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AGC NEWS

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MINUTES OF THE AGC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
11/08/05

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by President Rathburn.

Present: Rathburn, Humbargar, Davis, Chin, Huber, Dankowski, Fowler, Hall, Immel, Sether, Still, Visnak.

Absent: Miller, Ames, Smallegan (excused)

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began 15 minutes later because of the major traffic accident on C-470. Several Board members were late.

II MINUTES

Chin has not received any notification of any errors in the minutes. Minutes can stand as read.

III PRESIDENT REPORT

IV MEMBERS FORUM

Bonner – (*Smallbore Silhouette Range*) He is finding 223 cases and other center fire rifle cases on this range. Davis & Humbargar will post a sign. (*First sentence of Rule #57*) Rule change. **11.08.05.A MOTION: ONLY PISTOL AND RIM FIRE CALIBER FIREARMS USING LEAD BULLETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE 22 SILHOUETTE BERM. NO JACKED BULLETS ALLOWED. SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.**

Ragulsky – (*ATA trap chairman*) Last season ATA posted \$6380+ profit for the club, minus employees & target costs This did not include insurance, but included clay birds. The AGC charges ATA shooters \$21 for registered targets. This is the lowest charge in the zone. He would like to increase the charge to \$23. We will still be competitive in the state. He works with a lot of shooting clubs and we charge a fair price for targets. (*Speakers*) Some of our trap shooters are complaining that they don't hear the announcements, and would like to donate extra speakers to the club and hook them up. AGC needs to provide the wire & ladder. (*Donation*) He asked the club to donate \$500 for the Trap shooter of the year award. **11.08.05.B MOTION: TO DONATE THE MONEY. SECONDED. DISCUSSION. MOTION PASSES.** (*Potluck*) He would like to invite everyone to attend their July shoot which includes a pot luck (chili feed).

V FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's report: absent

Administrative Assistant's Report: none

VI OLD BUSINESS

1st VP – Reminder for members to get their dues in. Deadline is December 31st.

Secretary – We have an excellent election committee. They have put together very sound election guidelines. They would like to have 2 alternate people be available should something happen to the personnel that would count. Dave Olive is election committee chairman.

Olive – Question about mailed in ballots that will be received on Sunday. It was confirmed that mailed-in ballots without a designated proxy are invalid (as described on the ballot).

Hubert – (*Sideberm shooting*) He had a meeting with all disciplines and talked about side berms. They all agreed to shoot side berms within 25 yards of ½ way down the 50 yard berms but only shoot in the side 25 yards back. This has not been voted on by the Board. **11.08.05.C MOTION: ALLOW SIDE BERM IMPACT WITHIN THE 1ST 25 YARDS (ONLY FOR MATCHES). SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.** “Using the side berm as a bullet impact area must be kept to a minimum and practiced during sanctioned matches only. It is not to be something that is practiced. Any matches that are set up to cause bullets to impact into the side berms must be set up so that bullets impact no less than 4 feet from the top of the berm and no more than 7 feet above the base of the berm. During the practice of shooting into side berms the projectile is not to strike the side berm further than 25 yards from the regular impact berm. This match exceptions only applies to the 50 yard berms 2 through 6.”

VII NEW BUSINESS

1st VP – Nate Miller was the original engineer that laid out this club and has been a member since 1947. **11.08.05.D MOTION TO GIVE NATE MILLER A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.**

2nd VP – (*Berm work*) By the time we raise it to the height it should be, we will possibly lose 2 berms. It's a safety factor, bringing the berm up to 15 feet. **11.08.05.E MOTION: TO GET APPROVAL TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NRA REPRESENTATIVE FROM WYOMING, PAY HIS REASONABLE EXPENSES, AND HAVE HIM COME DOWN FOR A SITE ASSESSMENT TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THIS RANGE OPEN. SECONDED. DISCUSSION. MOTION PASSES.**

Bonner - (*.22 Silhouette Proposal*) Looking for funds for cast targets. They do break with usage, new targets (big/\$7.50, small/\$3). The new manufacturer will replace

any targets that break. Would like \$45 for rams \$18 for chickens + shipping/handling. ***11.08.05.F MOTION: TO ALLOW THE NRA SILHOUETTE TO SPEND UP TO \$80 TO REPLACE TARGETS. SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.***

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED. MOTION PASSES.

