

**Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association**  
**Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2017**  
**VFW, East Helena**  
**7:00pm**

Jason Swant, Chair  
Neil Horne, President  
Rick Yearry, Vice-President  
Marcia Snyder, Secretary  
Jim Manning, Treasurer **AB**  
Greg Guthrie, Director **AB**

Keaton Santos, Director  
Larry Cole, Director **AB**  
Tim Snyder, Director  
George Schiller, Director  
Darrell Harris, Director **AB**

New Board Members in attendance: Maddi Tormey, Annette Rinehart, Cory Olson, Kerry Bartlett

President Neil Horne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

There were 19 members present, including board members.

Secretary Marcia Snyder read the minutes of the April meeting. Bill Covey moved and George Schiller seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed.

Incoming treasurer Annette Rinehart gave the treasurer's report. At the end of April, the balance in our checking account was \$29,002.01. The balance today is \$83,270.31 due to the sale of 2 CD's. Kerry Bartlett moved and Keaton Santos seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed.

**OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Range Maintenance Officer – Jason Swant reported for RMO Jordan Alexander. The word this month is “gongs.” Member Bert Bouma is again helping to keep the gongs in good shape. If a member sees a gong missing, this is a reminder to all that work is going on. Members are also asked to keep an eye on the outhouse to keep it pleasant. If maintenance is needed, please contact Jordan, Neil or Jason. Tim Wheel mentioned that the springs on some of the gongs in the pistol range don't seem to be working. They will be checked out, as there are new springs available. Neil reminded all to use the suggestion boxes.

Ruger Day After Action Report – Keaton Santos reported that Ruger Day event was flawless. All Capital Sports employees attended a safety meeting the Thursday before the event. Over 100 people attended. Five lanes in the pistol range were used, 2 in the long range and 2 in the 100 range. In the long range, almost 300 rounds of .308 shells were used and 200 rounds of .223. An AR was available at the 100-yard range and a suppressor was demonstrated in the Rimfire. Two memberships were sold at the range that day with 6 more at Capital Sports the

following week. The radio advertising worked well. Tim Wheel mentioned the Cory Olson's son started picking up brass in the pistol range – a big “Thank You” to him.

After Action Reports – Other Events – Tim Snyder reported that although the weather was miserable, 6 people went through the concealed carry class this past weekend. The Appleseed program offered mid-April could've been better, according to Kaiser Leib. Five people started the class and one returned for Sunday. Kaiser is looking forward to his next class July 15-16. Tim also mentioned the Semper Fi shoot June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the High Ore Range, where PPSA is sponsoring a shooting bay. Registration for this event can be done online and is limited. George Schiller reported on his and Jason's participation in the suicide prevention program at Easy Helena the end of April

Forest Service – Neil reported for Larry Cole. We are presently waiting for a reply from Mandi on our request to modify a couple of our approved goals for 2017. No statement for 2017 has been received yet.

President's Report – Neil reported that the Board voted 8-1 to purchased a skid steer for the range. This multipurpose machine will mow, move snow, and tend berms, to mention a few of its chores. Bids were gathered on several different brands and the best deal came from CAT for \$54,632. The sale of 2 cd's mentioned in the treasurer's report were for this purpose. In spending this money, the board voted to pay back the funds within 4 years. One concern extensively discussed was using dollars set aside for a land purchase for something different. It was felt that should a land deal come about, there were several resources available, such as the Canyon Ferry Land Trust, for funds. Bill Covey asked where the machine will be stored. Neil said that the board had already approved the purchase of conexes for storage. The new Range Cadi is in place at the range to rave reviews!

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Guest passes - Neil reported that the new guest pass system is in place and seems to be working as several envelopes have already been collected. He reminded the members present that all adults must have a guest pass, that only children under the age of 18 are allowed in the range with an adult guest, not a spouse.

Budget & Audit Committee – A committee, consisting of Annette, Tim Wheel, Maddi, Jim Manning and Jason & Neil, if they choose to participate, is in place and will meet for the first time next week.

Open House – Rick Yearry reported that 120 ad spots had been placed with Cherry Creek radio and Jay Scott has interviewed him to get the word out about the Open House this coming Saturday. Capital Sports is also including this event in their advertising this week. The event will offer, demonstrations, vendors, door prizes and lunch. Rick mentioned that he still needs a volunteer for the Fun Shoot next month.

Work Party – Jason requested a volunteer for this, with an effort to get the needed work done by the end of the month. Kerry Bartlett agreed to do this. There are several projects from hanging fence signage to tidying up.

Membership Checks – Jason said the board is having on-going discussion on this topic, in an effort to provide checks on a consistent basis.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

Neil mentioned that Rick Davis, when holding the concealed carry class, noticed that shotguns had been used at the sight-in area. Neil reminded the group that shotguns, using scatter patterns, are not allowed. It was suggested that the Trap Club be contacted to see what their policy is to use scatterguns there.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Darlene Horne mentioned that is folks have items for an email, Facebook, etc., to contact Maddi Tormey with these requests.

There being no further business to discuss, Keaton moved and Annette seconded a motion to adjourn. The next Association meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Snyder, Secretary