory Class was Christian Eckhoff with 390. In second place was Matt Daly at 389 and Larry Wright placing third at 374.

For information on this match call Matt Daly matt5404@frontier.com

