

PRESIDENT'S SIGHTS, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2010

Hi and how is everybody? We had a very good meeting this month, with a good turnout, and great discussion. Thanks to all those that attended.

We discussed that next month is the vote for officers, and that all the elected, and appointed board members, and well as committee chairs, and event leaders have agreed to stay on another year. If anyone wants to run against a current elected officer, or nominate someone to do so, you will have a chance before the vote next month. Voting will be the first task we will accomplish next month.

We also discussed the changes to the Policies and Procedures, etc., that will be voted on next month. Go to the website, www.nmbhgc.org, to see the proposed changes. Bring your ideas to the meeting, and if appropriate, they could be incorporated into the "P & Ps."

At this month's meeting we voted, and approved, the dues structure for the coming year(s). The new dues are listed below:

- * Dues - \$125 yr/ for 3 years (\$5 to go to emergency fund).
- * Torrance County Sheriffs - Free membership.
- * Other Law Enforcement - 1/2 off dues.
- * Active Duty Military - 1/2 off dues.
- * Deployed Military to a Combat Zone, within the last year - Free membership for one full year upon return (must present orders showing assignment).
- * Members age 70 and older - 1/2 off dues, after 5 years membership, with no "grandfathering" of those getting free membership last year.

* Life Members - Those "voted in" as "Life Members" do not pay dues. Life Membership is for those members, that because of significant contributions to the Club, have been nominated, and "voted in" as "Life Members."

* The Elected Executive Board, and appointed board members; which includes, but is not limited to: Booshway of the Rendezvous; Committee Chair folks; Event Leaders (sporting clays {to include the Chief of Maintenance}; youth shooting; and cowboy action); Club Attorney; Webmaster; Club Coordinator; Range Master; NRA Grants Coordinator; Club Historian; and Chief Instructor, will have their dues waived, in compensation for their service.

* Club Members can earn "chits," up to the cost of their membership, by volunteering at Club events, assigned tasks, and range work days. The chits will be given to a member by the person supervising the "task," in a subjective, but fair manner. All discrepancies will be resolved by the elected executive board. Chits must be "turned in" upon renewal of membership.

Thanks again to those that attended the meeting. The meeting lasted about three hours, most of it discussing dues. Some who could not attend the meeting, sent me emails with their thoughts, and these were read at the meeting. If you weren't there to give input, or didn't send me an email, you lost the prerogative to complain.

OTHER STUFF:

Bob needs people to help at the Rendezvous – call him at 505-286-8449. You will earn CHITS for your service.

The Estancia High School Rodeo Assy. Asked for our help. We will be supervising a 22 shoot lead by Mike Gurule, and a shotgun shoot lead by Lynn Miller and John Edwards. This will be held on the 9th of October. The range will be closed from noon till sunset.

Mike Gurule had a very successful “Ruger Shoot,” with about 85 shooters.

Suzi Miller reported the sporting clays had about 62 shooters, with 69 rounds of clays shot.

Mike Gurule’s proposal for a \$500 Grant to be given to the Bata Military Academy - passed.

We decided that for future Grants: the kids will have to make the proposal in person, at a monthly meeting of the club.

Last, but not least – Mr. McInnis (spelling) proposed that a cap be put on “Grants” in the amount of \$2500 a year. This was approved by vote.

Ed Dresner

President NMBHGC