

Eustis Gun Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Eustis Gun Club, Tavares FL
June 24, 2020

Board Members Present

President: Rick Hansing, Vice President: Bill Tweedle, Treasurer: Marc Ouellette
Board Members: Jon Lewis, Sydney Chipchase, Ray Menzel, Bob Comerer, Carl D'Alessandro
(Chairman), Sonny Nowlon (immediate Past President)
Guests: Charles Simonel, Marty Dunlap, Maynard Wills, Joseph Lumia

Called to order 6:01pm

Rick motioned that we name the meeting hall after Sonny. Bob seconded. Approved.
Rick then read a testimonial written about Sonny and his service to the club, at the end of
which, he said we're naming the meeting Nowlin Hall.

Quorum is established.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved without comments.

Membership report (Sydney):
1676 paying members as of May
2089 total members
Report was accepted.

New Business:

IDPA: no representation present

4H: Maynard reported on 4H's recent competition (Schoolastic Clays)
11 kids competed
Our kids won:
3rd place Sporting Clays Open Division
1st and 2nd in Open Division Trap
1st and 2nd in Open Division Skeet
Tyler Swan shot his first 25 ever in competition
Maynard may try to organize a Trap clinic for the kids at EGC
He's taking 2 kids to Nationals in July

Shotgun: Marc – revenues up, probably be over \$3400 this month
Skeet and Trap is up and running.

Trap issue – Microphones + card reader is unreliable due to pistol berm noise causing premature launching of clays. Marc wants to spend \$800 for 4 additional remotes to solve the problem.

Marc motioned we do the above, Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

Pistoleros: Dawn is out due to family issues – no report

Budget Report:

\$101k income in May

\$22396.47 expenses in May

\$352342.74 in the bank

Motion to accept budget report made by Jon, seconded by Ray, passed.

2020 financial projection / budget

May maintenance budget was so low (\$.045) because Pistoleros gave us \$2500 to help cover the painting and repairs of Cowboy Town.

Estimates for June:

Revenues \$107k

Shotgun: \$2461

Guest Fees: \$633

Membership and guest income is way down this month from last year...probably due to covid-19 and unemployment.

Paypal has cost us \$1761 so far this year (3% fee), but use is way up from last year. Marc says the convenience of members using Paypal is worth the cost to the club.

Marc has tweaked some of the numbers for the annualized budget projection and says we can likely stay in the black for the 2020 fiscal year.

Credit cards – who has what and what their limits are:

Steve Schwartz \$1000

Pat Christianson \$500

Carlos Ramirez \$2500

Marc \$4000

George's card is still active – needs to be resolved – there are some outstanding expenses on his card that we're trying to get refunded

Rick \$5000

Range maintenance & operations: Bob

Discipline incident last Sunday, member was sent a letter.

186 Guests so far this month.

Some members have been bringing too many guests at once.

Progress on the blue range rule book...about 30% through it. Bob is having his wife help make sure the updated rules are clear.

Joseph asked if the updated rules would be open for member comments before adoption and if there was an expected completion date. Bob responded, yes, and this year.

Maintenance: lead and stones are coming over the berms on a daily basis onto the shotgun fields...probably from lead hitting lead in the berms. Going to raise the dirt height on the berms with new dirt. More dirt will be hauled in.

Lead frags have been leaving Swampwater...east side berm is eroded and will be elevated and have a 4' structure added to the top of the berm. Jon asked if permits would be required. Bob responded no.

Joseph commented that all of the berms have stones in them, and frags going over the berms/walls will continue as long as the berms have stones in them.

Bill asked if frags coming over the berms is a safety issue. Multiple responses were that it can be.

Joseph asked how often lead is removed from the berms. Sonny said roughly every 5 years.

Joseph suggested we have the lead recovery remove stones from the berms while they remove lead.

Gravelly mower had to go in for repairs. Cost not yet known. One of the pullies came loose.

Rick motioned to approve the report. Jon interrupted with a question about the discipline incident. Jon said the letter already having been mailed violates article 12 of the bylaws. Ray agreed that the entire board should have been involved in deciding how to handle the incident. Bob explained that the incident was so serious that it had to be dealt with immediately. Bob and Rick both said that their interpretation of the bylaws allows for what was done.

Joseph suggested that our bylaws and range rules are too vague and we should clearly define a discipline / appeal process.

Motion to approve by Rick, seconded, passed.

Unfinished old Business:

Rick: Loma Linda update – no news

Ray: Environmental Survey – Contract with Oregon company has been cancelled. Ray found a local company in Vero Beach (Florida Environmental Consulting) to help us with an environmental safety survey. They're going to do a zoom meeting before hiring the company.

Carl moves that we create the position of Environmental Stewardship Manager, and Ray be it.

Ray said this isn't something that can be done entirely by one person, that he'll need input from others and that Sonny has been helpful.

Bob second. Motion carries unanimously.

Ray expects the environmental survey will cost around \$12k.

Marc mentioned we don't have MSDS's for the various chemicals we have on-site. He's working on putting that together.

Dedicated .22 range subcommittee: nobody present...Carl mentioned they have a match coming up and the MD knows about social distancing requirements.

Steel subcommittee: Jon – The past two weekends, Jon tested and calibrated the two club-owned forward falling poppers, suggests that we allow IDPA to begin utilizing them for matches and make sure nothing unexpected happens. Bob moves that we proceed with IDPA using the poppers. Sydney seconds, motion carried.

