

W. PA Cal. 30 League Annual Membership Meeting Minutes September 4, 2011

After a 500 point course match, the 2011 membership meeting was called to order by League President Tom Ferraro.

Budget:

Treasurer Allen Castle presented his report that showed income of \$19,209.03, expenses of \$22,764.77, with a resulting balance of \$5,190.34. Expenses for the year included some significant one-time range improvement costs. This report does not include the account held by Tom Ferraro.

Tom's account started out with a \$4,485 balance. From that he has paid the target pullers for the Freedom Group Classic, a survey of the disputed property line, Freedom Group Classic supplies, and NRA registration fees. He has \$1,580 remaining.

He stated that we have \$400 incoming due from the Freedom Group. We also expect grant funds from The Friends of the NRA.

Taxes must be filed with the IRS as the league fiscal year begins in September.

The Benchrest League maintains their own budget and Dianne Hoover gave us an update. Through various efforts, including providing target pullers for the Freedom Group Classic, they were able to raise all the funds necessary to purchase the material for the covered 1000 yard firing line. They have also solicited over \$8,500 worth of prizes for the October Benchrest Championship.

These reports were voted on and approved by the members present.

President's Report:

Tom was approached at Camp Perry about using the range for the national F-Class championship in 2014. We need some volunteers to coordinate that effort or else we will have to turn it down.

The 2012 Freedom Group Classic has been set for a couple of weekends early in June. A long range weekend will be followed by a weekend for course and team matches. Service teams have been contacted and they will be able to attend both weekends, using the range for training during the week between. Remington has also committed to this improved schedule.

Applied Ballistics has offered to sponsor one long range match during the Freedom Group Classic.

General Discussion:

Because of the increased attendance we have been enjoying, the membership discussed the need for a better communications system in the pits and on the line. Volunteers offered to investigate some options.

A range safety flag is needed, and the range rules revised to include its use.

The range rules also need to state the requirement for empty chamber indicators by all

competitors, excluding the regular benchrest matches which follow other established rifle handling safety rules.

Membership rules need to be revised to provide a focus on increased safety. We have established safety practices that are followed during our regular league matches, but we have cause for concern about any other time such as during the week when members of unknown proficiency can access the range without supervision.

After much discussion we decided that we should raise the dues to \$80 annually. All attendees to the Spring workday will receive two match credits for use at any regularly scheduled league match. This would **not** include special non-league matches such as service rifle championships, Freedom Group Classic, etc.. In this way, we will be focusing on the competitive shooter and the casual shooter may want to find a less expensive place to shoot.

In addition, we will try to limit unsupervised access to the range. Obviously, anyone can walk on to the range by trespassing, but members must meet some proficiency level before the gate combination is provided to them. Members who wish to have the gate combination will need to meet one of the following criteria:

1. Have a current NRA classification card in either highpower, mid range, or long range of sharpshooter or higher.
2. Shoot a minimum of 4 matches in one league season { May thru October } in any of the matches offered that year.
3. Have one of the officers or chairman offer in writing a recommendation of range privilege to the league President that can be approved by the board. Recommendation will include name, age, address, purpose of range request, contact phone number, and email address.