



Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2020

1. Call to Order

A motion to open the meeting was made by Range Master seconded by Secretary and passed unanimously. Meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

President: Brian Holder

Vice President: Tom Petaja

Treasurer: Bryon Fessler

Secretary: Gary Caldwell

Skeet and Trap: Jason Elliott

Steel Challenge: Steve Jessup

Rimfire Challenge: Chance Snider

Range Master: Russ Hickman

Defensive Pistol: Mike Triplett

Board Members not present were:

At Large 2 Matt Neihaus, At Large 1 Ben Price, At Large 3 Cam Rogers; Know your Limits
Loren Gitchel

Others in attendance were:

Assistant Range Master: Dean Sailer

Member Services Coordinator: Leslie Shoecraft

Member Number 18732

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to accept the Agenda as written by President seconded by Treasurer and passed unanimously.

3. Member Forum - No members came forward to address the Board

4. Officer Reports

a. President: No report

b. Secretary's Report – The renewal process for 2020-2021 concluded at midnight on July 31st with 670 members renewing compared with 662 renewing in 2019. New member enrollment started at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th with 130 openings. At 9:33 am on Friday, August 7th, the last open member slot was filled. Last year, our open member slots were filled on August 14th at 8:38 pm. New Member Safety Orientation meetings will be on Saturday, September 12th, Sunday, September 13th and Saturday, October 3rd all meetings starting at 1:00 pm at the lower range. All Board Members are requested to



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attend all three of these meetings. With our current distancing parameters as dictated by the Larimer County Health Department, we will require the assistance of several Board Members in handing out new member badges at the conclusion of the September 12th Safety Orientation. Discipline chairs will want to be present to answer questions about your disciplines after the conclusion of the safety orientation. Current member badges were mailed out starting August 10th and the last group was dropped in the mail on August 12th. Current members should have received their badges by now. We are currently renewing spouse badges through August 31st.

Minutes changes:

Minute changes made by Secretary: Include member number in member forums; CRSO reports add "long range gongs" New Business 7g change word fending to fencing.

A motion to accept the minutes from last Month's meeting with the changes included, dated July 16, 2020, and place them on file was made by the Secretary, seconded by Shotgun Chair

c. Treasurer's Report: A Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Statement were provided to all Board members with figures as of July 31, 2020. Total cash on hand in the seven accounts is \$164,236.18 with \$41,461.91 of that set aside in Reserves for future repairs or replacement. After several phone calls and emails, Wells Fargo finally corrected the name and address on the new checking account for Rim fire Challenge. As a reminder to all the shooting discipline chairs, you must always keep at least \$500 in your account to avoid bank fees. Income for the month totaled \$113,539.62 and expenses for the month totaled \$7,427.22. Notable income included \$17,883.90 in Cleanup Fees and \$94,674.05 in Membership Dues. 570 members renewed this year leaving 130 openings for new members. The revenue for the new members will show up in August in the form of Membership Dues and Capital Improvement Fees. Expenses are consistent for this time of year. I reclassified the invoice from Chamber's Excavating for \$3,608.50 from Range Maintenance to Contingency per Board motion. I am tracking two other Contingency motions for the Range Master; specifically, \$600 (NTE) for the manual thrower and \$2,200 (NTE) for erosion control for the Rifle Range. Additionally, you received a copy of the current budget with actuals and differences as of July 31st, which marks the end of the first quarter of our fiscal year. Our budgeted income is \$147,520 and the actual is \$116,439.31 leaving a difference of \$31,080.69. Again, this is because the revenue for new members does not appear until August. Our budgeted expenses are \$133,650 and the actual is \$28,104.55 leaving a difference of \$105,545.45.



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A motion to accept the financials ending July 31, 2020, and place them on file for the auditor was made by Treasurer, seconded by Secretary and passed unanimously.

A motion to donate \$40 to River of Life Fellowship for meeting space for the Board meeting on August 20, 2020, was made by Treasurer, seconded by Shotgun Chair and passed unanimously.

Range Master Report: 30 members attended Range Cleanup on August 1: Traditional cleanup inventories. Begin erosion control Installation. Walk with vendors for Fencing quotes.

5. Other Reports

a. Disciplines

Archery No Archery events to report in August.

NRL22 NCRGC welcomed 21 shooters to compete in the NRL22 July course of fire on July 25, 2020. Congratulations to all our first-place winners including Jose Gardner (Open), Patrick Schoneck (Base), Kourtney Gardner (Ladies), and Chuck Sampier (Old Guns). Special thanks to squad leaders Justin, Steve, Patrick, Jeff, Jeramie, and Jose. You guys rock by helping to ensure a safe and fun event. Additionally, we owe Justin a huge debt of gratitude for building the Club's rooftop barricade. This barricade is awesome, and everyone had a great time shooting from it. Scores and pics are on our website (<https://www.ncrgc.org/shooting-disciplines/nrl22/>) as is the pre-registration for next month's match on August 22, 2020. Please squad up after you are approved in Practiscore. Hope to see you there! #ncrgc #nrl22 #22lr #rimfire #pewpew #precisionrifle #letsgoshoooting!