Emergency Cease Fire alarm system: A nearby club had an incident recently and had no means to stop live fire so that EMS would enter the property. Local EMS has told us that if called, they won't come past our gate until they can be assured that all ranges have ceased fire and all firearms are put away. Bob has been looking at systems to provide a networked (2 or 3 devices) siren to call for a club-wide cease fire. What he's currently looking at would be about \$269 per unit for sirens. Bob's not sure if the system he's looking at is "the one to get". Marc suggested we have the electrician check out / fix the existing horn system on the shotgun field. Bill moved that we pre-approve up to \$1k to put some kind of system in place. Multiple seconds. Passed unanimously.

Ray mentioned current issues with masks...moved that due to rising numbers of covid cases, at the general meeting, everyone should be required to wear a mask and wondered if we should do temperature checks. Jon suggested we should require masks for any indoor space other than the RSO office when the RSO is alone in the office. Bob agreed. Ray moves that at the general meeting, everyone has to wear a mask. Rick asked if the club provide masks to have them on hand for those who don't bring their own. Rick suggested adding to the motion that the club will order a couple hundred masks. Ray amended his motion. Rick seconded. Motion carried. Sydney will order masks.

New business

Range wall repair/replacement – tabled, Bob hasn't been able to get a quote from the contractor he wants to use.

Free memberships: Dawn requests that we give a free 1yr membership to Juan Acevedo (he's maintained our FB page for the past few years). RSO's, maintenance crew, have generally been given a free membership in the past. Dawn has also suggested that the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator get 1yr free memberships. Rick motions we accept the list of free members. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Facebook group: Jon suggested in email previously that we create an EGC Facebook group, primarily for club members to communicate with each other, but also for member/board communications. Board involvement would be optional as not everyone uses Facebook. Rick is ok with it if we can do it privately. Marc was concerned about the amount of information Facebook has access to / control over. Bill thinks we have enough methods for members to communicate with the board. Sydney mentioned that the blog section on the old club web site ended up being a complaints and gossip page, and for those reasons was shut down. Joseph suggests that we have shooter groups that would benefit from communication or already have their own Facebook groups. Jon mentioned that CFRPC has a club Facebook page. Tabled for

next meeting. Jon will put together a demo of what the group can do / how it would work...closed group / moderation / post removal / etc.

Rubber dummies: Multiple negative comments, both questioning if we want to be in the business of renting targets and if we want the image of training people to shoot human torso targets? Nobody is in favor of further consideration. Carl suggests we do not proceed. Bill agrees.

Bylaws: Do we need to look at revising? Prohibition of remote voting by the board...Bill suggests we need to fix this and that there are probably several other things that could use updates. Asked if others would like to suggest changes. Bob suggested we should focus on updating the rule book before making bylaws changes. Tabled.

Membership fees: There's a request from a member working in the middle east for a reduced cost life membership. Sydney responded to the member saying that we can't do this. Ray, Rick and Sonny suggest that we need to raise our rates. Ray says we're cheaper than all the other area clubs. Rick suggested we look at raising dues for everyone vs raising the spouse dues. Rick also questioned if we should continue selling life memberships. For a young person, a life membership becomes a burden on the club after 8 years. Rick thinks we should decide by August so we can give the membership plenty of notice of the coming rate increases. Ray suggested we all give this some thought before the next meeting – what should we do about dues and how do we explain it? Bob suggested each board member should contribute at least one idea.

Marc says we'll be spending about \$17k on clays in July. Funds are already in the shotgun budget. Forms are on the wall in the shotgun area for members to order powder / primers / shells to be trucked to the club with our bulk clays order.

Carl called for guest comments:

Joseph asked what we're ordering for clays. Marc replied White Flyer. Joseph wanted to know if members could order a palate of birds with the club order. Ray & Marc responded that we generally get a full load of palates of birds, and we can fit some powder/primers/shells, but there's generally not more room for additional palates of clays. Jon asked how the members ordering reloading supplies works. Marc said members can call in their order, and on arrival, things are stored in the shotgun building.

Sonny thanked us for naming the building after him. Also asked about insurance on the golf cart that members use. His concern is whether non-agents of the club operating a club owned cart is covered. He thinks we are, but says we should make sure. Marc will investigate. Sonny suggested we ask Loma Linda if they'll sign the variance allowing us to rebuild the portion of the 200M range covering that was previously removed due to zoning complaint. Rick suggested we've established peace with Loma Linda and not bug them. Carl suggested we wait and at some point do a "package deal" negotiating with Loma Linda rather than lots of small items.

Bill mentioned that a few parking spaces for the shotgun field are occupied by equipment that doesn't belong. Bob said the IDPA trailer will be moved. Cowboy plate rack will be moved.

Joseph: If we're concerned about revenues, we should open a pro shop that sells ammo and other shooting supplies (eyes, ears, targets). He said no FFL is needed to sell ammo.

Carl and Bob commented that we've done lots of improvements on the shotgun field, but nothing to market these improvements to the membership.

Marc pointed out that we have members that could provide services that club needs (book keeping, golf carts, etc.).

Sydney: Looking for a way to help Ann and Cecil (Ann lost a wrist and hand). Looking for someone to come in and help cook/clean a couple times a week. Ray suggested we have some events at the club with entry fees going to help Cecil. Marc/Carl suggested we could have our cleaning service go to Cecil's. Ray asked about doing a food drive for them. Bob suggested Sydney reach out to Ann and ask what the club can do to help.

Carl - Next board meeting July 22, 6pm. General meeting July 12, 1pm, masks will be required (and will be provided for those unaware).

Bill motioned to adjourn 8:02pm multiple seconds, passed.