

Eustis Gun Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Eustis Gun Club, Tavares FL
December 18, 2019

BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT

President – Sonny Nowlon – Vice President – Bob Comerer – Treasurer – Rick Hansing - Secretary – Dawn Owen - Board Members – Carl D’Alessandro, Bill Tweedle, George Opria, Cecil Davenport, Gale Anspach

**Quorum is established

Guests –Marc Oulette, Sydney Chipchase, Anne Davenport, Gil Conrad, Mark Kraemer

President Sonny Nowlon called the meeting to order 557pm

Minutes from the November Monthly Membership and BOD meetings had previously been emailed -- Motion to accept by Rick, 2nd by George - approved

Membership numbers were presented – Info from Sydney/as of December 8, 2019– Presented by Sonny - motion to accept by Rick, 2nd by George – approved

**1959 Annual members/303 spouse members – 126 Life members/13 Spouse Life members – 2401 total – 61

Probationary – Paid memberships – 1959

**comparison numbers from prior year are now being added to the agenda for reference purposes

Shooting Disciplines

1. 4H – Report given by Carl – Had 15 kids. During their meeting, much appreciation was given to EGC. They also had (2) 25 shooters. Team getting ready for the State Match in March. Snowbird Appreciation shoot was a success, they had approx. 25 shooters between trap and sporting clays.
2. IDPA – Report given by Mark – The January match already has 89 registered shooters. IDPA made donations to various organization – Toys for Tots – Smokin Pigeons (Carl has the check for Maynard) – Practiscore – Gun Owners of America – National Assn for Gun Rights. Mark also mentioned they like the peat gravel in the pocket berms and are willing to donate funds if they club decides to do all the pockets. George mentioned that this was a Capitol improvement and not necessary.
3. Shotgun – Report given by Marc – Clays ordered, approx. \$17000, should be here the 2nd week of January. In the past month and a half, 2854 clays have been used in the automation machines. So far, no mechanical issues. The Lake County Bar Assn has not gotten back to him yet about their request to “rent” the range.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Rick Hansing – as of November 30, 2019 - Income- \$8761.00, Expenses- \$44077.74 - Total available funds were \$397176.68, including money markets. Detail report posted. Motion to accept by Dawn - 2nd by Carl - approved

Range Maintenance Report – presented by George Opria—Trap House Floor and sump pump complete. Clays loaded back in and ready to go. Skeet/Trap overhang is leaking and there are damaged trees that need to be removed. Motion by George to spend up to \$4000.00 to remove the trees and repair the overhang – 2nd by Carl – Approved. Received new quotes to repair/replace the fencing and the front gate (Canilever style). A previous motion was made for the fence repair, but a new motion was made by Dawn to add an additional \$9500.00 to take care of all the fencing and the new gate – 2nd by Carl – Approved. Motion to accept by Rick - 2nd by Carl – approved. The trap house floor and sump pump work is completed and fully operational. Motion by Carl to approve George’s report – 2nd by Rick – approved

Range Usage Report – presented by Cecil Davenport – Cecil attended the 4H snowbird shoot and said it went really well – well run. A member sold knives and all money was donated to the 4H. Snowbirds are coming back and usage is picking up. Range usage is steady, but busier in the morning - Motion to accept by Gale - 2nd by Bob – approved

Unfinished/Old Business

1. Master Plan – Range Development – nothing new to report
2. Club elections – All candidates to be at the range at 9am on Election day to speak with members that have any questions prior to voting. Marc has ordered a Vote Here sign. The food truck will be here at 10am.
3. New database for Club Membership – Dawn made a motion to continue with existing database with upgrades/maintenance to be provided by our webmaster. Her fee of \$250.00 includes the updates/online hosting and a \$50.00 per month fee covers any additional needs/maintenance. 2nd by George - Approved
4. Fence – Gate – see Maintenance report
5. Loma Linda – nothing new to report – still status quo
6. First Aid Kits – Marc meeting with a rep from Cintas to review their recommendations and get pricing. Will be added to January agenda
7. 3 steel targets on 200 yard – 90-day probationary review – There are been ZERO issues – Cecil is opposed to allowing it to continue. Gale didn't have any issues with the way it is currently working as there have been NO issues. Members are using and enjoying them. The targets are still in great shape. Sonny wanted to extend the probation period; Dawn disagreed. After some discussion it was agreed that they will be allowed and continue to be used. In the event of an issue, it can always be addressed.

New Business

1. Bob asked to speak about Voting – proxy and online – These are his parting thoughts as he leaves the board. He asked that serious consideration be given in how we move forward with voting on our Board positions. He mentioned concerns/security breaches, etc. He recommends a committee be formed to look into all of the criteria surrounding candidates and voting. He made a motion that a committee be formed before the next election to look into all voting standards/conditions – 2nd by Carl – approved
2. US Law Shield – tabled until January for the new Board to address
3. Sonny spoke about election irregularities – he was concerned with how the campaigning was occurring and felt this was a violation of our Bylaws. Much discussion was had and nothing concrete could be determined in violation of our Bylaws. This was reverted by to Item 1 and can be addressed by the Voting committee to be formed in the future.
4. The range will be closed Christmas Day, December 25. Dawn mentioned the feedback received when the range was closed on Thanksgiving. This is something to be discussed prior to November 2020, so that our membership can be informed prior to the week of.
5. Sonny thanked the existing board for their hard work and dedication to the Club during the last 2 years.

Announcements

- **Next scheduled Board meeting –Wednesday, January 22, 2019 – 6pm**
- **Next General membership meeting– Sunday, January 12, 2019 – 1pm – EGC Election day**

Motion to adjourn meeting 718pm

**Report submitted by Dawn Owen, EGC Secretary
December 29, 2019**