First Shots

7/23 – 5 Handgun (all new shooters)

7/27 – 6 Handgun (two families with moms and kids)

8/2 – 9 Shotgun (two groups of Girl Scouts)

KYL

7/19/20 - Open Class 6 Shooters, 3 Members, 3 Non-Members; Side Match – Rained Out

8/5/20 – Open Class 5 Shooters, 2 Members, 3 Non-Members; Side Match 5 Shooters, 2 Member, 3 Non-Members



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8/16/20 - Cancelled

Rimfire Challenge No events reported.

Annual Rimfire Carnival The 5th Annual Rimfire Carnival (First Shots Second Round event) was a success thanks to the 70 shooters, 10 spectators, 12 Range Safety Officers, 170 brats/hotdogs, sponsors (over 100 giveaway items including 2 firearms), and a smoky Colorado day due to the fires in the local area. We complied with all the COVID-19 restrictions from the Larimer County Health Department which made for a more challenging event. Despite all that, the shooters and spectators remained positive and upbeat. The 20 stages included prairie dogs, zombies, ducks, hostage, playing cards, clays, murder hornets, shotgun shells, eggs, bowling pins, animals, suckers, Jurassic park, pencils, know your limits, plastic bottles, spinners, dueling trees, and aliens have landed and they were all set up for rifle and handgun. Participants received hats, t-shirts, and lunch for the \$10 entry fee. Special thanks to all the RSOs and volunteers who helped prepare for, setup, and tear down the event. This event would not happen without your time and talent and it is greatly appreciated. Additional thanks to Ben Price for taking photos for the event, some of which will be posted on our website in the near future. Thanks Ben! #LetsGoShooting #PlusOneMovement #nssf #ncrgc #firstshots #pewpew #rimfire #22lr.

Shotgun

7/12/20 6 members 3 non-members \$90 collected

7/26/20 9 members 5 non-members \$140 collected

8/9/20 cancelled.

Steel Challenge

7/25/20 8 shooters, all single firearms, one shooter broke a firing pin and could not finish the last two stages. \$120 taken in. (To be combined with a past match for a deposit total of \$225.) Petty cash on hand remains at: \$40 (in \$5's for making change)

Hunter Education No updates since last month's meeting.

- b. **Chief Range Safety Officer.** No new safety issues. We did have one member volunteer to join a future Safety Orientation because they have noticed several new safety regulations at the range.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. **Lease Extension:** Range Master gave an update on the status of the lease renewal negotiations.



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Treasurer said the e-mail motion about the lease needs to be ratified. President said for all future e-mail motions the Board needs to be allowed time to vote, e-mail voting procedures will be updated to reflect that Board members have at least 7 days to vote.

An electronic motion was made by the Range Master to negotiate a 5 year lease with Weaver Ranch with cost adjustments of: \$1,000 increase for the year 2020/2021; \$500 increase for year 2021/2022; \$400 increase for year 2022/2023; \$400 increase for 2023/2024; \$400 increase for the year 2024/2025, seconded by the Vice President.

Yes votes: At Large 1, At Large 3, Treasurer; Secretary, Vice President, Range Master, KYL Chair, Steel Challenge

No votes: Shotgun, At Large 2, Rim Fire

No vote received from: Defensive Pistol, President

Motion passed with 8 yes votes; 2 no votes; 2 no vote recorded

Secretary presented affirmation, it passed unanimously

Treasurer made a motion that Range Master is authorized to offer to the landlords a second lease option for a 1 year lease extension for 2020/2021 for \$22,000, this is a \$1000 increase, seconded by Shotgun Chair and passed unanimously.

Treasurer asked the Board to a Consent that if no lease is signed by sundown on August 31, 2020, the locks on the gate be changed, an urgent e-mail that the range is closed will be sent to members notifying them they cannot access the property, no trespassing signs will be posted and the key to the gate will be given to the landlords. Consent was given by the Board unanimously.

If a lease is entered into after September 1, 2020, an emergency meeting of the Board will take place outlining the procedure to reopen the range.

