

# Beacon Hill Rifle & Pistol Club

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Rick Van Sambeek, Treasurer  
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## Leadership Team Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2022 / 6:30PM Brookings County OAC

### Minutes

**Officers Present:** Keith Poppen, Virgil Pfennig, Rick Van Sambeek, Cindy Pfennig, Leland Nordquist, Mike Eichelberg, Dave Miller, Don Langum, Nancy Beech

**Absent:** Kevin Hilmoe

**Members Present:** Roger Buechler, Jay Sittig, Casey Quinn, Jenny Quinn, Brett Woolworth, David Clark, Dennis Hetrick, Arden Sigl, Don Hamm, Dan Pickering, Tony Filholm, Merritt Warren, Rich Widman, Jim Adkins

**Call to Order:** 6:31pm by Keith Poppen

**Minutes:** Motion by V. Pfennig to accept the minutes as written, seconded by C. Quinn. No discussion. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance \$23,555.94

Receipts \$289.45

Expenses \$110.78

Ending balance: \$23,734.61

Motion by D. Miller to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by V. Pfennig. No discussion. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Building: No new report.

Long Range Plan: Keith attempted to call Arden and Emmet with no reply. Heard that the Rapid City project hasn't been completed yet.

Range Officers (Casey): Last year 46 RO's signed up. Need to make a decision about total RO's. Discussion about two shifts (Sat/Sun) which is 61 RO's. Probably not going to get enough RO's to do three shifts. Keep shifts at half a day. Extend the shifts from 8am-9pm and do 3 shifts for Sat/Sun for just the three months. That would add 28 shifts. Planning to have more classes. Consensus is to leave as is for now unless get enough RO's to sign up for more shifts. Casey will send the email to current RO's to start signing up and communicate that there is consideration of expanding range hours if there is enough interest. Casey will set 3 or 4 dates for classes.

Marketing & Advertising: The new banner is ready from Outlaw Graphics to be used at the Watertown Gun Show.

#### **Old Business:**

Brookings Police Foundation plans to host a Law Enforcement Family Day - Nancy spoke with Julie Erickson who was considering the idea of doing a Family Fun Day so she was going to speak with others on the Foundation. Jeff West from the Foundation is coming to the meeting to address the group.

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Raffle Tickets: Sold 60-70 so far and need to sell 110 to break even. Will have at the Watertown Gun Show (four tables again. Members invited to attend and sell tickets or bring things to sell). Need to advertise the raffle more as well.

Number of RO's and number of shifts: see above discussion.

Officer and Board of Directors Succession Plan: Keith will send out an email asking for people to run for office.

Purchase additional first aid supplies: Tanner DeLoy put together a list of extra first aid supplies to have at the range. The only thing we don't have are chest seals. A similar first aid kit that was on the list was demonstrated. Do we buy a couple and sell raffle tickets at the annual meeting? Motion made to purchase two chest seal packs by C. Quinn, seconded by V. Pfennig. No further discussion. Motion carried. Rick will order. Motion by V. Pfennig to purchase a first aid kit to raffle with an additional chest seal, seconded by C. Quinn. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Don Langum shared and showed an example of a bullet that went wrong. A suggestion was made to share the information on the website and/or during the RO class.

## **New Business:**

Targets: Tyler of Trigger Interactive gave us an idea of the cost of kit and targets. The kit has enough apparatus in it for half a dozen targets (half silhouette at an angle). He's giving us 15% off those which would be \$3805.00. The prairie dogs are \$300 ea and the spring load type \$130 ea. We could get a \$2500 grant to pay for that plus ammo. Do we train a half dozen people to use and make available just at certain times/days? Does not require internet, just Bluetooth. Ask RO's who would be interested in learning how to use it. Have Tyler come to the annual meeting and demonstrate the system. Put numbers together to present to the annual meeting.

Defense Class: Brian Robins, Ready Defense, police officer from West Fargo teaches a defensive tactics class, drawing from a holster, etc. He would like to use the Beacon Hill range. He needs one of the 50 yard east bays. He can use paper targets. Would like to do it April 15 or 16 as his first available dates. He charges for the class so we would charge \$10pp and have them sign a waiver. Consensus of the membership was it's okay given range conditions and weather on Saturday, April 16th (which is also range work day). M. Eichelberg offered to be the Beacon Hill member on site and to let him into the range.

Watertown Gun Show: Beacon Hill will have four tables that members can come and sell items and help sell raffle tickets. Dates of the gun show are March 18 and 19.

Pheasants Forever Banquet Sponsorship: Discussion about why sponsor this particular banquet and not others? The sponsorship is 2 meal tickets and 1 membership. Motion by M. Eichelberg that we do not sponsor the banquet. Discussion: Would sponsoring help in having them give us a donation for a long range plan? Should we donate ten day passes to the banquet which gets the Beacon Hill name out there? Seconded by D. Langum. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Preparations for the Annual Meeting: Sign Up Genius will be ready, new keys ready. Three people on membership (Rick), one person to sell raffle tickets (Dave). Currently have enough membership cards so do not need to change color and reprint.

Event Schedule: L. Nordquist stated the White American Legion would like to have their range day on April 23rd and if the range is not ready then move to April 30th. Kids in the Outdoors June 4th and Women in the Outdoors August 6th. The silhouette shoot is August 27th.

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SD Wildlife Federation hosts a kids' camp near Custer which has scholarships available for 8th grade to seniors. Conservation Camp for Kids. Generally the first week in June. Bus transportation provided from Brookings. Contact Rich Widman for more information.

Don Hamm thanked the board for supporting the White American Legion event last year and encouraged members to volunteer and/or bring their kids.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by C. Quinn, seconded by V. Pfennig. Meeting adjourned at 7:52am.

Jeff West from the Brookings Police Dept Foundation was present to state they would like to do a fundraising shoot, "Shoot with a Cop" at the range. Their team would get prizes donated, 50/50 raffle and set up their own competitions. Mostly pistol, .22 or big bore. March 21st at 6pm the Police Dept will demonstrate a drone inside the OAC. Beacon Hill will discuss at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Pfennig, Secretary  
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