

Monthly Gun Club Meeting Notes
Date: 30 May 2023 7pm at
The American Legion, Hot Springs



Agenda:
Pledge: Gary
Secretary's Report: Ginger
Treasurer's Report: Drake
Old/New Business Discussion: Tom & Gary

Meeting Notes:

- 19:00 hours: Gary gave the Pledge of Allegiance
- Ginger asked if anyone needed to hear the minutes from April. James made a motion to skip the reading of the minutes and Drake seconded it. Ginger reported that the Gun Club had a total of 179 members by the end of April, and gained 26 members since the last meeting plus all of May for a total of 205 members. All members had been mailed a welcome letter, range safety rules, and a member card containing the gate code.
- Drake provided the treasurer's report. Expenditures for the month of May were \$1,827.55 Current balance in checking account is \$5,476.15. Savings account is \$507.12. We have a balance in the high yield account of \$32,858.99. Total of all accounts is \$38,842.26. Drake had copies of the treasurer's report if anyone wanted a copy.
- Gary asked if there was a motion to pass the treasurer's report. James made the motion, and Dennis seconded it.
- Gary began the old business discussion with an after action report on the Members Appreciation Day (MAD) event. He said that we spent \$430.00 on food and drinks. Peggy (Gary's wife) was the chief cook. Great use of the new grill! The Gun Club had one pistol range comment/complaint, but "we are taking care of that." Gary said that 31 people showed up to the MAD.
- Gary provided an insurance update. He credited Peggy with 99% of the work. We've got Commercial Liability (\$1263/year), Instructor Endorsement (\$227) Director's and Officer's Instruction Insurance (\$774) and umbrella liability insurance we went up around another \$million (for \$2,000) for a grand total give or take of \$4,300 per year.
- Gary continued the old business discussion. James fixed up the shotgun patterning area today. He poured a pad for the overhead cover that RJ designed. Gary discussed additional work needed including a retaining wall. Gary discussed "doing a little combat shotgunning in there eventually" with Tyrell, our State representative. Left side will be shotgun patterning, and right side he is willing to "let us try stuff" "maybe draw from the holster" on membership days only so we have some control.

- Gary introduced the new business discussion with the gate schedule for June. Gary said he had slots to fill for June (gate opening & locking for members-only days), and said you get \$10 for every trip you go out there: \$20 for a weekend.
- Gary discussed scheduled events in June. On 29 June the Department of Corrections is coming out to shoot, and the Concealed Carry Class is scheduled 3 hours on the 17th June.
- Gary discussed range projects we will do this month (besides the mowing thanks to Mike Hochstetter). Weed spraying we are waiting for Tyrell to drop that off; Painting the pistol shed, painting the gongs, and repairing target frames to fit in the new 100-yard steel frames. We upgraded with gravel and replaced all the old ones with new steel targets (old ones were too tight)
- Gary brought up weapons for the Banquet Raffle; though he knows it's early, he didn't want to wait and get "picked-over" stuff. Last year we had one pistol, two rifles, and a shotgun. Gary had a ton of feedback from attendees, a couple men sitting at a back table in particular, and asked the young gentlemen (who had the most feedback) for a consolidated list of their recommendations to be presented on June 27th at the next Gun Club meeting. Gary brought up strategy on how to sell a lot of raffle tickets, and received constructive feedback. Tom explained that our goal is to get a little ahead of the organizational phase of this, calendar-wise. So "by August 1st we know what guns we are going to buy and what the budget is. By mid-August we can print our tickets (roughly, right), and September 1st if we want to we can start selling raffle tickets. Last year we were a little behind the curve".
- Gary discussed the new range in Rapid City expected by October 2024 with an attendee from Rapid City, and said he "didn't think it would hurt us. We've got one of the best long-ranges in the state." The guy from Rapid City remarked: "When it gets too busy up there, all the overflow will come here." Gary said "I think we can hold them. There's a long range match coming up July 8th where everyone is welcome to attend or watch, even those who didn't want to shoot."
- Gary asked for any further questions, and Drake asked about finding a date for TOG (The Old Guys shoot). Gary asked if James and Drake had come up with a course of fire and Drake said "that's easy. The hardest is coming up with a date." Gary asked about targets and Drake said we had plenty and talked about it at last month's meeting. They settled on 13 August. Tom asked what time it would start, and they decided on 9am. Gary named it The Ole Folks Shoot (TOFS or OFS)
- Gary brought up a Youth Shoot, and asked for a date/time. July is Precision Shoot. August is Old Folks Shoot. Gary suggested August 6 from 9-3pm, before kids would be back in school. Gary said that next month he will bring a layout of targets, the course of fire and yardages used at our previous Youth Shoot. The Gun Club will provide the ammo - "that's our donation to the Youth Shoot", and we would like a coach volunteer for every kid. He asked Drake to provide something similar for the Ole' Folks Shoot.
- Dennis Midgley discussed the upcoming IDAP (I Don't Aim Properly) Pistol Shoot this coming Monday: "I'll send you an email so you can put it out to the rest of the Club." Tom said we would send the email out and just need specific days so we can put it on the calendar. Dennis said it would be every Monday in June except for Monday the 19th - he won't be here. Dennis said that people brought up not being

able to attend Monday mornings, so he said he could hold a shoot the Monday evening before the Tuesday meeting (29 June) if there was any interest. Dennis reiterated that it was just going to be a pistol shoot, center fire, around 40 rounds: .22, center fire, revolver, pistol. Anywhere from beginner to competent/proficient are welcome. He doesn't want anyone to be afraid to come out and shoot.

- Gary asked for alibis, and Drake mentioned he'd been stopped from putting out steel targets on the range. Drake asked how we can get the rules changed, because he doesn't see in the rules where we couldn't bring out steel targets and would love to do so. Gary said he would have to go through Tyrell, the state rep, and "they weren't real keen on it". Gary said he could talk with them again, and asked Drake if he was proposing to have it allowed on member days only. Drake said that it didn't matter to him, and that he didn't see it in the range rules (that you couldn't put out steel targets), and asked what was preventing people from doing it on non-member-only days. Gary said "someone to step up and say 'no' (like they did to Drake)" Drake said that the rule should probably be posted then (if it was expected to be followed), and that he would love for the rule to be changed if it could be changed. Gary said he thinks the only way we're going to get that is if everyone was allowed to do that, and we could potentially end up with "unsafe conditions". Drake said "you're right, but we can ask them and see how we can come up with safe conditions - maybe specific spots where people can set their targets out - .22 or 9mil." Gary said Tyrell had given permission for the dueling tree. We have to be really careful due to the potential for ricochet's on the pistol range, explained Gary. He said he had wanted to put out steel (the steel diamonds) on the 100, and had to check. At the 200 we have 2-3 plates that "are getting shot up pretty good - but that's what it's for". The 300 "we put one extra on there as well." Gary said he would ask Tyrell about it.
- Tom asked everyone if they liked the parking lot out there "Oh yeah" was the unanimous response. Tom gave Gary all the credit for using all his own tools and putting in the hours to make it happen.
- Gary asked for any more questions or suggestions.
- Tom said "about that 100 and 200 rifle range - they put the steel bases in... We are modifying the target frames so that they fit in the steel bases. When you look for target frames, look for the ones that have a green stripe near the bottom because those will fit in the steel targets."
- Gary asked for any further questions, concerns, or issues and there was no response from members present.
- At 19:41 hours there was a motion to adjourn which was seconded.