

**Sheridan County Sportsmen's
Association
89 Keystone Road, PO box 155
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**SCSA Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023**

Call to order: at 7:00 p.m. by President Jerry Reed

Roll Call:

Administrative officers present were:

President Jerry Reed
Vice President Bruce Edwards
Treasurer, Charlotte Hamilton

Executive Board Officers (Directors) present were:

Black Powder, Ed Kern
Long Range, Larry Littrell
Silhouette, Bruce Stevens
Small bore, Kelly Burton
Rifle, Russ Hamilton
Women's activities, Kathy Lundberg
Archery, Eric Bretthauer
Trap, Tracy Landeis
Youth Activity, Jeff Hinton
Pistol, Bob Hamilton
Skeet, Tom Bennett

Officers Absent:

Secretary, Mike Kuzara

Photographer/Reporter Absent

Current Membership

Annual - 908
Life - 130
Junior - 18

The current total is 1056 memberships compared to 927 last year at the same time.

Approval of the June 30 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Eric Bretthauer moved to accept the minutes as presented by email with no comments and there was a second by Ed Kern. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Charlotte Hamilton presented a profit and loss report stating there was ~\$143,000 in checking. She mentioned that the strike account had accumulated roughly ~\$12,000. There were no further comments and the treasurer's report was filed as given.

Old Business:

Indoor Range Committee: Bruce Edwards briefed the committee that FDL's range plans were reviewed, corrections made, and returned to FDL for redraft. Bruce Edwards drafted a letter for the Sheridan County Commissioners regarding the county's restricted fund as a potential option for funding. Further discussion would need to take place between the Sheridan County Commissioners, their business staff, and the Park and Recreation Board regarding questions about restricted funds, specifically concerning 85% and 15% usage time and the county owning the building.

Tracy Landeis moved the drafted letter be signed by Jerry Reed and sent to Sheridan County staff, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote. None opposed.

President:

Jerry bought more chemicals to be used in controlling the noxious weeds on ranges. Jerry would speak with Vaughn about any weed problems mentioned to him by directors. Russ spoke that pistol ranges needed Canadian Thistle sprayed.

Jerry also spoke on a question from the June meeting about the use of the clubhouse by the Wyoming Trappers Association class on Aug. 25th-26th. It will be a free class so SCSA will not charge them use of the clubhouse to host their meeting.

Jerry mentioned directors need to get their newsletter info to T. Sowers to have it compiled and sent out.

Vice President:

Bruce Edwards spoke about the site visit from the State Parks and Recreation Board with respect to land/water conservation fund grant from back in 1992. The grant is operated in a 50/50 split manner. Meaning the club pays for the full improvement and then 50% of the project cost is reimbursable. Some of the projects being funded by the membership could be funded by this grant and include things like roadwork, permanent outhouses, fencing, archery and shooting ranges, and site improvement. Bruce mentioned we missed this year, but should be preparing for next year, to gain access to these monies. After the first of the year the directors should compile a list of possible projects so the pre-application period in July 2024 could be met to gain access to these funds.

Directors:

Larry Littrell gave an update on the additional road work and material that was ok'd for purchase (\$5,000) at the June 30th board meeting. There are 10-11 yards stocked piled in the stock yard. 4 more loads were placed on the road from Keystone Road down the hill. New total for all road work was \$43,757.

Larry also discussed the upcoming Western Precision Rifle Series Shoot. There will be 100 shooters max. Weatherby gave \$5,000 to support the shoot and became the main sponsor. Their new rifle, 307 Alpine MDT, approximate value \$2999, will be raffled off, Friday Aug. 11th. 4-8 pm. There will be long shot (1307 yds) and moving target shot (400 yds) opportunities where competitors can pay a fee to shoot their own rifle or the Weatherby rifle.

Tom Bennett brought up discussion regarding a vote that took place at the June Meeting in reference to using the Phoenix system to contact volunteers.

- Original motion from June 20th
 - Motion to use the Phoenix system to contact members for volunteer purposes when they are needed was made by Eric with a 2nd from the floor. Hand count 5 for and 5 against. Jerry declared that the motion carried.

