

**Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association
Association Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
VFW, East Helena
7:00pm**

The November Association Meeting of the Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association was called to order by President Neil Horne at 7:13pm

Board members present were:

Chairman Jason Swant
President Neil Horne
Secretary Marcia Snyder
Treasurer Jim Manning
Director George Schiller
Director Larry Cole
Director Darrell Harris
Director Tim Snyder

Board members absent:

Vice President Ken Liston
Director Rick Davis
Temp Range Officer Jordan
Alexander

Members present in addition to the Board: 7

The minutes of the October meeting were read by Marcia Snyder. One correction was made to paragraph under NEW BUSINESS. Dave Noble was changed to Dave Toble. George moved and Darrell seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jim Manning reported that the keys and membership forms for 2016 were completed and ready for the Christmas party. After the party, they will go to the vendors. His Treasurers report stated that we began the month with \$24,849.45 in our checking account and ended the month with \$27,273.22 in the checking account. Expenses totaled \$4,976.23 and deposits were recorded at \$7,400. Larry moved and Darrell seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

OFFICER/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Chairman Jason Swant reported on the status of the temporary range officer position. The Board adopted a Position Description of the Range Maintenance Officer position and it will move ahead to hire that permanent position by the end of the year. Membership checks and range violations have been left off the Position Description for more thorough discussion. They may be added back in or additional members may be asked to help perform those duties. Jason asked for questions from the floor. Jason reiterated that we could be looking for volunteers to help with duties.

President Neil Horne reported on the idea of having Summit Air make a presentation at our meeting. Since they were going to make a presentation to the

LCBCH group, Neil was working on a joint meeting. This will be revisited at the start of the New Year.

Director Larry Cole reported on communication from the Forest Service. This centered on on-going interest in a land exchange.

Secretary Marcia Snyder reported on the budget and audit committee. Work has been done on gathering information for an audit. Regarding the budget, she reported that for the 9 months of 2015, payroll for our range office represented 44% of the total expenditures. Administrative costs and Range Maintenance accounted for another 20% each; meetings and donations 7%each; and events at 5%. About \$80,000 has been spent on the Range Construction to date, including 2014.

Rick Davis was not in attendance to give his report, but Neil said that all dates for the Applesed program had been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Toble, from Capital Sports, talked about offering presentations to the membership at the Range with representatives from various firearms vendors and the gunsmith staff from Capital Sports. Tentative dates and presentations are June 11 for a pistol shoot; July 23 for a women's shoot, and August 20 for a black powder shoot. Additionally he is thinking in terms of a Ladies Instructional shoot. Darrell Harris asked about including something in the 2016 Fun Shoot, to which Dave was receptive.

NEW BUSINESS

Neil presented his list for Range Improvements for 2016. A copy is attached.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8th and will be our annual Christmas Party. 7:00pm, East Helena VFW.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Snyder, Secretary