- Bill Chin, Board of Directors, Club Secretary

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

Clubhouse:

303-361-9091

Saturday & Sundays 9am-4pm

Shooting Hours:

7:30am—sunset

7 days a week

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.*

MDL 90 SPORTER VARMINT 223 MONTE CARLO STOCK. SIMONS PROHUNTER G-18. LIKE NEW. \$725

MDL 70-300 WIN DIAG V6 SCOPE. \$525

REM MDL XP100-221 FIREBALL-NIKON PISTOL SCOPE WITH AMO. \$650

HORNADY 129A PROGRESSIVE LOADER. SHOT & POWDER BUSING. \$125. WILL TRADE.

-Dub Martin, 303-364-1106

MODEL 67 STEVENS 12 GAUGE PUMP. 18 1/2" BBL. EXCELLENT HOME PROTECTION GUN WITH CUSTOM ONE OF A KIND BUTT TOCK. \$150

97 WIN. 12 GA COWBOY CUN. 30" FC SMOOTH & EASY ACTION. \$365

Deak Flinchpaugh, 303-934-2748

BROWNING 12 GA BPS 3 1/2" INCLUDES SOFT CASE AND AMMO. \$400

T/C 50 CAL. RENEGADE WITH SOFT CASE, AMMO & ACCESSORIES. \$150

-Robert Burris, 303-364-6876, 720-219-7387

GLOCK 17 WITH 6 HI-CAP MAGS, 4 ARE BRAND NEW. MILLET 3 DOT SIGHTS GL00008 & 4, 1000 RND 9MM, AMERICAN MADE'S AMMO. \$625

-Bob Howard 303-931-6115

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PSAC 9am Black Powder Bench Match 10am Trophy Shoot		Hunter Ed 7pm	Wednesday Trap Hunter Ed 7pm		Hunter Ed 7pm	Hunter Ed 8am NRA Action Pistol 9am Cowboy Silhouette - Pistol Cartridge 9am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	SCR Meeting 7pm	BoD Meeting 7pm	Wednesday Trap			Cowboy Silhouette - Smallbore 9am 3-Gun Christmas Lunch noon-3pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Magnum Handgun 9:30am Black Powder Ham Shoot 10am		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE by noon	Wednesday Trap			CLUBHOUSE CLOSED
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CLUBHOUSE CLOSED			Wednesday Trap			

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Our web page AuroraGunClub.com is up and running. If you would like to stop receiving the newsletter via US Mail or email and view it on the web site, contact Karen Sudduth at AuroraGunClub@msn.com.

CMP

Apologies to all. My submission was too late for the October Newsletter, so I'll try again. Winner of the September match was Rob Rathburn, second, Dan Bugh, Third, John Denap. Thanks to Colin for the awesome "pyroteching" display with his "Greek fire" ammo. Thanks to Larry Oliveria for the "Reising" sub-gun demo and donation. Thanks to the Board for the target shed and thanks to all of you who come out to shoot whatever it is you shoot, who say hi Pete and stop to chat. Some of the finest people I've met are AGC members. That said, classes on the 1093, M1 and CMP will start in January and run through March, 3-4 hours a class. No admission. Learn everything you need to know about these rifles and this program. How would you like to shoot in cold, dreary weather? Just like Belgium in 1944? Anyone interested in a "Bastogne" match in December, call me before November 20th. Happy Holidays.

-Pete Benoit, 303-695-9503 days, 720-939-5396 msg

MBABR

I want to thank all the shooters that came out this year. We had bunch of new shooters come out and try their luck . We had a new “x” count record set, but the small group record stands. Speaking of records, the state of Oklahoma holds a state championship with participants from 6 clubs. I would like to hear from my fellow shooters about participating as a “postal” entry and thus making it a “national” championship...well maybe. So speak up and lets make plans for next year.

Speaking of next year, I would like to change our matches to the last Sunday of the month. This would be a change from our current schedule that is the fourth Sunday. I think this would be easier for most of us, no more counting, just the last Sunday every month. Check the club schedule for the next match in 2006.

