

Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2018

In Attendance: Board Members: Brian Holder, Tom Petaja, Bryon Fessler, Gary Caldwell, Jason Elliott, Loren Gitchel, Mitch Graves, Russ Hickman, Gregory "Bo" Marzolf
Other Attendees: Dean Sailer (Assistant Range Master), Marie Maderal (Recording Secretary)
Jim Bliss, Mike Christiansen, Renee Elliott, Fred Fox, Jean Graves, Steve Jessup, Steen Mogensen, John Pernicka, Ron Ring

1. A motion to begin the meeting was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Mitch Graves. The Meeting was called to order at 3:06pm by Brian Holder who then briefly introduced the Board members present.

2. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bryon Fessler, seconded by Russ Hickman and passed unanimously.

3. Member Forum

Jim Bliss asked about the rule on age for possession of a gun. Brian Holder clarified the age limit and possession vs. ownership/purchasing a gun in Colorado.

Jim asked why the new kiosks would not be placed at the left and right of the main entrance and was told that they must be placed on our leased land not the land we have access to. The final placement of these kiosks has not been determined.

Jim asked about the use of Range flags and was told they are part of our NRA certification. Several people commented that they are intended to make you aware of active shooting on the range.

Jim asked about the Disability Waiver for Range Cleanups and explained about his disabled brother (Timothy Bliss). Brian Holder explained the history of the Range Cleanups, and why the Board adopted to do away with the Disability Waiver. There was discussion of exceptions to this policy and Jim was encouraged to send a detailed email to the Board of Directors at: bod@ncrgc.org so they can discuss his situation further.

Russ Hickman had to leave the meeting for another commitment.

Jim Bliss asked why we are an NRA sanctioned club and was told that this is because of our litigious society as well as the insurance we receive through the NRA and their high Standards of Safety.

Mike Christiansen asked if the Board had considered moving the long range (400-500ft) gongs back on to the range. He was told about the 2002 Board policy to remove these gongs due to the discovery of several bullet fragments found on the other side of the hill (on the side of 287). The Board knows that changes need to be made to the existing gongs to properly capture as much lead as possible if mitigation were ever needed. The Board is also aware of the members that would like to keep these long-range gongs but feel that it is just not safe.

Jim Bliss asked if anyone had seen people shooting inappropriately and was told emphatically, Yes. Brian Holder reminded everyone to bring any safety issues that they witness to the Board and they will take it up with the Discipline Committee – when sending information give as many details as possible, i.e. name, detailed description of the event, license plate number, etc.

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Mike Christiansen asked if there could be some sort of certification (similar to the Tactical Bay Certification) that could be instituted to use the long-range gongs. He was told that it was a good idea but probably not going to happen.

Fred Fox asked about the comment that everyone on the line would be badged (their own as a member or a guest badge). The discussion turned to children in a household and members who forgot their own and if they should fill out a guest badge. The conclusion was that this is a self-policing policy and we will do the best we can to keep everyone safe.

4. a) There was no President's report **b)** There was no Secretary's report

A motion to approve the March Board Minutes was made by Tom Petaja, seconded by Jason Elliott and passed unanimously.

c) Treasurer's report: The Treasurer provided a Balance Sheet and Income Statement to all Board members with figures as of March 31, 2018. Total cash on hand is \$196,041.55. Income totaled \$158.87 and expenses totaled \$13,117.30 for the month. Included in the expenses is our general liability insurance for \$7,732.21. Reissued check to Russ from November 2017 for \$55.04 as he never received it. We budget \$800 per month for the Contract ARM so there are additional hours (approximately 15) that can be allocated to range maintenance, safety checks, etc. Our FY ends on April 30, 2018 so please turn in your mileage and expense reimbursements no later than the May Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Bryon Fessler and seconded by Gary Caldwell that we pay \$150 to the River of Life Church for the rental of space for our special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bryon Fessler and seconded by Loren Gitchel that we accept the financials ending March 31, 2018 and place them on file for the auditor. The motion passed unanimously.

d) There was no Range Master report

5. Other Reports a) Discipline Chairs need to turn in their reports prior to the Board meeting. We use the numbers of participants to obtain grants and for our annual insurance reports.

Bryon Fessler reported that he is working with the Northern Colorado Homeschool Association to set up several First Shots Courses for their students. He needs RSOs to help with these classes and will send out an email to the RSO Contact List with the schedule. He also reported that approximately \$450 worth of equipment is missing from the rimfire challenge/first shots shed (tables, chairs, targets, etc.) This will be addressed by the Board at the next meeting.

b) Brian Holder will continue to train RSOs for the discounted rate of \$25 and this gives you classroom training, books, practical training at the range (weather permitting and with Dean Sailer's acting help!) and a very bright hat. The next class will be held in May and will be advertised in the Newsletter and by email.

6. Unfinished Business a) 2017 Document storage is still not complete – Mitch Graves will get the Steel Challenge waivers to the next Board meeting.

b) The new Bylaws will be updated on the website – a question about creating badges for household members under 18 was raised and it will be discussed at another time.

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c) Mitch Graves asked if Guest waivers need to be filled out at each event or if those guests that come to multiple events (monthly) could just sign the same waiver each month on a different line or on the back. Discussion followed concerning the legal advice obtained for the Board earlier and Bryon Fessler explained how the lawyer had explained the advantages of having multiple waivers signed by the same person in the event of a court case.

d) It was determined to order 3,000 of the new waivers with guest badges attached.

e) This topic was covered in the earlier Special Meeting

f) The vacant Secretary position on the Board was discussed – it was determined that the Membership Services Coordinator will create a continuity book for the position.

A motion to add Bo Marzolf and Gary Caldwell to the Membership Committee was made by Mitch Graves, seconded by Loren Gitchel, and passed unanimously.

A motion to have Bryon Fessler serve as the Interim Secretary through the Annual Meeting was made by Gary Caldwell, seconded by Mitch Graves and passed unanimously.

g) This topic was tabled for the next meeting after a short discussion concerning definition of a pistol and barrel length.

h) A meeting with the Weavers will need to be scheduled to facilitate the Range Safety Improvement. Brian Holder will schedule this meeting as soon as possible.

7. New Business a) The updates to the Range Safety Rules were presented and need to be reviewed – all changes should be ready by the 19th

b) This topic was tabled for the next meeting.

c) Mitch Graves will be stepping down as the Steel Challenge Chair. He has agreed to stay on as chair until his replacement Steve Jessup is certified as an RSO and the transition plan was discussed.

Dean Sailer left the meeting due to another commitment.

8. No Executive Session was needed

The next Board Meeting will be on the 19th of April at Mulligan's as usual at 6pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mitch Graves, seconded by Tom Petaja and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm