



Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club

Annual Meeting

July 11, 2020

1. Call to Order

A motion to start the meeting at 1:02 pm was made by Member 18218, seconded by 18084 and passed unanimously with 63 primary members in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Member 18084, seconded by 18310 and passed unanimously.

3. Officer Reports

- a. President - The President informed the membership that the club has been in operation at the Weaver Ranch location for 50 years.
- b. Secretary - The Secretary discussed the new procedure for new member enrollment that will begin on August 5th at 7:00 pm. The Secretary also answered a question about dependents of current members initiating their own membership when they turn 18.

A motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by the Secretary (Member 18005), seconded by Member 18545 and passed unanimously.

- c. Treasurer Report –Annual Treasurer’s Report – 2020 Bryon Fessler, NCRGC Treasurer
 - BALANCE SHEET. As of April 30, 2020, the Club had \$75,901.42 on the Balance Sheet which represents our total assets. We do not have any liabilities, so our total equity is also \$75,901.42. The assets are spread out over six accounts: Defensive Pistol, NRL22, Operations, Reserves, Shotgun and Steel Challenge.
 - INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT. Our total income for the year was \$138,616.34 of which 70% came from Membership Dues. Our total expenses for the year were \$138,507.13 which left us with \$109.21 at the end of the FY.
 - SOCIAL CLUB. We are exempt from federal income taxes if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code:
 - Organized for exempt purposes
 - Provide an opportunity for personal conduct
 - Membership must be limited
 - Supported by membership fees, dues, and assessments
 - Net earnings may not inure to the benefit of any person
 - May receive up to 35 percent of gross receipts from nonmember sources, including investment income. Within the 35 percent amount, no more than 15 percent of gross receipts may be derived from nonmember use of Club facilities and services.



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Cannot discriminate against any person based on race, color, or religion

- DUES AND FEES. Per Article IV of our Bylaws, the Board approved the following dues and fees:

Membership Dues increased from \$125 to \$150

Capital Improvement Fee increased from \$125 to \$150

Range Cleanup Fee increased from \$100 to \$125 (effective July 2021)

Replacement Badge: \$25

- BUDGET. The Board approved a budget that includes \$147,520 in Income and \$133,650 in Expenses. This will leave the Club with a net \$13,870 which will likely be put into Reserves.

- RESERVE STUDY. For the first time in many years, the Board approved a Reserve Study that includes 27 component items, 5 of which are at or past their remaining useful life. The replacement cost for all the component items is an estimated \$1,172,800 and we currently only have \$41,460.86 in Reserves so we have some catching up to do.

- INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW. We received an unqualified opinion (clean review) from our accountant and his letter is available for review.

- Financial Questions and Answers

A motion to accept the yearly financials ending April 30, 2020 and place them on file for the auditor was made by the Member 18218, seconded by Member 18084 and passed unanimously.

- d. Range Master Report – The Range Master introduced our landlords, Susan and Maureen Weaver and representatives from their ranch, to the membership. We offered 18 opportunities for range cleanup this past year, including some mid-week range cleanups. A total of 485 of our 800 memberships were represented at range cleanups. We would like all 800 to participate in range cleanups since that is a requirement for all members. A drawing was held for Range Cleanup participants for a \$500 gift certificate at PM Guns. The winner was Member 18799 with alternates in order members 18116 and 18107.

4. Other Reports

Discipline Reports

Steel Challenge: Between the weather and COVID, it has been a tough year for the Steel Challenge. Matches held: July 27 2019 15 shooters/August 24, 2019 11 shooters/October 26, 2019 10 shooters/January 25, 2020 9 shooters/June 27, 2020 11 shooters. We held some matches before COVID and were then shut down. We did get a Variance from Larimer County to resume holding this shoot – with restrictions. We are limited to 15 shooters, all shooters require face masks, no bystanders, and we can not provide water or food. Last month (June) we were able to resume shooting, and it



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felt good! Typically, we have a mix of repeat shooters and those shooters new to the event. We try to run 3 squads, and usually finish the match by roughly 2:00 PM. Funds taken in for the match go to supplies: target paint, wood supports, and also the steels themselves. The mounting brackets eventually fail due to the pounding received at each match: The welds crack and require rewelding or replacement.