-Mike Nagengast

RANGE OFFICERS

We need one range officer on each Saturday and Sunday all through the year to watch out for non members and range violations. They can sign up with Kathy in advance.

-Joe Huber

CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

The Club House will be closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas

-Kathy Knapp

CMP

The CMP schedule for 2006 will begin with a monthly series of classes starting January 14th at 9am in the classroom trailer. The first class will be on the M1903, 1903A3 rifles. It will cover history, function, modifications, loading, and cleaning. February's class will be on the M1 Garand. There is no admission. This is open to non members as well as members. Learn everything there is to know about these famous US service rifles. Classes will be 3 hours. Call for more info. Happy holidays to all. Be safe, shoot straight!

-Pete Benoit 720-939-5396

ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING AND ELECTION MINUTES 11/13/05

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 12pm by President Rathburn.

II PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanked members for their attendance. Rob then introduced the election committee: Dave Olive, Refugio Silva, Emmanuel Boyd, John Kelley, Al Doyle and Dean Ames.

III MINUTES

Minutes from last year's annual meeting were unavailable.

IV FROM THE FLOOR

No response from membership.

V ELECTION

Russ Cromie nominated from the floor for the Board. Seconded. Candidate presentations: Randy Still, Greg Sether, Fred Hamblen, Jess Adams, Russ Cromie, Harold Lee (Absent: represented by Lou Beltowski).

Candidates each allowed 3 minutes to introduce themselves to the membership.

Ballots with proxies were distributed to club members in attendance.

Dave Olive gave ballot instructions and a reminder to vote on ByLaws.

Ballot instructions posted as were the names of the proxy holders.

Voting will continue until 1pm. Meeting recessed.

Ballot box secured by election committee at 1pm for count and vote certification.

Meeting reconvened at 2:50pm by President Rathburn. Election results announced. Election and meeting valid—membership quorum achieved.

Election results: Jess Adams, Harold Lee, Randy Still, Greg Sether, Fred Hamblen. ByLaws PASSED.

A moment of silence for Greg Boss who was killed 11/08/05 in a car accident.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

-Bill Chin, Secretary

ELECTION RESULTS

Jess Adams
Harold Lee
Randy Still
Greg Sether
Fred Hamblin

ByLaws - PASSED

PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to

-Jan Heber who recently lost her dad

-The family of Greg Boss. Greg was killed in a traffic collision on C-470

-The family of George Geist. George passed on Sunday 11/13/05.

-Bill Chin

REMINDER

All club members need to wear their membership badges at all times while at the range!

-Bill Chin

New Caretaker

We have a new caretaker, Cal Shipley. Cal will be helping us enforce safety rules, collection of guest fees, range maintenance and evening security.

-Bill Chin

SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Range safety violations are again occurring on the .22 silhouette range. Reminder: center fire rifle cartridges are not permitted on this range. Jacketed bullets are no longer allowed on this range!

-Bill Chin

I am writing this letter to ask the members of AGC to consider some realities I believe we all have to deal with. I believe the days when members or disciplines can come out and do whatever we want is long gone past. I think our club is at a critical stage and, unless we pull together, it won't be there for us much longer.

Our property is rapidly being encroached on all sides by development. Yet, I still talk to people who think we will be here forever. New houses are going up just south of Mississippi, just on the other side of the property that we border. Any high power rifle millet that goes over the backstop will most likely hit a house. I would not be surprised if that has happened already.

As a range officer, I have talked to people who are doing things they shouldn't (not deliberately) but because they aren't thinking of the consequences of what they're doing. Some of the disciplines have the same idea: I'm going to do what I want to do, and no one can tell me otherwise. We all need to stop and ask ourselves what can we do or not do to make our club safer. Some disciplines have threatened to leave instead of changing anything they do. If you can find a place as close and as cheap to shoot, go for it. In my 30 years as a competitive shooter, I can easily say our club is by far the cheapest place to shoot with more types of shooting than any other club in this state. Anyone who thinks Watkins will resist encroachment any better than we will is dreaming. Ten years ago the newsletter assured members that E-470 would never, ever be built. Well, here it is. Unless we are willing to baffle the club or relocate we all have to decide what concessions we might have to make. Do you want to keep shooting a year from now? Five years? Then some things are going to have to change.

