

AGC NEWS

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Shooting Hours: 7:30am - sunset * 7 days a week

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Amateur Trap Association (ATA)
CMP Affiliated
Colorado State Hunter Education
Colorado State Trap Association (CSTA)
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Practical Shooting Association (PSAC)
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MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE AGC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Rob Rathburn.

Present: Adams, Ames, Dankowski, Davis, Hamblen, Huber, Immel, Lee, Miller, Rathburn, Sether, Still, Visnak.

Absent: Humbargar, Chin (both excused)

I CALL TO ORDER

II MINUTES

No corrections. Minutes stand as published.

III PRESIDENT REPORT

Open House: Good attendance.

Rezoning Issue: Still on for August 28th, Aurora City Council meeting Agenda

Non Member Usage Fees: Rob has done a phone poll, and will contact the BoD for further review. Right now, raising the fees are "on hold" pending further review and discipline input.

Note of Thanks: From Alex Ragulsky re: Karen Sudduth's work on behalf of ATA

IV MEMBERS FORUM

AGC Member, Jim Winchester:

Financial Questions: Jim submitted questions concerning published financial statements of AGC. Answers will be provided from our CPA. The BoD plans on responding to Jim, and will publish the answers.

AGC Member, Bill Newman:

Hunter Education Dates: Previously submitted email request Sep 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, for additional dates via email. Bill would also like to move Nov 11 back to Nov 4. He wanted to know status on the approval of these dates. **08.08.06.a Motion to approve the additional hunter education dates. Seconded. Motion Passed.**

V FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's report:

From January 1 – July 31: 2006, Total Revenues: \$200,609.62, Gross Profit: \$153,981.39, Total Expenses: \$85,055.85, Net Income: \$68,925.54. The balance sheet published did have some minor errors in the asset column. Questions have been raised, and corrections have been made. Responses to other questions will be addressed at the next BoD meeting. We are still within budget for 2006. AJ minutes correction: about the birds 1,512 (not 15,012).

VI OLD BUSINESS

2nd Vice President, A J Davis:

Facility Report: He wanted to thank Russ Cromie for putting in the doors & windows, and thanks for the flowers for his father's funeral. AJ called NRA about the range report and they responded that the local representative's computer crashed and was unable to get the report out.

Board of Directors, Jess Adams:

Relocation Funds: ***08.08.06.b Motion concerning AGC assets: Place the following monies in escrow for relocation of the AGC: 1) Eagle CD 01632 which amounted to \$76,149.94 as of 06/30/06, 2) Commercial Federal CD which amounted to \$83,495.73 as of 06/30/06, 3) Bellco CD 2171 which amounted to \$114,394.83 as of 06/30/06, 4) Bellco CD 1826 which amounted to \$114,288.50 as of 06/30/06, 5) Lee relocation fund which amounted to \$550 as of 06/30/06 – also, any and all interest on the above totals from 06/30/06 that have accrued to date, the total being on the above as of 06/30/06 \$388,879.00. Motion seconded. Discussion. Mike mentioned that these specific CDs won't necessarily stay fixed. Motion amended to allocate \$388,879, consisting of 5 of the CDs, to the relocation fund, requiring 2/3 of the BoD to approve any emergency usage of the money other than for relocation. "Bean Counter Update" published in June 99 newsletter issue by Jake Bechtel (Treasurer) was passed out to BoD members. Money is allocated for relocation. The \$50 initiation fee is supposed to be earmarked for relocation. Seconded. Motion passed.***

Board of Directors, Richard Immel:

Open House: Rich thanks all who helped out with it. Randy Still & Terry Humbargar worked hard with Bass Pro for door prizes. Greg Sether & Terry worked on Bennetts. Gary Ames helped with trap set-up & ideas on how to run this. Bill Chin set up all the disciplines to come out for demos. Last year, attendance was 117. This year it was 146 – a noticeable improvement. Would like to meet with the guys and find out what worked & what didn't. Greg would also like to mention Archery Adventures.