First Shots: Bryon Fessler, First Shots Lead Instructor - First Shots seminars are the perfect opportunity for members to invite new shooters to come to the range for some free safety instruction and supervised shooting. Invite your co-workers, neighbors, friends, relatives, and anyone who wants a safety refresher to a First Shots seminar. The seminars are open to the public. All firearms, ammunition, targets, eye/ear protection, etc. are provided free of charge. Youth shooters must be at least 9 years old. We got a slow start this year due to COVID-19 but so far this year we have instructed 56 new shooters in handgun, rifle, and shotgun bringing our total to almost 600 shooters. We currently have 42 on a waiting list. Shotgun is our newest seminar and the groups thus far have been troops of Girl Scouts who have absolutely rocked it in terms of breaking clays. Reservations are required so please email firstshots@ncrgc.org to sign up for one of these seminars.

NRL22: Bryon Fessler, NRL22 Match Director - The National Rifle League 22, or NRL22 as we like to call it, is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and education of precision rifle shooting. Matches are designed to develop marksmanship skills, promote firearms and hunting safety, and educate the public about firearms which make them a perfect fit for our Club. Matches are held on the fourth Saturday of the month and pre-registration and payment are required due to the pandemic. A total of 182 shooters participated in NRL22 matches at our Club last year, nearly half of them from the public. 4 of these shooters were selected to compete in the National Championship. Many of these shooters are planning to join the Club in August when we open for new members. We had to cancel four matches last year, 3 due to COVID-19 and 1 due to weather. This year, there is a new class of shooters called the Old Guns (any shooter older than 60). The Base class is still a combined MSRP of rifle and scope under \$1,050 and Open class is still no restrictions on the rifle. These matches are a ton of fun. If you have any questions, please contact me at nrl22@ncrgc.org.

Rimfire Carnival: Bryon Fessler, Match Director - The 5th Annual Rimfire Carnival will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Rifle Range. \$10 admission includes lunch (brats, chips, drink). There will be 20 stages including bowling pins, aliens, zombies, hostage, playing cards, prairie dogs, ducks, clays, murder hornets, eggs, bowling pins, suckers, pencils, Jurassic park, plastic bottles, spinners, etc. This is the Club's premier family event that is open to the public. Every stage that you "win" gets you a raffle ticket good for numerous prizes including firearms. Stages are set up to accommodate both rifle and handgun in .22LR only (no centerfire). All firearms must be unloaded and cased (no holsters) until you are on the firing line under the direction of a Range Safety Officer. Please bring approximately 300 rounds of .22 LR ammo as each stage is a max of 10 shots. The LC Health



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Department limited us to 50 shooters this year due to COVID-19 (we had 68 shooters last year). Additionally, you have to pre-register and pay in advance and we will set up the Rifle Range parking lot for social distancing. No walk-ins will be allowed. Please see the Club's website for more information.

KYL: The KYL Chair informed the membership that the KYL event takes place twice per month. There is no fee to participate.

Chief Range Safety Officer: The CRSO informed the membership that we will continue to offer RSO training to members at very minimal cost with the request that those members that take the class assist with club events. We are continuing safety upgrades as needed on all ranges and the Shotgun fields are next in line for major safety upgrades.

5. New Business

- a. **Election of Board Members:** President: Member 18010 (3 year term 2020-2023), Range Master Member 18001 (3 year term 2020-2023), At-Large 1: Member 18158 (3 year term 2020-2023) all were unopposed. The President asked membership to accept the nominations of the unopposed positions by acclamation. The membership agreed unanimously. At-Large 2 was contested between Member Matt Niehaus and Member Jason Elliott. Member Jason Elliott received 43 votes and Matt Niehaus received 10 votes.
- b. **Mentor Challenge Coin Presentation:** Bryon Fessler, First Shots Lead Instructor - A major barrier for people wanting to learn about hunting and target shooting is that basic knowledge of these pastimes is not passed down from adults to youth as commonly as it once was. I can still remember my father and grandfather talking about hunting and shooting but that is not as prevalent today. That is where the mentor challenge coins come into play. Developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), these coins recognize leaders who have gone above and beyond in promoting the shooting sports and we have one such leader right here in our midst. Jason Elliott, will you please come up here? Most of you know Jason as the Shotgun Discipline Chair but today, I am here to recognize Jason for reaching a huge milestone—passing the 100 new shooter mentor mark as a First Shots instructor. That is right, Jason has personally taught over 100 new shooters in handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Thanks to Jason volunteer efforts, the Club is now able to offer free shotgun seminars. On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the Club, the Girl Scouts, and the country of Germany (there is a story there), I present you Jason Elliott with the coveted Mentor Challenge Coin. Well done my friend and thank you for everything that you do for the shooting sports! We have a couple more individuals who nearing the 100 new shooter mentor mark and we will be sure to present those at next year's annual meeting. Thank you!



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6. **Member Forum:** A Member inquired about the possibility of having an online question forum on the club website.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:37 pm by Member 18273, seconded by Member 18006 and passed unanimously.