All I'm saying is, is there something you can do or not do to be a safer shooter? If you run a discipline, is there a stage of fire or target you can modify or change to make it safer? We all have to decide our part in the club's future. We can all pull together or keep doing what we're doing till they padlock the gate and close us down. Our choice.

I am usually at the 200-yard range every Saturday or Sunday if you want to talk to me about any of this.

-Pete Benoit

DIRT WORK

Dirt work will begin November 28-December 2 on the .22 silhouette range and the 100 yard rifle range. The 200 yard range will remain open.

-Bill Chin

BYLAWS

The new ByLaws have been accepted by a vote of the membership. Every member should have a copy. The new ByLaws went into effect on 11/13/05 and have been signed and certified by the Club Secretary - Bill Chin.

-Bill Chin

CLUB CLOSED

The clubhouse will be closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas.

-Bill Chin

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Kathy Knapp and Gary Ames are organizing a Christmas lunch on December 17th at 12pm-3pm for all club members. This will be a pot luck. Call Kathy or Gary for details.

-Bill Chin

NRA ACTION PISTOL RESULTS

Name	Practical	Barricades	Plates	Total	
Fisher	445 20x472 30x	460 46x1377 96x			1st Expert
Moore	462 31x453 19x	420 42x1335 92x			
Knoll	436 16x403 14x	470 47x1309 77x			
Ramsey	419 11x	406 13x440 44x	1265 68x		1st Sharp
Fruer	370 9x 426 13x	390 39x1186 61x			
Arnold	431 13x328 7x	370 37x1129 57x			1st Mark
Crowle	362 9x 361 9x	320 32x1043 50x			
Ferris	293 4x 244 1x	130 13x667 18x			
Rhodes	159 2x 204 1x	60 6x 423 9x			

We had a pretty good turnout this month, with one new shooter. I'd like to welcome Howard Fruer to the match, and invite him to come back soon with a friend or two next month. We got lucky and had some really nice weather for the match. Let's hope we can have good weather next month for the next match which is set for November 12th, 9am. Com on back and bring a friend or three.

-Don Fisher

CLUB PRIZE SHOOT REPORT

EVENT	SHOOTIST	SCORE
Singles 16 yard		
Class AA	Bob Doyle	50
	Claude Hems	49
Class A	Bob Kidd	49/25
	Jim Bailey	49/24
Class B	Noah Webb	48
	Jerry Moore	47
Handicap		
22-24 yd	Al Doyle	46
	Jerry Moore	45
25-27 yd	Claude Hems	46
	Jim Bailey	45
Doubles		
Class AA	Claude Hems	48
	Dave Frerichs	47
Class A	Ron Walker	46
Class B	Jim Bailey	45
Class C	Noah Webb	43
HIGH OVER ALL	Claude Hems	143

-Kathy Knapp

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEN
BLACK POWDER RIFLE

Eleven points separated the top seven shooters in the Uncle Dave Cross Sticks Match on November 6. We had a total of seventeen shooters which is an increase over our last few shoots. Hope more of you show up in the future. Welcome to a new shooter, Erling Bakken. Here is the tally of the scores.

Deak Flinchpaugh	173
Bill Hensley	172-5x
Don Philips	172-2x
A.J. Davis	169
Al Main	168
Tom Foster	164
Jeff Chillemi	162(Welcome Back)

Target winners were:

100 yd Single Bull	Dwight Bratton	42
100 yd Single Bull Buffalo	Al Main	46
50 yd Double Bull Buffalo	Rick Geist	49-3x
50 yd Five Bull Buffalo	Tom Foster	42

The December 4 will be a Bench Match.

You will probably all know by the time you read this that we had to say good bye to our George Geist. He was a great guy and we will all miss him.

-Al Main

ACTIVITY REQUESTS

I need 2006 activity requests by December 5th. Please use the activity request form available from the club website or from Kathy at the clubhouse. You can either email them to me at raibodagc@aol.com or snail mail them to me at 6656 Millstone St, Highlands Ranch, 80130. I need the activity requests in time to have them approved by the Board and in the newsletter.

-Richard Immel 303-797-7481