



SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB

Minutes of the Board/Membership Meeting
February 20 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Diana Peck at 6:02PM with the flag salute.

Board members present: Diana Peck, John Dwyer, Dave Peck, Bill Craig, Jake Moskowitz, Randy Shorts, Karen Cobb, Corby Poulis, Brad McNulty. Also present were club members Eric Miller and Sebrina McNulty.

John D moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous Board meeting, Karen C 2nd Motion was approved unanimously.

Dave P presented the financial statements for January 2024 and for year-end December 2023.

John D moved to approve financial statements, Karen C 2nd. Motion was approved unanimously. Financial reports and bank statements will be available in the trap club office for any member to review.

Dave P presented 11 new members for approval, Club membership now stands at 505. John D moved to waive reading of the new member names. Randy S 2nd. Motion was approved unanimously. The list of all new members will be included with the minutes of the meeting

Diana P reported that there were three club members who have applied for life membership. They are Rick Johnson, Terry Hunt and David Peck. John D reminded the Board about the price of membership and the cost of buckles that had not been awarded to life members in the past. Though not opposed to the idea, John wanted us to just be aware of the cost. Life buckles cost approximately \$235. Diana P noted that the flashy buckles were also a great way to advertise the life membership program for the club.

Diana P reported the friends of the NRA dinner will be held March 16 at the Elks club. She reported that word has gotten back to us that our NRA grants are quite substantial relative to other grant requests, because our club is very involved in the fundraising dinners each year. She suggested we promote group tables for club members to purchase seats at as we did last year and recruit youth trap team athletes to help work at the dinner.

Corby P led a discussion about standardizing our procedure for small groups shoot on private trap houses, without push back from trap personnel. No one opposed this, but it was made clear that any group shooting trap must have a qualified safety officer present, especially with groups including new shooters. Dave P mentioned that we do this quite often and arrangements for setting up the trap fields are easier with a a day or two advance notice to the trap personnel to prepare.

Dave P asked the board what their preference is for awards to be handed out at the April ATA shoot. It was agreed that leather pouches and or bags would be the best choice for this event. Karen C made a motion to approve leather ATA awards for April, John D 2nd. Motion was approved unanimously.

Diana P reported that Kym Hughes has volunteered to keep scores for Big 50 ATA shoots at the club on Wednesday nights. These could be either singles, doubles or handicap events. The purpose would be to accumulate registered targets for shooters who find it difficult to travel to tournaments at other clubs in order to get registered targets. Karen C made a motion to move forward with scheduling big 50 shoots on Wednesday nights. Dave P 2nd. Motion was approved unanimously.

Dave P reported that we have a work party scheduled for Saturday, March 2, and we have a small group of volunteers already committed for the work. Tasks to be performed will be general range cleanup, weeding and cleaning the silt from the gate entrance.

Pistol- Bill C reported that things at the pistol range are running smooth. After the recent rains it was evident that what small amount of roof repair we have done has stopped a lot of the rain leaking into the range.

Trap- Randy S reported that it's time to put new locks on all of the trap houses and storage rooms. He noticed that on two separate occasions somebody had changed parts on one of the trap machines and also mixed motor oil with hydraulic fluid in trap seven and burned up the hydraulic pump requiring replacement. Dave he said that he would help Randy do that the next day.

Randy S asked if someone had a suitable shop vacuum that could be used to clean the fine chips and dirt from inside the trap houses. He has ordered new pumps, fixed speakers and control boxes, elevated controllers in the houses to keep them dry. He also requested that we pass the word to keep the garage as organized as possible to avoid damage to the speakers that are stored there.

Randy S asked again if we could connect electric power to the trap range outbuilding and Dave P reported that Jim Cook has already been contacted to make an estimate on the work for us. This will help facilitate charging of new walkie-talkies to be used at the ATA shoots.

Dave P reported that there was still very little activity in components mostly due to the lack of affordable usable shotgun powder.

Archery coach Eric Miller asked the board if they would approve a set fee for each archery family to participate. This fee would include club membership and range fees plus an amount to cover archery equipment and jerseys totaling \$375 per season per family. \$275 of which would go to the club. There will be two seasons per year. Dave P motioned to approve the request and revisit the program a year from now. Karen C 2nd. Motion was approved unanimously

Eric Miller also presented a visual plan for the outdoor archery range on the west of the trap fields. The new plan would include Olympic-style targets arranged so that archers are firing arrows from south to north and not across the path of the trap ranges. The plan for the 3D walking range would include the area at the far north side of the property outside of shotgun range. It was generally agreed to begin work clearing weeds and smoothing an area for the first phase of the static target range.

John D moved to adjourn the meeting. Corby P 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dave Peck, Secretary

***Next Board Meeting will be March 18 2024