

Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association
Association Meeting Minutes
East Helena VFW 7:00PM
April 10, 2018

Board Members:

Chairman of the Board: Jason Swant	Director: George Schiller
Association President: Neil Horne	Director: Larry Cole (A)
Association Treasurer: Annette Rinehart	Director: Tim Snyder
Association Secretary: Lindsey Fryer	Director: Kerry Bartlett
Director: Keaton Santos	Director: Rick Yearry (A)
Range Maintenance Officer: Jordan Alexander (A)	Director: Cory Olson
Website Manager: Vacant	

Meeting Start: 7:00PM
20 Members in Attendance
Meeting End: 7:47PM

Agenda Item	Leader	Notes	To-Do's
Reading of Minutes	Lindsey	Read the March's Association Meeting Minutes. Lindsey to change to end time to 8:02PM George Schiller Keaton Santos All were in favor and motion was passed.	
Treasure Report	Annette	Beginning Balance: \$\$14,036.53 Collected: \$8,331.12 Expenses: \$4,316.05 Ending Balance: \$18,051.60 Kerry Bartlett 1st George Schiller 2 nd All were in favor and motion was passed.	

<p>Officer/Director Reports:</p>	<p>Neil Horne</p>	<p>List of 2017 Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seeded Berm, fertilized berm (lead mitigation measure) • 100-yard Range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Installed safety berm between 100-yard range and natural area. ○ Shaped berm ○ Seeded berm, fertilized berm (lead mitigation measure). • Pistol Range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modified target retrieval system ○ Seeded berm, fertilized berm (lead mitigation measure) • Rim Fire Range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Widened shooting floor ○ Seeded berm, fertilized berm (lead mitigation measure) • Sight in/Natural Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Installed safety berm between 100-yard range and natural area ○ Installed back wall, and completed wrapping shelter in tin. ○ Seeded berms, fertilized berms (lead mitigation measure) • Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signed/executed FS Annual Operation and Safety Plan ○ Paid annual FS Special Use Fee • Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed weed spraying (06/2017) ○ Hosted Appleseed Sponsored Events x 3 ○ Hosted concealed-carry events x 3 ○ Held Multiple public events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open House 05/2017 ▪ Ruger Demo 04/2017 ▪ Sight-in Day 10/2017 ○ Applied Grass seed and fertilizer to all disturbed areas 	
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	Jason/Larry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed perimeter signing on west side (highway side) of range ○ Installed two 20 foot storage containers on west side of range, between toilet and existing shed, with powder river gate linking the two. ○ Installed new entrance gate ○ Purchased skid-steer, with attachments for maintenance and snow removal. <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He couldn't be prouder of the board that we've had over the years and what we have accomplished. We are cohesive and work very well together. Feels it will serve the association well. ● 1,833 members in 2017 ● With increased membership he's very proud that Board Members have stepped up to be a larger presence at the range to enforce rules, safety, and proper membership ● Addressing of the issue with the 50/100 range and installing the berm. It was handled gracefully and quick. ● Open houses & partnership events, great success. ● Addition of the \$10/day guest pass to our range. This addressed an issue that has been brought to the board and \$396 people used that day pass in 2017. ● In process to renew our 20 year special use permit. 	
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	Annette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial health is strong. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchase of the Skid Steer ○ Storage containers ○ New berm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We've paid back about 20% of the loan to ourselves. ○ New gate – helping our public image. <p>Chair Forest service Communication Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth and professional work relationship between the PPSA and FS. • Special use permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Being negotiated with Mandy our main contact at the Forrest Service ○ Marty M. is the acting Helena Dist. Ranger at this time. He has been helpful and in charge of initiated Special Use Permit. • January 17th annual meeting with the Forrest Service • 2018 Safety and Project plan were presented and approved. • Our 20 year permit expires in Dec. 2020, we have plenty of lead time to reapply and complete all tasks involved with this process. <p>Financial Recap for 2017: Membership Income: 1833 memberships \$73,320 Guest Pass Income: 409 passes (\$4090) CD #1: \$33,030.11 CD #2: \$19,9677.77 Interests \$121.37 Donations: \$120.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deposits: \$130,649.25 • Expenses: \$126,931.16 • Income: \$3,718.79 	
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New Business	Keaton Santos	<p>Reiterated what a good year 2017 was for PPSA and the Range is something we should be proud of. We have made vast improvements in a very small amount of time.</p> <p>Thanked our partners for selling our memberships (Capitol Sports, Sportsmans, & Bob Wards)</p>	
	Kerry Bartlett	<p>Really nice to see more women and children out on the range. They are the future of this club.</p> <p>We are working on fixing the bathroom up and will ensure extra toilets for events.</p>	
	Dave (Capitol Sports)	<p>Capitol Sports Events: 4/28 Hand Gun Event: Several different vendors. 5/2 Rim Fire/Spring Varmint: Rifle Event</p> <p>Both shoots will be from 10AM-2PM There will not need to be any major range closures.</p>	
	Jason/Keaton/George	<p>Jason – presented Director, Tim Snyder with a certificate of appreciation. He has served us for 4 years.</p> <p>Election of Officers Any nominations? Any nominations? Any nominations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed after 3 times asked – no extra nominations. The only position we will be voting on is the open Director position. <p>Troy Bauer: Move to Helena about a year and half ago, joined the range about 2 months after he moved. Said the PPSA Range is the best he’s ever been to. Thinks our association does great work and he’d like to help in anyway he could.</p>	

Scott Swingly: Montana Native, has been here 52 years. Hunt 3 states currently. Has a vast knowledge of firearms and training. He's had 12 different professional schools that he's attended in regards to firearms and use of firearms. Lead Firearms instructor for the State he had to achieve quite a few different schools. He had to also become a range master and a range safety officer that would be beneficial to our club. Teaches firearms classes to the public and has been teaching to law enforcement for 25 years. He wants to give back to the community, the public put him through his training and he'd be happy to give his time back.

Vote was counted: Scott Swingley was voted in by the majority for the vacant Director position.

Motion to adjourned was made by Corey, 2nd by George Schiller, all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.