AGC Member, Dave Olive & Refugio Silva:

Election Procedures: The 2006 AGC Election Package Draft was passed out to the BoD. His plans are to simplify this to better reach a quorum. This also provides a way to cast a ballot without needing a newsletter. This pack is also going out to the election committee to review. Dave would like BoD feedback and/or any questions by August 22nd. Currently, the committee is Olive, Boyd, Silva, Newman, & Doyle. Dave would like to get 2 more regulars for the election committee and 2 more alternates.

VII NEW BUSINESS

2nd Vice President, A J Davis:

Facility Repair: AJ mentioned that we're behind on mowing, full trash cans, weeds, etc. Bought some grass killer, and turns out to be very good fertilizer. AJ would like to consider putting up a baffle on the 100 yd range, possibly using NRA's recommendation, once published.

Clubhouse Personnel: AJ suggests that we need a non-BoD member in charge of personnel at the clubhouse during the weekends. Jess would like to table it until Terry returns. ***08.08.06.c Motion to use trap kids during the week with supervision by the caretaker. Seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.***

Board of Directors, Gary Ames & Joe Huber:

Range Rules: The BoD would like to look at the revisions that Dave Olive passed out and have time to read it. Joe would like to adopt his handout as the new, interim range rules. Then, give the BoD a month to look at Dave Olive's comments to the range rules. ***08.08.06.d Motion to adopt Joe's rules. Seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.***

Board of Directors, Harold Lee:

Safari Club International request for sight-in: Harold passed out their request letter & copy of their liability insurance. This would be used on the 100 yd range, with the normal non-range fees. Discussion of charges.

08.08.06.e Motion to authorize their sight-in date with the non-member fee charge (\$5/shooter). Seconded. Discussion. The dates will be worked out with the SCI president. Motion passed.

AJ wants to add that the roof on the trailer is leaking. Discussion about the status of trailer. Estimated replacement costs are unknown.

Board of Directors, Greg Sether:

Junior Shooters: If a junior shooter came in they would be charged \$15. He recommends that the fee should be adjusted for junior shooters.

Board of Directors, Martin Visnak:

Club Laptop Repair: Martin was contacted about the laptop – the power adaptor was becoming inconsistent. Since it's attached directly to the motherboard (replacement cost would be \$700), he purchased an additional cable to bypass the power input. He has questions of security on the laptop. Norton Suite software is loaded on the laptop. Martin would like to take the laptop for the night and do some in-house maintenance. Has the capability to do a back-up of the hard drive. *08.08.06.f Motion to back-up the hard drive image, review security issues, purchase new battery, and separate hard drive. Amended not to exceed \$500 to cover monthly back-ups as well. Seconded. Motion passed.*

Board of Directors, Randy Still:

Skeet: Found some skeet machines in Omaha (rebuilt). They cost \$4000 for the pair. Sonny said they were a good buy. They are not being used at this time.

Hopkins Email: This email was asking AGC's requirements for holding events at the range (Revolutionary War Veterans Association). Rob referred Hopkins to Pete Benoit.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.

*- Karen Sudduth, Admin Assistant
-reviewed & approved by Jess Adams, BoD*

ELECTION

NEED YOUR VOTE

The Annual Members Meeting and BoD Election will take place Sunday, October 8, 2006, at the AGC Clubhouse. The meeting will take place from 11am - 12pm during which time the range will be closed. The range will re-open at 12pm. Ballots may be cast from 11am - 1pm; the ballot box will be in the clubhouse near the front door.

We need to fill 5 director seats, each to be served for a 3 year term. In order to have a valid election, the number of valid ballots cast on October 8 must meet or exceed 10% of the club's membership total which is called a quorum. Even though we have a large membership, don't assume that meeting a quorum is a done deal; it's not. WE NEED YOUR VOTE on October 8 to ensure that a quorum is reached.

To be a candidate for the BoD, you must be a member in good standing and have been a member for at least one year prior to election. If you are interested in being a candidate, please submit your name and biography (or name only) to Karen Sudduth at 3343 S Quintero Street, Aurora, CO 80013 or AuroraGunClub@msn.com by September 12 for inclusion on the ballot and in the October newsletter which is the last newsletter before the election. Please limit your biography to 250 words, explain why you want to run for the Board, and state what you would like to accomplish if elected. You will have an opportunity at the annual meeting to introduce yourself and say a few words about your candidacy if you wish. Submittals received after September 12 will be disqualified. The biographies will not be included in the special mailing discussed below.

