

KERN SHOOTING SPORTS, 501-C7  
MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING  
AT HODEL'S RESTAURANT  
JANUARY 28, 2017

**Executive Committee Business Meeting** was called to order by President Jay Busby at 9:00 am. New Member applications were presented for the following: David Peterson, Carol Aranda (associate member), Rocky Southerland, Steven Thompson, Chris Clowers, Micky Ryan and Victor Kretsinger. No objections were heard. Tom Bittleston moved to accept the new memberships and Dave Martin seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Having no further business for the Executive Committee Tom Bittleston moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting and Dave Martin seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

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**General Business Meeting**

The General meeting of Kern Shooting Sports was called to order by President Jay Busby immediately following the adjournment of the Executive Committee Meeting.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT: JAY BUSBY**

- 1) Jay introduced our guest. Dave Reed the man who keeps our website up and does our newsletter.
- 2) Golfcart: Needs new cable. The cable has burnt in two and needs to be replaced. Will bring cost for repairs to next meeting. The golf cart is on a charger with a timer.
- 3) The club needs to buy a cabinet for the ammunition that is not currently in a cabinet. Most of it is for Family Fun Day

- 4) We are having poor turn out for our Rifle Program, hand gun classes and for Family Fun Day. We want to boost these programs by advertising through club members as well as the media and flyers. That is getting under way. Radio programs thru Howard Marcus, having our banner put up at Five Dogs. The banner has been out at Five Dogs for a while but not mounted. We can cover up David Wolfe's sign with ours.
- 5) President would like to keep Saturday and Sunday Afternoons open for our members to shoot with no scheduled events.
- 6) There will be a "Job Box" outside the Seatrains that will be available for general membership containing supplies for shooting. Such as target stands, staplers, etc. The key will be available at the Five Dogs office.
- 7) Pavers. We need to get this job finished. The dirt needs to be dug out, the D.G. placed, the frames put down and the pavers laid. Not necessarily in that order. To that end I would like anyone here today that can volunteer for a work party to put their name and phone number on the list at the front table. There is a possibility that the Boy Scouts could help.
- 8) We are going to put up a canopy behind the score shed to extend our shaded area. We have one that has been donated to put up down at the skeet range area.
- 9) There are Golden Rods in the Shotgun Safe to protect the Shotguns and we will need to put them in every safe for protections of all firearms.
- 10) The yardage markers at our KSS ranges have been shot up. This damage is not coming from our range, according to our investigation. We will need to repair them, possibly with pvc pipe and a cap.

#### VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: DAVE MARTIN

- 1) By-Law Changes. Each voting member present should have a copy of the Proposed By-Law changes to review. Dave went

thru each and every proposed change (marked in Red). Tom Bittleston suggested that we use he/she in each area where it shows he. Request was made to change dues payable (on or about) instead of (not later than) to the Article IV- Dues section. A few spelling errors were brought to his attention. Some discussion regarding the reasons for changes. Tom Bittleston moved to accept the By-Law Revision with above changes. Jay Busby seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and it was unanimously approved. Secretary will make changes and send out new copy to George Stilwill to be distributed to the membership.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT- GEORGE STILWILL**

- 1) George explained the 501-C3 process and what he had to do to get us approved. The reason this happened was because the NRA insisted that we become a non-profit to apply for NRA Grants for our programs. Donations will not be tax deductible.
- 2) Financial Report was presented (copy attached). Tom Bittleston moved to accept the Financial Report. Daryl Amble seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion was passed to accept Financial Report as written.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT: TOM BITTLESTON**

- 1) There have been several instances where the rules at the firing line have not been observed. When a line break is called by anyone, even adjoining ranges, everyone must make their firearms safe, put them down and walk away from the firing line and get behind the cable on the ground. There are no exceptions to this rule. All RSO's should be watching for this and should make sure that you bring this to the attention of anyone that is not in compliance. Jay proposed that we post Five Dog Rules somewhere near the firing line. And please make sure when you are shooting at our range that you ask the

- Shotgun shooters to shut down. If they do not, notify the range.
- 2) Tom asked if our RSO's had vests or hats to wear when at the range. The answer was no. Jay moved that our club purchase hats and/or vests to be used by RSO's in our club when they are on the range. Ben Laverty seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - 3) Bill Bright asked Tom if there were any safety concerns about the Cowboy Range when shooting at our Range. There was some discussion and the general opinion was that there were no concerns regarding this issue.
  - 4) Tom pointed out that page 18 of our Newsletter shows the Range Safety Rules.

**CHIEF INSTRUCTOR- BILL KARCH**

No Report.

**PRESIDENT- JAY BUSBY**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1) Nominations from the floor. Someone nominated Daryl Amble for President and he declined.
- 2) BALLOT AS PRESENTED:  
President Jay Busby  
Vice President Dave Martin  
Secretary Lela Martin  
Treasurer George Stilwill  
Executive Officer Tom Bittleston  
Chief Instructor Bill Karch

Daryl Amble moved to accept the slate of officers as presented.

Bob Wertz seconded the motion

Vote by show of hand. Motion passed. New Slate In place

**OLD BUSINESS and NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED IN PRESIDENTS REPORT**

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Daryl Amble asked what happened to the name plate on one of our concrete shooting benches and was told that Bill Karch was going to put it back on

Ray Cox spoke about getting new students for the rifle program. It was discussed that Howard Marcus will put it on the radio. Jay says that Hunter Safety classes will promote it more. Discussion about Flyers at all gun shops. There was lots of discussion about advertising and the members agreed that word of mouth from them would help to promote our programs. Daryl said the Ken Barnes was our new contact at the paper. He replaced Steve Merlo.

Jay also pointed out that it would be wise for all members to call Five Dogs for a weather report before going out to shoot. 399-7296

Dave Martin reported on the Shotgun Program. There are 16 new students with a total of 35 students. The Shotgun program uses all of the above mentioned modes of advertisement to promote the program. Also, reported that because of the weather, the shotgun class is having a make-up class on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Eddie Durazo moved to adjourn the General Meeting. Motion seconded by Daryl Amble. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am

