

Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association
Meeting Agenda
East Helena VFW 7:00pm
October 10, 2017

Board Members:

Chairman of the Board: Jason Swant (P)
 Association President: Neil Horne (P)
 Association Vice President: Rick Yearry (P)
 Association Treasurer: Annette Rinehart (P)
 Association Secretary: Lindsey Fryer (P)
 Director: Keaton Santos (P)
 Website Manager: Vacant

Director: George Schiller (P)
 Director: Larry Cole (P)
 Director: Cory Olson (P)
 Director: Tim Snyder (P)
 Director: Kerry Bartlett (P)
 Range Maintenance Officer: Jordan Alexander (Absent)

20 members 11 in which were Board Members.

Start: 7:03 p.m.

End: 8:14 p.m.

Agenda Item	Leader	Notes	To-Do's
Reading of Minutes	Lindsey	Lindsey read the to-dos from the minutes on September 12, 2017. Motion to approved or make changes. George Schiller 1 st , Cory 2 nd , all in favor and motion approved.	
Treasure Report	Annette	Bills: Northside Welding \$1100 Hat purchase \$217.50 Helena Sand and Gravel \$7000 Ordered 250 more keys, already have 40 – 60 should be here within the week, the other 250 will be here soon. Beginning balance: \$23,151.00 Total Deposits: \$4,511.00 Total Expenses: \$2,283.97 09/30/2017 Balance: \$25378.09 George Schiller motion to approve, Cory 2 nd all in favored, motion passed.	
RMO Report	Jordan Alexander	Nothing to report.	

<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Rick Y.</p>	<p>Events:</p>	
	<p>Larry</p>	<p>Site-in Day this Saturday the 14th. 9AM-3PM. Capital Sports supplying targets and gunsmith with siting equipment. Rick needs 7 people to help out. Requested member to visit with him after meeting to discuss. Friday the 13th there will be safety meeting 6PM at Prickly Pear.</p> <p>Forest Service: Interview Process Oct. 1st 2017– Sept 30th 2018 they will be out on the Helena National Forrest and will be using a program to pick times and place. We are scheduled for 13 visits throughout this time frame. You can elect to participate or not. About a 10 minutes process, as you several questions. Next one scheduled is Nov. 13th.</p>	
	<p>Jason</p>	<p>Safety Issue between 25/50/100 Ranges. Moved a large berm in-between ranges to eliminate that issue. Reseeding has taken place, we are still currently waiting on the new gate. Looking at also hanging some perimeter signs so people are well aware of the gun range.</p> <p>Range Office Report: Will be organizing a work party at some point. There has already been some snow plowing. Please be contentious of your surrounding and safety issues while at the range. If you can correct behaviors please do so. If you do not feel comfortable please bring it to a board members attention. Safety is priority, when something is addressed, it's in our best interest to solve it.</p>	
	<p>Neil</p>	<p>Helena Sand and Gravel discounted \$1500, they did a great job and got the project handled quickly.</p> <p>Gate assembly – all pipe was donated by Northwest Energy. Spending over \$5000 a year on keys alone, we are trying to find a better solution for that cost, maybe a keyless entry with a code. We are looking at solar options that could work for us.</p> <p>500 Yard Range: Justin Covey spoke this evening to the Board about some concerns about the 500 yard range. We are waiting for the proposal and plan for the range before anything gets approved.</p>	

		<p>Parking lot at the facility was all milled. The millage was removed to try to get a better drainage. We are still looking at the process to get the parking lot exactly how we want it. Helena Sand and Gravel is working on it with us. We are having to jump through some hoops to make this parking lot happen. Looking at a milled golf cart track to go all the way to the 400 range. If we can get millings in there it will take care a lot of the current issues. Helena Sand and Gravel will get us some quotes. Most likely this will happen in 2018.</p>	
	Jason	<p>Work Party – not sure on the date, but looking at next Thursday or Friday during the day time. We will send a big email blast out to let association members know. If we are hanging signs there will have to be range closures.</p>	
	Tim	<p>Tim gave introduction to Justin Covey, he’s one of the Top 10 Shooters in the 1000 yard in the Country and used to be a PPSA Board Member.</p>	
	Jason/Neil	<p>2018 Dues: Raising dues \$10 annually making the membership dues \$50 a year. Looking ahead at future improvements and renovations it’s been a consistent conversation if this is something we need to do to benefit the growth of the club. It was an item on the boards meeting tonight, we discussed pros and cons, and a decision has not been made at this time, but likely will be made this evening after the Association meeting when the board reconvenes. Before the board makes the decision we’d like to open it up for discussion.</p> <p>Floor Discussion:</p> <p>Bill Covey – one of the things that came up constantly was maintenance and that there was no Range Officer. Bill wouldn’t even care if we raised it \$20, maintenance and safety are really important. Safety is a huge thing up there and he’s seen some pretty poor actions. Without direct Range presence it’s hard to maintain a safe environment. Maintenance needs more than 20hrs a week.</p>	

	Jason	<p>Tim Wheeler – feels we have a pretty good deal for only \$45. The target on the pistol range do not last long at all with all the use. They almost need to be replaced every couple days which will incur more costs. Those members that join during hunting season are hunters, not shooters. There need to be some sort of authority during the busy months so there is order and safety is enforced.</p> <p>Don Yurig – the value that is offered by PPSA exceeds the annual cost. Brought up the importance of marketing, how are we drawing in long term members? How can we turn guests into members?</p> <p>Katie Goodhart - will the fee then be raised annually? The answer was no, it would be set for a period of time. After our lease renewal discussion in 2020 there might have to be another discussion, but our intent is not to raise the cost year after year.</p> <p>Sharon Wheeler – Land exchange with Forrest Service? What’s the cost, do we have enough? Neil said it really doesn’t make any difference at this point. We’ve had communication with a financial group that would help us out when that time comes, they want to be a part of our association and would provide assistance. We reiterated that we are not trying to find way to raise the fee annually, we’d like to keep in consistent for several years.</p> <p>Katie Goodhart – 20% increase, most people are going to look at that in a mathematical sense, but if we are raising dues, people will want to continue to see improvements.</p> <p>Don Yurig – If we gain 500 more members, it’d cancel out on the extra. Cory Olson chimed in and said that’s great however it could affect the quality of the range and that in turn will incur more costs, maintenance, etc.</p> <p>Cory Olson – we are not increasing costs to deter a specific type of member. We are doing it for the long term benefit of the club.</p> <p>By-Laws</p> <p>Review of the edits.</p>	
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