A 2006 Election Package will be mailed on or about September 15th to each member's address of record. It will consist of an ORANGE mailing cover, a page of general information, an In-Person Ballot, a Proxy Ballot and an envelope for mailing the Proxy ballot. Each ballot will contain instructions for that ballot and the complete list of

candidates since write-ins and nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are no longer allowed by the new bylaws. Each member must use only one of the two ballots.

Select the In-Person Ballot if you are going to cast your ballot in person on October 8. **IGNORE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. In-Person ballots that are mailed in will be disqualified**

Select the Proxy Ballot if you want another club member in good standing (your Proxy) to cast your ballot on your behalf at the annual meeting. The proxy method is very easy and effective when the following guidelines are adhered to: (1) contact another member who is planning to attend the annual meeting and agrees to be your proxy; (2) fill out your Proxy Ballot and provide your proxy and member information on the designated lines; (3) MAIL YOUR PROXY BALLOT in the enclosed envelope to reach Karen Sudduth by October 7. Your proxy ballot will be distributed to your proxy at the annual meeting. If your proxy does not attend the meeting, your proxy ballot will be disqualified.

On a final note, if you are interested in assisting the Election Committee, please contact Dave Olive or Bill Chin.
*- Election Committee, Dave Olive, 303-696-0248,
Bill Chin, 303-841-2168*

RUSS CROMIE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as a candidate for the AGC BoD. My name is Russ Cromie and I have been a member since 1999. My primary shooting interests include magnum handgun, military rifle and shotgun shooting sports. Just because these are my interests, I would like to represent ALL AGC members and leave my interests at the door when addressing issues of the club. Watching and observing the direction this present BoD has taken the club I would very much like to contribute to this effort. I have worked on most of the work parties since joining and do appreciate the "beautification" of the club. I have tried my best to be available to the 2nd VP to do window and door installation wherever needed. We are in a battle with developers to keep our club as we know it today and I will do everything I can to keep our AGC family intact. Thank you for reading my biography and considering me for this BoD's seat.

DAVID DANKOWSKI

Hi! I have been on the AGC BoD for the past two years and a gun club member for 13 years. Hopefully my vote has helped to make the AGC a safer and more pleasant place to shoot. I still help as a range officer and enjoy the magnum and silhouette shooting disciplines. I would like to continue to help and work to maintain our club as one of the best in the state of Colorado. All shooting members are important to the AGC, not just a select few. Please consider me for your vote for the AGC BoD.

MIKE MILLER

I have been a member of the AGC for 29 years and a member of the BoD for the past two years. As treasurer I have worked to assure that the club is financially viable and that the monies that the members pay are going for appropriate expenses. I have supported all disciplines as a member of the club in to maintain as varied a shooting environment as possible. I would like to have your vote and continue to represent the members on the BoD for the next three years. Thank You.

ROB RATHBURN

Rob Rathburn has served 2 terms as President of the AGC. During this period of time the BoD has been returned to member elected representation, the ByLaws have been updated and the club treasury safeguarded against use for narrow minded political agendas. In addition, range usage rules have been established to prevent outside entities from dominating how our club and its facilities are used and managed. Numerous projects have been seen through to completion, the Aurora pipe line, caretaker replacement, and facility upgrades to name just a few. An uncompromising champion of the 2nd Amendment, Rob is an endorsement life member of the NRA and certified firearms instructor for pistol, rifle, shotgun submachine gun and firearms tactics. A court certified firearms expert, Rob has testified in hundreds of use of force cases. An alumnus of Jeff Cooper's American Pistol Institute, Rob is an adjunct staff instructor at Thunder Ranch.