- b. **Long Range Gongs.** President stated he received an e-mail from the NRA regarding long range gongs, the e-mail advised due to COVID, they are not performing site inspections at this time. Item should be moved to business on hold.
- c. **Public Events and COVID-19.** The Board discussed the current COVID-19 restrictions and decided the club will continue normal operations. Discipline Chairs have the discretion on whether to proceed with or cancel an event based on the COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time the event is scheduled. The chair disciplines will continue to apply for Larimer County Variances for all events of 10 people or more.



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- d. **Automated Clay Thrower:** Range Master the \$600 contingency money approved for the Shotgun Thrower replacement has been put on hold pending the cost of the fence.
- e. **Rifle Range Fencing:** Range Master has received 2 fencing quotes, one for \$4800 and one for \$6800; we are waiting on the 3rd quote. Cows were on the range while walking the property with contractors who are quoting the fence project. The cows have been diverted to a different pasture. Range Master and landlords ran electric fence around the range perimeter but electric fence isn't sufficient for calves. He recommended the Board continue to move forward with completing the fence project. The earliest a contractor is available to begin fence installation is October 10, 2020. There was discussion about the feasibility of installing the fence by NCRGC volunteers.

Range Master made a motion to approve, not to exceed \$5,500 contingency funds, for the rifle range fencing project which includes fencing and 4 gates, seconded by Shotgun Chair and passed unanimously.

Secretary made a motion to rescind the \$600 not to exceed motion for the manual clay thrower and reduce the not to exceed \$2,200 motion for the erosion control project to expenses already paid, seconded by Range Master and passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. **Google Drive Folder Permissions;** Treasurer handed out a sheet that includes all of the current folders on the Google Drive and who has file editor and/or viewer access. Treasurer asked Board members to review the list and decide who should have access and permissions to each folder. President stated that At Large One and President should write up a policy for Google Drive permissions and at the same time a Face Book use policy. The policy could state that President and Vice President be given super admin access allowing them to maintain the Google drive permissions. When the President and/or Vice President positions change the policy will be updated. President recommended, as a back up to the Google Drive contents that folders be copied to a USB drive that is stored in the safety deposit box. Treasurer stated he will back up the files and place the USB drive back up into the safety deposit box. This item to be placed on the September Agenda.
- b. **Long Range Gongs;** Discussed during unfinished business, move to business on hold.
- c. **Membership Survey:** Treasurer handed out a graph with the membership survey results. 583 or 87% of the members responded to the member survey. Last survey we had a 15% response. This renewal year the survey was linked to the renewal page which we believe is the reason so many members responded. Cost for the survey was approximately \$60. A recommendation was made that the survey responses be grouped and addressed in the monthly Newsletter. Shotgun Chair read every response he suggested in April we change the by-laws to say "if the manual thrower is in use, tactical bay 2 has to be closed." President said this item should be placed on business



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on hold and addressed in February when we address by-law changes. Shotgun Chair said that Long Range gongs are another item that members commented on. He asked if the open space north of the tactical bays, is available for member use? Treasurer said yes, NCRGC can utilize this space.

- d. **Recreational Sports Shooting (RSS) Amendment;** Treasurer gave a report that about 4 years ago the United States Forest Service (USFS) approached 4 counties, including Larimer County, and asked them to develop a public shooting range inside forest land. NCRGC has been invited to participate in these discussions.

1. USFS asked the four counties to develop public shooting ranges but not necessarily on forest land. Two of the counties partnered together and decided to build on forest land. Boulder County decided to expand a private shooting range and they are receiving lots of CPW grant money to do so. Larimer County initially decided against building a public shooting range; however, at a recent Commissioner meeting, they seemed to be in favor of doing so now.

President requested Board Consent that the three NCRGC members on the long range planning committee are allowed to explore this project by collecting information and presenting it to the Board, the Consent passed unanimously.

2..The Board consent also included allowing these three members of the long range planning committee, Treasurer, Range Master, At-Large 3, to represent NCRGC in future meetings and discussions with the understanding that any decisions would need to be made by the entire Board.

- d. **Inter BOD emails, professional courtesy;** Range Master suggested the Board adopt the philosophy that if you can't say it at Grandma's dinner table it shouldn't be written in an e-mail. Shotgun Chair suggested only facts be presented in e-mails. President remarked that in some situations picking up the phone and calling the person may be more effective communication than e-mail.
- e. **Discipline Chairs cleaning and policing their events;** Range Master requested the Discipline Chairs take the time and remind event participants to help clean up at the end of the event.
- f. **Cattle on the Rifle Range/carnival** Range Master discussed in unfinished business.
- g. **Keys to sheds.** President mandated that Board members contact the Range Master to request shed keys before the September 17, 2020 board meeting.

8. **Executive Session** No executive session was needed

9. **Adjournment**

The Range Master made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm, seconded by the Shotgun Chair and passed unanimously.