

Fall River Gun Club

Meeting Notes

October 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Gary Owens, Cal Hall, Bruce Spitzer, Trevor Evans, Larisa Cox

Others in Attendance: Peggy Owens, Gerry Burdick, Mike Hochstetter, Doug Burdette, Dennis Midgley, Norm Oney, Dennis Cox, Tom Fisk, Ralph Carlson, Mark Geraets, Tom Embree, Sandra Merrow, G.P. Lackey, Cynthia Hoffmeyer, Jace Thomas, David Walsh, Ed Burke, Brian Hardy, Justin Grabowski, Megan Argabright

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Board President Gary Owens stated that the Club's Treasurer resigned last month due to time constraints. Larisa Cox (Secretary) will fill this position until a replacement is elected. Trevor Evans read the report for this month (balances as of Oct. 29, 2024):

- Checking: \$5,680.61
- Savings: \$1,027.69
- Money Market: \$22,272.42

TOTAL: \$28,980.72

Memberships: Peggy Owens reported there have been approximately 70 memberships purchased thus far for 2025, averaging about 2 membership purchases/renewals per day. According to Gary, 80% of our members live in Rapid City.

Work Day & MAD: The work day prior to our Membership Appreciation Day (MAD) was a success, as was the MAD event itself. Knife/axe throwing went well. Members had fun with the bowling pin shoot, the turkey shoot, and other challenges. There were around 34 people in attendance.

Cordless Drill: We will soon be purchasing a cordless drill and accessories for the Club, so that we don't have to keep borrowing.

Heater for Office: Game, Fish, and Parks will pay for this (as well as the electric bill). We store paint and chemicals in the office, and these items cannot freeze. Gerry Burdick has offered to hook it up for us.

Gate: Thanks to Peggy, we finally have the gate working! On December 31, the code will change. Watch for an email announcing the new code for 2025.

Vault Toilet: We have a new vault toilet located by the 200-yard line.

.22 Rimfire Range: Progress continues! We have about 40 feet of berm there, and 2 target stands/benches. Gerry has installed some T-posts. We will utilize our old metal targets on the T-posts.

Classes: Let us know if you have any suggestions for classes that we can hold during the winter (Stop the Bleed, Weapons Cleaning, etc.) We can also offer our heated classroom and facilities to other organizations, provided they donate a portion of the fees back to the Club.

Gun Raffle: Tickets are in, and we are selling them for \$10 each (a five-pack for \$50, or 11 tickets for \$100). We can take credit cards now, and we hope to be able to sell them online soon as well.

Gun Show: There will be a Gun Show in Rapid City at the Monument Civic Center on December 7th & 8th. We have bought a table to sell tickets there that weekend, so stop by and see us (or let us know if you'd like to help)!

Electricity: Electricity to the rest of the range will hopefully be completed before the snow flies and the ground freezes. On the 100-yard and 200-yard lanes, we will have red warning lights and audible horns for safety.

Vending Machine: Game, Fish, and Parks will be putting in some vending machines, with 20% of profits going back to the Club. We will not have to stock the machines or be responsible for them in any way, other than deciding where to put them.

November Meeting: The November Club meeting will be held on Tues., Nov. 26th (7 pm at the American Legion).

December Meeting: Due to the holidays, the December Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17th (7 pm at the American Legion). Board members will meet prior to this (at 6 pm) for the Winter Quarterly Board Meeting.

January Meeting: The January Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28th (7 pm at the American Legion).

February Banquet & Meeting: The Annual Banquet will be held on Feb. 22nd at the American Legion, with no additional Club meeting during the month. Depending on the Legion's policy, we may need to limit banquet attendance to 150 persons.

March Meeting: The Spring Quarterly Board meeting will be held sometime this month, at which newly-elected and current Board members will decide on the positions they will take.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!!! - If you are interested in serving on the Fall River Gun Club's Board of Directors, we will have at least 2 openings to fill for 2025. Please ask a current Board member for an application or call the office at (605) 517-1759.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm.

From all of us at the Fall River Gun Club, have a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Larisa Cox, FRGC Secretary