MARTIN VISNAK

Hello, My name is Martin Visnak; I have been a member of the AGC for about 6 years and a member of the club's BoD for 2 years now. I would like to run for the BoD again during the next election in October. The last 2 years have seen various challenges and changes for the AGC. Recently, we are fighting the Murphy Creek rezoning issue with the City of Aurora that could change the land use just to the south of the club. Add the duties of just running the club and we as an organization, have a busy job ahead of us. I believe we are only going to face more challenges in the future. As a BoD member I believe I can help the club through these issues. I truly enjoyed serving on the BoD. I have tried to give something back to the club as a BoD member, by attending the work parties and doing some repair and maintenance on my own throughout the year. Personally I am a Colorado native and US Army veteran who has enjoyed firearms since I was a boy. I participate in the Military Rifle, CPM and occasionally the Magnum Handgun organized disciplines. I also reload and enjoy just coming out to "work up" a pet load. I of course would appreciate your vote and pledge to work for the good of the club should I be reelected. Regardless of whom you vote for please cast your vote for the 5 "new" members of the BoD. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REZONING UPDATE

All AGC Members & Supporters:

The time has come—we need everyone's support at the Aurora City Council meeting, Monday, August 28, 2006 @ 7:30pm.

The future of our club is in your hands. We need a strong showing of our membership to defeat this residential rezoning request. Buckley AFB, Thunder Bird Estates and Gun Club Estates continue to be strong allies.

Please call me if you have any questions. If you have not voiced your opposition to the Aurora City Council - please do so now.

-Bill Chin, BoD Secretary, 303-841-2168

RANGE OFFICER SIGN-UP

Don't forget that range officer sign-up is at the clubhouse. You can also contact myself to schedule a day of duty. Make sure you sign in at the clubhouse on the Workhours Form. This will be forwarded to Karen and will be applied to next year's dues. Cut off for 2007 dues is September 31.
-Gary Ames 303-364-8262

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of each month **AT NOON**. You may mail, FAX or email it to Karen. Submissions (other than match results) must be approved by the BoD Secretary per motion 08.10.04.f.

Karen Sudduth, Administrative Assistant
303-759-2182 * 303-759-3968 fax
AuroraGunClub@msn.com

Please - NO phone calls before 9am or after 9pm

Thank you.

FOR SALE

10.14.03.a - Motion: Members are limited to five items that can be listed, if space is available. Keep use reasonable. No businesses allowed.

RUGER MKII TARGET 5 1/2" HEAVY BARREL STAINLESS, 22 L.R., NIB \$300.
Reid Fudge 303-858-0067

BRN. 425 12 GA, 28" BBL. ADJUSTABLE STOCK, LOP. 13-3/4" MANY EXTRA'S \$ 1400

SKB 605 O/U 3 BBL. SET 12GA.O/U 28." BBL, 12GA SINGLE BBL. 32" 20GA. 26" BBL. TO MANY EXTRA'S TO LIST \$ 1400

PONSNESSE-WARREN 900 ELITE 20 GA. W/HYDRO-MULTISPEED CYLINDER FULL SET POWDER BUSHING \$ 500
-Bill Aki 303-807-1702

COWBOY GUN CART. HOLDS 4 LONG GUNS WITH FRONT AMMO BOX/SEAT.FOLDS FOR EASY LOADING IN TRUNK.\$150

UBERTI 1860 HENRY 45 LC, NEW IN BOX, ALL PAPERWORK.NEVER FIRED. 24 L/2" BLUED BARREL, BRASS RECEIVER AND BUTT PLATE.\$950

NEW ENGLAND FIREARMS5 GUNS IN ONE.ALL SINGLE SHOTS, GOOD FOR YOUTHS.BARREL30-06,GA." FULL, 20 GA.3" MAG., 28 GA. MOD. 2 3/4", 12 GA.. 3" MAG.HAS CARRYING CASE AND SLING.NEVER FIRED. \$600
-Steve Schuyler 303-429-2848

MEC JR MARK II 12 GAUGE LOADER \$60.

-Deak Flinchpaugh 303-934-2748

A-5 12 GA BROWNING MADE IN 1948. 95+ CONDITION. \$450.
-Bill Hensley 303-917-3300

BROWNING A5 LT12 28" INVECTOR. \$500
-Barry Bowman 303-793-0345

MATCH RESULTS

MILITARY BOLT ACTION BENCH REST JUNE/JULY 2006

The match format is 5 ten shot strings at 100 yards; 2 tens for group, and 3 tens for score. Stock military bolt action rifles fired from the bench. Rules are posted on the club web site. Fun shoot with low \$3 entry fee for members (\$5 for non-members). This year we are shooting on the last Sunday of the month. Please note the close competition. Show up with a std mil bolt action, 50 rounds of ammo and have some fun with the rest of us.

