

Hudson Rod, Gun and Archery Club

Oct 13, 2020 Membership meeting minutes

Derek G started the meeting at 7:03

Pauline G read the last meeting minutes highlights.

Membership will be different in 2021. With Jr membership staying the same (\$50 and no voting and no hunting for people 18-26) and our single membership staying the same (\$150 for 1 vote and hunting rights with volunteer hours) but adding a family membership at \$200 (for 2 adults and kids under 18 or 26 if in school with 2 votes)

Next year we are planning on upgrading our membership cards that will now act as a debit card and will replace our tuit cards.

Want to encourage use of our Upstairs Meeting room, get the word out.

Bob said he has Chamber Flags ordered and everything is in stock.

Our Banquet went good encouraged to move the banquet to Saturday as it did offer more room having it outside. We did have additional costs with the tents but we did very well.

We are getting a gate for gate for range 1.

Skeet fence is up and we need to get the top of the stairs covered to keep the workers safe as they go up to fill the machines.

Gutter guy is going to start getting gutters on the club house and range 3. Will have to make sure we get the right solution for the side of the clubhouse, so will make hold off until we get the solutions. Will get snow holders on range 3.

Need to utilize the rental room upstairs more. Our Occupancy of the building is 88 downstairs and 216 upstairs.

Sight in Days will be headed up by Scott Becker with a lot of the same volunteers that work each year. Will start on Oct 24 and 25. Will run for 4 weeks. Prices will remain the same \$8 per guns for non members and \$3 per gun for members. Prices will include targets, spotters and help getting your gun sighted in. This results in safer shooters if you know exactly where you are shooting.

BB gun league is planning on running again in Jan. We will need a leader as Bryan Wells is stepping down. He had run it for years and has many voluteers set up and doing a lot of the

work. We want to thank Bryan for his years of dedication and hard work on this. We will also be looking for some more food volunteers for this.

Budget

Our Membership is up even with the covid thing. Gun owners are at an all time high and gun owners are looking for places to learn and practice.

Derek G went over our Budget number and those will be posted

Some of the highlights

Over all we are \$38,905 in the black, which is much better than we have done in years. But we have lots of repairs to get done.

We budgeted an income of \$1800 for recycled brass. Because Jim isn't doing our sorting any more we are expecting to get a lot less and then we noticed someone has stolen several pails of brass. Our income on brass was probably going to be half of usual and now with about half the brass missing we will be getting much less. We are looking into a different way to collect and store our brass to prevent theft in the future.

Some of our income was coming from grants and we won't be getting that money this year as we couldn't get work done as we were very unsure of income to cover our half of the money put out.

We also have lower expenses but because we haven't done some of the work that has been needed to be done for a long time. Our septic still needs to be taken care of, the pistol range needs to be finished in the front, our driveway is still in need of grading and erosion control, our security needs to be addressed and our survey still needs to be done. \$34000 in open projects still needing to be done.

Al Fritz Shoot will be Oct 17. It will be a full day of events.

10 am will start off with a 5 stand flurry shoot. 25 targets per shooter tossed up so anyone can shoot them. Fun to watch and shoot.

Noon will be the Annie Oakley shoot with the last shooter get half the pot. \$5 per shooter.

2 pm will be the young -vs- old shooters. The young'uns won by 1 bird last year.

5 pm will be the dinner. \$9 will get you sides and s'mores. You can bring your own steak to grill or we will have some steaks to choose from for additional cost. If they steaks don't all sell we will have some available to take home.

Our 501 3 C

Where do we stand?

Derek took 30 hours to gather all info together and fill out forms, our lawyer thought the format was incorrect and wanted us to do it again. But will take the information we have provided to fill in forms. Once we apply for the 501 3C we can start operating like one. Application can take 45-90 days to get approved. Hope to be official early in 2021.

Some clarifications

All day memberships are family memberships but everyone must pay their own range fees.

We have no free guest passes for members. If you bring someone in they must pay.

Please don't abuse the bartenders, many are volunteering and may not have all the answers.

Please pay all range fees, life members are not grandfathered in not having to pay the range fees.

The intention of our banquet has been to get money for capital improvements but we have been using it to help cover expenses in the budget. Need help in making our club more profitable.

Member asked if we can get meeting minutes posted online again and posted on the bulletin board at the club. We are trying to keep up on this but need volunteers that want to help on the website and get a newsletter started again. Board members are swamped with work and need help. But will try and get the minutes available to members.

Member would like to put a in-ground wood fire pit behind the club. He is willing to donate the brick and some time just needs okay and some more help.

Member suggested we separate the shooting benches in the rifle range to help cut vibrations. Looking into that. Many have no problem with them as is but will look at the possibility to do some separation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11

