

Beacon Hill Rifle & Pistol Club

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Rick Van Sambeek, Treasurer
Cindy Pfennig, Secretary

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Annual Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 14, 2022 / 6:30PM Brookings County OAC

Minutes

Officers Present: Keith Poppen, Virgil Pfennig, Rick Van Sambeek, Cindy Pfennig

Directors Present: Dave Miller, Nancy Beach, Mike Eichelberg, Leland Nordquist, Don Langum, Kevin Hilmoe

32 members plus officers and two guests

Welcome & Call to Order: 6:34pm by Keith Poppen

Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion by TJ Carpenter, seconded by M Olson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Financials Year Ending 2021: by Treasurer, Rick Van Sambeek. Note that memberships and shooting fees have the PayPal convenience fees taken out. Reimbursement of ammo from GF&P so we spent the full amount to get the reimbursement. Sales tax paid on memberships. Still have a CD around \$2600 which would be added to the total receipts. Motion to approve the 2021 financials by M. Olson, seconded by D. Miller. No further discussion. Motion carried.

An audit was completed with the help of Tony and Don.

Preview of Upcoming Events: Range clean up day moved to a new date. Kids in the Outdoors on June 11th, Women in the Outdoors on August 6th. TJ Carpenter spoke about White's American Legion Event which is a range safety day with trying different areas of shooting. Matt L thanked Beacon Hill for the support. The event is on April 30th starting at 1pm. Ammo provided. Free event with lemonade stand, kids encouraged to participate. Looking for volunteers to help out. TJ also does Marksmanship Fundamentals at the range and invited everyone to come. Can use his equipment but bring ammo. See the events calendar on the website for dates.

Membership Update: Started tracking memberships in about 2019 which showed 145 memberships and 130 day passes, in 2020 during the pandemic memberships were 171 and 213 day passes but dipped in 2021 with memberships at 95 and day passes 192. Need memberships to keep the range up. No change in membership rate for 2022.

2021 Overview: Went over some of the highlights with one of the main priorities to keep membership the same price with youth under 18 free. Several meetings with GF&P to discuss funding for the long range plan. Promoted all the events that go on at the range and encouraged everyone to attend. Mentioned the new RO classes and Casey mentioned still looking for some RO's and to reach out to him about classes and/or signing up.

New Target Proposal: The grant this year is 75/25. If we spend \$2500 we get \$1875 back. Tyler with Trigger Interactive was present with a booth and to address the group about the new target proposal. Tyler mentioned whether or not we buy the equipment he would still like to do a shooting league and he also offered to do the training for the equipment. Also talked about his other business, Havoc Engineering, to build an AR which is held at the OAC. Tyler asked everyone to help promote these products and shooting sports in general. Everyone encouraged to check out Tyler's booth. Need volunteers to be trained on the equipment and how often the equipment will be available at the range. The equipment could be offered as often as volunteers are available. Could this be part of the RO training? We could give RO's the option of doing it. But would this take the RO away from their normal duties? If an RO is trained to use the equipment can that be added to the event calendar? Consider having a locked cabinet to keep

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the equipment in at the range. Members asked to sign up if interested in learning the equipment. Beacon Hill will be the first shooting range to have this equipment. Motion by R. Neiger to purchase the equipment, seconded by M. Olson. No further discussion. Motion carried. Will have a sign up sheet for interested RO's.

Long Range Plan Discussion: The drawing of the long range plan was once again shared. Keith explained the GF&P funding. The project would be \$400K, the state would give \$300K with Beacon Hill raising \$100K. If this moves forward members are encouraged to help with fundraising. The money would have to be provided up front and as we get bills it's reimbursed by the state. A 501c3 might make it easier to raise money but it has implications to follow to maintain that status. Beacon Hill is not guaranteed to get the GF&P funding; however, there is a good chance of receiving. Discussion about the Pittman Robertson funding and the ebb and flow of ammunition pricing. This plan and cost estimate was provided by Civil Design. The \$400K came from phasing it out to cover berm work and footprint is there for the long range plan. The plan/map shared at the meeting is the end result of the long range plan. Plan to keep applying for the GF&P money and if get approved can move forward.

Also talked about changing the name of the Beacon Hill Rifle & Pistol "Club" to "Range". Consider exploring it and table it for discussion by the membership.

Discussion about having a dedicated time/day to having just the 200 yard range available (because of the current footprint of the range). Table it for another meeting.

Elections: Nominations open for President. T. Filholm nominated Keith for President, seconded by C. Quinn. No further candidates. D. Hettrick motioned nominations be ceased, seconded. Keith Poppen elected as president.

Nominations open for Vice President. V. Pfennig nominated Don Langum, seconded by M. Olson. No further nominations from the floor. D. Hettrick motioned nominations be ceased, seconded by C. Quinn. Don Langum for Vice President.

Nominations for Rick Van Sambeek as treasurer. Motion by D. Miller, seconded by C. Quinn. R. Widman motioned nominations be ceased, seconded. Rick Van Sambeek for treasurer.

Nominations open for Secretary. C. Quinn offered to run for Secretary, seconded by M. Olson. Motion by R. Widman to cease nominations, seconded by D. Langum. Motion carried.

Nominations for board of director to replace Nancy Beech. Rich Widman offered to run for board, seconded by M. Olson. T. Filholm motion nominations be ceased, seconded by L. Dorn. Rich Widman for board until 2025.

Nominations for Don's position until 2023. T. Filholm nominated, seconded by M. Olson. L. Dorn motioned nominations be ceased, seconded by C. Quinn. Tony Filholm on board until 2023.

Nominations for Mike Eichelberg position until 2025. Nomination for Brett Woolworth seconded by T. Filholm. Nomination for Mike Eichelberg by C. Quinn. Hand vote for Brett Woolworth = 15. Hand vote for Mike Eichelberg = 6. Abstained = 9. Brett Woolworth on board until 2025.

Raffle Drawings: Raffle Winner 1 (gift cards) - Mike Owens. Raffle Winner 2 (gift card) - Stephen Menzie. Raffle 3 (first aid kit) - Virgil Pfennig. Gun raffle - Ann Brandt (SDS 9 mm pistol), Keith Poppen (P365X 9mm pistol), Don Langum (Begara 6.5 Creedmore), Andrew Brech (Ruger MKIV 22/45)

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Adjournment: Motion by D. Clark to adjourn. Don't forget what you pack in to the range, pack it out. Keep the range clean! Thanks to Al Kuchenmeister for keeping the range tidy. Seconded by R. Widman. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Pfennig, Secretary
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