JUNE

Wade Maddox	(6.5 Swede)	278 4x 2.300" grp
Richard Immel	(Swiss K31)	276 4x
Paul Lundberg	(Swiss K31)	269 3x
Mike Nagengast	(Finn MN 91/30)	267 2x
Tim Wooley	(Swiss K31)	260 2x

JULY

Wade Maddox	(6.5 Swede)	274 2x 3.180" grp
Paul Lundberg	(Swiss K31)	271 2x
Mike Nagengast	(Finn MN 91/30)	269 2x
David Maddox	(Swiss K31)	260 4x

-Mike Nagengast 720-937-6777

BLACK POWDER TRAP RESULTS FOR 08/12/06

16 YARDS

1	Deak	14/25
2	Charlie	13/25
3	Don P.	13/25
4	Duane	12/25
5	Carl	7/25
6	Bill H.	5/25

16 YARDS

1.	Deak	19/25
2.	Don P.	19/25
3.	Duane	9/25

The weather was good, a little wind but we couldn't hit those darn birds. We will try it again in September
-Deak Flinchpaugh, 303-934-2748

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEN BLACK POWDER RIFLE

The August shoot was well attended as twenty shooters took part in trying to hit the gongs. That was the good news, the bad news was the shooting wasn't up to the normal standards. (Whatever they are). Only five shooters scored more than half the possible points and only one, Don Philips, broke 100. Don won with a 104, followed by Rick Geist with a 97, Bill Hensley with a 86, Dwight Bratton with a 83 and Jim Jeffreys with a 79. Rick shot a perfect 50 on the Buffaloes and Dwight had a 50 on the Bears. Scores after the top five were not too great so we won't embarrass the rest of us by posting the scores. The rest of us were: Les Lokken, Chris Baker, Willie Conradson, LeRoy Arntson, Dave Allen, Tom Rock, George Crouter, Paul and Mike Lundberg, Bob Nibbe, Jack Giampapa, Deak Flinchpaugh, Bob Howard, Leon Miller, and Al Main.

Important Note: The September shoot will be on the **second Sunday** which is **September 10**. This is due to some conflicts with Labor Day weekend activities.

More Important Note: As you all probably know by now, Uncle Dave Price was called to his heavenly home on July 14. He was just a month short of his 99th birthday. We will miss the gentleman that started muzzleloading matches at AGC.

-Al Main

ARCHERY

We had a great morning for our Aug. shoot. We shot 2 rounds for score. Brandon and Teresa were out to see what our shoot was all about. We had fun with all of you that showed up for the Open House. I would like to thank Refugio, Jason K. & John K. for helping our Open House visitors. I hope you all had fun.

COMPOUND

Heath W.	169
Jason K.	166
John K.	148
Greg S.	137

TRADITIONAL

Refugio S.	35
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-Greg Sether

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

					1	2 Archery 9am Military Rifle 9am
3 PSAC 7:30am	4	5 Hunter Education Class 7pm	6 Wednesday Trap 9am Hunter Education Class 7pm	7	8 Hunter Education Class 7pm	9 CMP 8am Hunter Education Class 8am NRA Action Pistol 9am
10 Trap Trophy Shoot 10am Black Powder Rifle 10am	11	12 BoD Meeting 7pm	13 Wednesday Trap 9am	14	15	16 Cowboy Silhouette Pistol Cartridge 8am Centerfire Rifle 8:30am 3-Gun 9am Black Powder Trap 10am
17 Magnum Handgun 9:30am	18	19	20 Wednesday Trap 9am <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON</u>	21	22	23 PSAC 7:30am ATA 8am Cowboy Silhouette Smallbore 8am NRA State Silhouette Championship 8:30am
24 NRA Silhouette 8:30am NRA State Silhouette Championship 8:30am Military Action Rifle 9am Military Bolt Action Benchrest 9am	25	26	27 Wednesday Trap 9am	28	29	30 State Black Powder Shotgun Championship 9am