

Minutes, NMBHGC Feb. 5, 2009

General meeting called to by Ed at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes from Dec. 2008 meeting read, seconded and approved by vote.
2. Treasurer's report given showing a balance of \$12,378.79, with \$2090.25 in the lead reclamation CD. Other expenditures are listed in the official report. Seconded and approved by vote.

- Old Business:

1. raffle tickets are available from Bob for the buffalo hide @ \$5. each. A one year free membership is also available from the NMSSA for new members. Dues are \$25. per year otherwise. 65 and older are \$15.

- New Business:

1. Boy Scout meeting Sat. the 7th for the upcoming Rendezvous in April, running the 17th thru the 19th. The meeting is in Abq. at Karma's office. Contact for directions. Volunteers needed!
2. Their second event is at the Founder's Ranch, May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
3. Rendezvous meeting, contact Bob Whelchel. Need committee members.
4. Dan Morrison spoke about the co-op for members. A forum will be on the website possibly set up with space to order in bulk and share the expense. Your key # would be used as I.D. Would be informal approach. Contact Dan with questions or comments. He is the webmaster of the NMBHGC site. Ads in the newsletter for members to sell items will be available. Contact Ed thru the website.
5. Hawk brought up that Calibers in Abq. has set up table for NMSSA membership 10am-5pm Need volunteers. Charlie Weisleder can be contacted at 877-6128 for info. NRA membership can be renewed with Karma and the club get \$10. back. The need for NMSSA members is great and with enough members, the club will be in the "gold club" and be eligible for more grants from the NRA per Rich Loomis.
6. Lynn requested \$4,000. for targets and \$2,600. for throwing machines. Both were seconded and approved by vote. Sporting Clays is out of storage space. CAS will provide space in their shed. Thanks.
7. Rich Loomis spoke about the proposed range work involving raising the berms and leveling the firing line. Some of the areas will be moved. See attached letter for details. \$4,500. will be needed from the club with \$1,000. from the NRA grant received. Seconded and approved by vote.
8. 2009 Range Schedule- Lynn requested the 4th Sat., April thru Oct. from ~9am to 5pm for Sporting Clays. Seconded and approved by vote. The range is closed to other use during the events.
9. Mike Gurule requested the 4th Sun., March thru Oct for the Junior Program (Youth) from 9am to 2pm. There is no May shoot. Seconded and approved by vote.
10. The Cache le Plew Rendezvous booshway Bob requested Sept. 13th thru the 20th for the event. Seconded and approved by vote. Volunteers always needed! Bob also gave the Orientation schedule as Thursday, Feb.12th and March 12th from 4pm to 6pm. April 4th will be at 9am. There is no Orientation in May. Other dates are June 6th (no July) Aug.1st, Sept. 5th, Oct. 8th, Nov.7th. Check the web calendar! Also the Boy Scout Rendezvous April 17th thru the 19th needs volunteers.
11. Myran Yancy, NMMM, requested May 16th and Nov. 21st for black powder Ham Shoots, 9am to 1pm. Seconded and approved by vote.
12. Ed requested March 15th and March 29th for the Torrance Cnty. 4H .22 and shotgun shoots. Seconded and approved by vote. No times given.
13. Bill Robinson, Boy Scouts, requested March 7th from 9am to 1pm for their shotgun shoot. Seconded and approved by vote.
14. Robert Lah, CAS, requested the 2nd Sat. from March thru Nov., 8:30am to 12pm. Two pistol bays closed. Seconded and approved by vote. As there was mention of the range use on many Saturdays, events are generally held early with the range open later. Check the calendar!
15. Mike Gurule spoke about an "action pistol group". Will check calendar and make proposal in March. This includes a Regional match RUGER would essentially sponsor, donating guns as prizes. FEDERAL has expressed interest in possibly providing ammo. More to follow.
16. motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by vote.

NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB



RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROPSAL 2009

1. 100/200 Yard Range: Move backstop to the west where we expect to find less rock. Level ground from firing line to backstop. Reroute road used by shotgunners. Dirt removed will be used for backstop and berm enhancement.
2. Bump western berm of 50 yard bay to the west to enlarge bay and conceal the old 200 Yard backstop. Increase height of backstop and berm.
3. Shotgun facility: To be placed west of 200 Yard shooting stations with shooting restricted to a wedge from south to southwest. Shotgun shooting stations will be on existing firing line. Firing line will be leveled from the beginning of the 100/200 shooting stations through shotgun stations. Shotgunners may have some throwers that can be mounted on 4X4 posts. Shotgun range will be designated as a youth facility but will be available to all members and guests. NRA grant of \$1000.00 will be used for this project and a sign will be posted stating this shotgun range provided by NRA Range Grant Program.
4. Good Neighbor Policy: Eastern berm of pistol bay to be extended 15' north of firing line and increased in height. Pistol bay backstop will also be increased in height. This will reduce sound leaving the range towards subdivisions to the east.
5. New carpet on shooting benches. This should be done yearly as these become contaminated with lead and gunpowder residue.
6. If there is any money left, club may install drainage pipes in southeast corners of pistol and 50 yard bays.

Estimated cost

\$5500.00-\$4500.00 club funds, \$1000.00 NRA funds. We expect this will cover these improvements and leave range manager with a maintenance allowance for the year.