

Cleburne County Shooting Club, Inc.

Minutes of Annual Club Meeting:

October 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Scott Swain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following officers were present: Scott Swain, Karen Swain, John Klanke, Brad White, Muncy Zuber, and Julie Murray. Lance Clark and Keggan Baker were unable to attend. Approximately 35 club members were present.

Welcome: Scott Swain welcomed attendees. Scott recognized Jo Buster being in attendance.

Secretary: Julie Murray reviewed the minutes of last year's annual meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as reviewed and previously published. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Karen Swain gave the Treasurer's report, providing beginning and current balances on the club's bank accounts. She reported that there are currently 420 members including 30 sheriff deputies and 2 church security teams. The club averages between 450 and 500 members during a year with approximately 120 new members each year of which 30% on average renew.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President: Scott Swain reported that the club has experienced growth in recent years. With the growth, the demand on club resources is increased. For example, target frames have to be replaced/repared more frequently.

Whether the club wants to allow unchecked growth is an issue to be determined.

At some point, it might be necessary to have an employee(s) which opens a whole new discussion.

The dues haven't been increased since the inception of the club in 2002. As a comparison, Blue Rock in Little Rock costs \$300 per year and has a \$450 initiation fee. Memphis Shooting Sports Association charges \$360 per year and has a \$500 initiation fee plus \$25 for a spouse.

Some problems that have cropped up this year include steel pistol plates have been shot with a rifle that pierced a hole in the plate. This type of activity is not only against the rules, it creates an unnecessary expense and there is a danger of ricochet.

Another act of vandalism involved a 9mm pistol being used to shoot a hole in the concrete block wall of the field 3 trap house and a large dent in the roof of the house. Had the bullet penetrated and hit the trap machine, the expense would have been substantial. Similar problems have occurred with the patterning board.

Scott asked that members help keep watch for problems.

Cameras are up and there are more to come. Each camera has been acquired one at a time so that its placement and utilization can best be accomplished. It has been a learning experience.

Scott reminded the members that everyone is a range officer when it comes to safety.

Effective October 14, 2023, an application fee of \$50 will be required. Also, each new member will be required to attend an orientation session with a board member or someone appointed

by the board. Following the orientation, the membership card will be provided to the new member.

Other possibilities to limit vandalism include new members having a recommendation from an existing member, and capping membership.

Vice President: Lance Clark was unable to attend the meeting. Karen pointed out that Lance serves the club in a wide variety of capacities.

Range Director: Muncy Zuber stressed that safety is the most important thing when at the range.

Pistol Director: Brad White reported that steel targets have been put back in place. However, if anything other than pistol calibers are fired at them, the plates will be damaged. The old railroad ties have been moved to eliminate a trip hazard. Target bases are to be used to set target stands in.

A pavilion cover is being considered to join the existing pavilion covers and increase the number of covered firing points.

Brad reminded members that pistol caliber carbines are no longer allowed on the pistol range.

Shotgun Director: John Klanke reported that there are 6 or 7 members shooting trap on a regular basis. Skeet participation has fallen off lately.

New benches have been installed in the shotgun pavilions.

Members are reminded that only shotguns may be used on the shotgun ranges.

Winter hours for trap and skeet will begin next week.

John reminded members that the patterning board is ONLY for shotguns. No pistol, rifles or shotgun slugs are to be fired at it.

Rifle Director: Keggan Baker was unable to attend the meeting. Muncy reported that the gongs across the creek were recently painted by a couple of volunteers!

New Business:

Spring Gathering: Scott pointed out that since the club has only one annual meeting, it might be fun to have a social gathering in the spring. There appeared to be support for the idea. Robin Harris volunteered to chair the event.

Skeet Clinic: Scott asked the members if anyone would be interested in a skeet clinic to help get people started in that discipline. There were several hands raised indicating interest. This will be followed up by the Board of Directors.

Volunteer Email: Scott asked if members with skills that the club could use, such as electricians, welders, landscape, etc., would find an email address link on the website useful. There was a positive response.

Range Size: A member asked about the size of the range. The current lease will take us through 2025.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

All officers currently serving have agreed to serve for another year. No one else was nominated for any office. A motion was made to close nominations and accept all officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The officers will be:

President	Scott Swain
Vice President	Lance Clark
Treasurer	Karen Swain
Secretary	Julie Murray
Chief Range Officer	Muncy Zuber
Shotgun Director	John Klanke
Pistol Director	Brad White
Rifle Director	Keggan Baker

Next ANNUAL Meeting

The next Annual meeting will be Monday evening, **October 7, 2024**.

MOTION to Adjourn was made, seconded and APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.