



**Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**July 14, 2018**  
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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Brian Holder with 65 members in attendance.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by member Tim Reed and seconded by member James Whiton and passed unanimously.*

**3. Officer's Reports**

- a. President.
- b. Secretary. Reminded everyone to renew early as website opened on July 1 and will remain open until July 31. All fees (renewal and clean up, if applicable) must be paid by July 31 each year or you will forfeit your membership. As of today, we had 260 successful renewals which is approximately 32% of our membership. We mailed a reminder renewal postcard to all members in June and followed up with a newsletter article on July 1 and another email reminder on July 12. We tested the waitlist (377 people) by sending an email explaining the process. The email had a 72% open rate. The waitlist currently has 410 people on it. The first wave of invites is scheduled to go out on August 6<sup>th</sup> and every week thereafter (August 13, 20, 27). We finalized the dates for the safety orientations (September 15, 16 and 22 at 2pm). Additionally, we held a Special Meeting on April 7, 2018 and members voted 217 to 9 in favor of the Board's proposal to offer only Household memberships going forward and solve the long-standing issues associated with this type of membership (i.e., definition, liability, insurance, guest waivers, etc.). The changes went into effect with the July renewal cycle. The revised Bylaws are on the website. *A motion to approve the Annual meeting minutes for July 8, 2017 was made by Tim Reed, seconded by Ryan VanPelt and passed unanimously.*
- c. Treasurer. Informed everyone of the financial activity of the Club for the last fiscal year (May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018). As of April 30, 2018, we had \$190,469.33 in Assets, \$0 in Liabilities and \$190,469.33 in Equity. The assets are spread over five accounts: Defensive Pistol, Operations, Reserves, Shotgun and Steel Challenge. Our total income for the year was \$120,665.93 of which 73% came from Membership Dues. Social and recreational Clubs fall under Internal Revenue Manual (IRM) 7.25.7. IRC 501(c)(7) exempts from federal income tax, clubs "organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, substantially all of the activities of which are for such purposes and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder." Clubs are permitted to receive a certain amount of income from the general public (15%) and investments (35%). Last year, we received about 3% from the general public basically 0% from investments. Our total expenses for the year were \$93,070.13 of which the highest allocations were \$19,974.24 for Range Maintenance, \$19,000 for Lease, \$9,799.53 for Supplies and



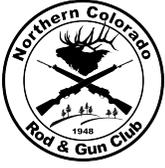
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\$8,783.04 for Insurance. We also hired a second contractor (Assistant Range Master) in addition to our Member Services Coordinator. We received an unqualified opinion (clean audit) from our auditor and his letter is available for review. The renewal fee is \$125 for all members. The Range Cleanup Fee is \$100 for members who do not participate in at least one range cleanup per year. The Capital Improvement Fee for new members is \$125. The Lost Badge Fee is \$25. The Treasurer answered questions from members regarding the financials. *A motion to accept the yearly financials ending April 30, 2018 and place them on file for the auditor was made by Bob Dobson, seconded by Bob Schmidt and passed unanimously.*

- d. Range Master. We offered 16 opportunities for range cleanup credit this past year, including some mid-week range cleanups. 502 members participated in a range cleanup which represents about 63% of our membership. Ideally, that number should be 100% as it is part of our Range Safety Rules that members participate in at least one range cleanup per year. We want to take this opportunity to recognize a member who has truly gone above and beyond in volunteering their time, talent and treasure to the Club. Ben Price has quarterbacked the effort to design and build the guest waiver stations or kiosks as we like to call them. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to present Ben with a small token of our appreciation for his vision, leadership and hard work. Thank you Ben!

#### **4. Other Reports**

- a. Disciplines. **Rimfire Challenge Report:** The Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association (RSCA), formerly known as the NSSF Rimfire Challenge, introduces participants to the fun and excitement of competitive shooting in a safe, low-pressure, family-friendly event. All levels of target shooters—new, novice and experienced—are welcome to compete. The Rimfire Challenge was developed with safety in mind. Shooters are required to compete using a rifle and handgun from any manufacturer in .22 Long Rifle caliber. The targets are steel plates that are set in a course of fire that is no less than 5 plates and no more than 7 plates. The course of fire is designed to be completed by event the most inexperienced shooter using one 10-round magazine without the need to reload “on the clock.” A unique feature of the RSCA Rimfire Challenge is that experienced participants are encouraged to help new and novice shooters move up to the next level of proficiency by sharing their tips and shooting knowledge. The next Rimfire Challenge is the Annual Rimfire Carnival on August 11, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm. There is a \$10 admission fee and for that you will have 16 stages including bowling pins, golf balls, playing cards, ducks, steel, zombies, splatter targets, etc. Every stage that you “win” gets you a raffle ticket good for numerous prizes including a handgun and a rifle as well as cleaning kits, gun tools, ammo, range bags, shirts, baseball caps, etc. For more information, please visit the Club’s website. **First Shots:** First shots is a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) that offers the public an opportunity to learn the rules and



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requirements of firearm ownership along with comprehensive information on firearm safety, shooting sports opportunities, individual and group training, and range access. The first part of the seminar includes about 90 minutes of introductory information (e.g., firearm shooting, range information, basic instruction). The second part of the seminar includes about 90 minutes of hands-on activities (e.g., range commands, live fire). There is no examination or certificates and this seminar does not qualify you to apply for a concealed carry permit. All firearms, ammunition, targets, eye/ear protection, etc. are provided free of charge. First shots seminars are open to the public. Bryon Fessler started the program at our Club in 2012 and since that time, he has instructed over 200 new shooters. We spend about \$15 per shooter, depending on the cost of ammo. Donations of CCI Mini-Mag .22 LR ammo (40 grain, cooper-plated round nose) are always appreciated.

- b. Chief Range Safety Officer. Discussed Rule Changes - **Guest Policy:** A Household membership is authorized to bring a total of twelve (12) guests per year with no more than two (2) guests per visit, per badged Regular or Associate member. Regular and Associate members must accompany their guests at all times while on Club property. If only one Regular or Associate member with a badge are present, then only two (2) guests can be brought at one time. If both the Regular and Associate members with badges are present, then four (4) guests can be brought at one time. The Regular or Associate member is responsible for ensuring that guest waivers are completed, range safety rules are followed, and guest badges are worn. Guest badges are non-transferrable and good only for one day. Subsequent visits require a new waiver and badge. Failure to follow the guest policy constitutes a serious safety violation which may result in suspension or expulsion. Discussed Range Safety Officer Classes

## 5. Unfinished Business

- a. Rifle Range Safety Improvements

## 6. New Business

- a. Election of Board members – Vice President: Tom Petaja (3 year term 2018 – 2021), Secretary: Gregory Marzolf (1 year term 2018 – 2019) and At-Large: Gary Caldwell (3 year term 2018 – 2021) *A motion by acclamation to accept these unopposed candidates was made by Chris Beerley, seconded by Tim Reed and passed unanimously.*

## 7. Member Forum

Topics of acquiring a Brass Catcher, Gate being opened vs. locked and more shooting opportunities were discussed.

## 8. Adjournment



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*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm was made by, James Whiton, seconded by, Scott Fisher and passed unimously.*