Tom Bennett mentioned the by-laws state specifically there needs to be 2/3rds to pass, so he was questioning the legitimacy of the vote. Jerry and Tom examined the by-laws after the meeting.

New Business:

President:

Jerry Reed brought up the idea of notifying the membership about their membership renewal 1 month of time. Jerry spoke to Van and she agreed she would do this and notify each upcoming renewal with a pre drafted letter. Jerry asked for a \$100 increase a month due to the extra work.

- Motion: Tracy Landeis moved that we pay Van \$50 extra dollars a month to notify the members of their upcoming membership renewal. Jeff Hinton seconded the motion. Motion lost. 4-6 vote
- Motion: Eric Bretthauer moved that we pay Van \$100 extra dollars a month to notify the members of their upcoming membership renewal. Larry Littrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-4 vote

Jerry stated that the clay pigeon supply was down to the last 4-5 pallets, so we would get a load coming, totalling around \$27,600. Pallets would be sent back to White Flyer for a discount.

Jerry Reed spoke in regards to Bruce Edwards stepping down as the Indoor Range Chairman. A question was posed whether the new chair needed to be a board member and after discussion it was decided they did not, so member Kim Venton and current Indoor Range Committee member will take over chairing the committee. Bruce Edwards will still be available to assist with the process regarding the work he has already done.

Directors:

Eric B. spoke to the topic of the Brush Buster we ordered and how it was in and he would pick it up from Home Depot. Kubota said they would service it for us.

Kelly Burton brought up an incident where a new shooting table tipped over, due to the rifle and bags being set to one side of it. Discussion took place on how to fix the issue and prevent future tipping.

Kelly also discussed his upcoming Candy Shoot and checked on the status of the outdoor range backroads with rifle director Russ Hamilton. Russ would check the status of the backboards at 25, 50, and 100 yds.

Jeff Hinton gave the youth placings from the state and national shoots.

Director's Reports

Russ Hamilton stated all pistol pits have new boards and he would check on the previously mentioned boards for Kelly's Candy Shoot.

Ed Kern said the status of the black powder shooters is the about the same; they didn't lose shooters and they haven't gained shooters

Larry Littrell mentioned their .22 long range match went well. He also spoke about getting information out to the membership about the range closures for the August 11th and 12th Western Precision Rifle Series Shoot. This information needed to go out in multiple manners;

newsletter, announcement on website, and through our Phoenix system. T. Sowers, Russ H., and Eric B. said they would disseminate that information through those avenues respectively.

Bruce Stevens reported he was trying to figure out a day to shoot and trying to generate a date early next year.

Tom Bennett said he worked on the 5 Stand traps that were having difficulties and that all 5 Stand traps are back up and running.

Bob Hamilton said pistol shooting was going well. He mentioned the wedding shoot they held was fun for all. Still running Tuesday and Thursday shooting opportunities and Tom Nutter is running one, one Sunday a month.

Kelly Burton stated his Candy Shoot was Saturday and that the Military Shoot will take place on August 19th. He asked Eric to get a gate code for that day and Eric said he would.

Tracy Landeis spoke about how they canceled their ATA shoot on June 24th due to weather but WSTA and ATA agreed to allow the shoot to take place on June 25th. She also mentioned the trap league would be finishing up a week from Wednesday, June 26th.

Kathy Lundberg discussed how they would be holding a lady's night trap shoot on August 15th at 4 pm. and that the last Women on Target event would be September 23rd.

Eric Bretthauer spoke about his Rattlesnake Shoot which generated about \$2,000. It had targets out to 120 yards. He also discussed how they expected between 300-500 shooters at the annual Bear Lodge shoot. Eric also stated he held an Independence Day shoot with 28 shooters where they shot targets with AR-15s out to 680 yds.

Jeff Hinton said the youth shooting is officially done after a long 7 months and that those kids are on to other activities they participate in.

Call to adjourn: President Jerry Reed at 8:27 pm.

President Jerry Reed _____ Date _____

Secretary Mike Kuzara _____ Date _____