

Minutes
General Meeting
April 24, 2012

President, Tom Brown, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice-President Melanie White, Secretary Wesley Morris, and Treasurer Sue Brown. Members present as shown on sign in sheets.

Minutes – Minutes were read by all in attendance. Motion was made to accept minutes by Karen Chitwood, 2nd by John Miller.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read by all in attendance. Motion was made to accept minutes by Jimmy Chitwood, 2nd by Josh House.

Membership – The current club membership figure is **232**.

Sunshine Report – Nothing to report.

Publicity – The Taft Union High School Gusher published a nice article about Taft IDPA that might increase youth attendance. Tom Brown reported that we can now use the sign in front of the Chamber of Commerce for a small fee. Tom will report the fees for weekly fees should we want to use it. Wes reported that he will be submitting the articles for the Friends of NRA grants to the Midway Driller and Taft Independent soon. Melanie White, Wayne White, and John Miller took the Laser Shot trailer to the Peddler's Fair and reported it was a fairly low turnout.

Trap Report – The Trap program brought in new three new members during regular shoots. A new pallet of clays was ordered from True Value because Hanson Enterprises is currently out of stock. They are \$9 a box for 90, so the prices keep rising. We have an electrician coming in to take a look at the panel and see about getting our electrical situation improved.

Fireworks – Mike Donnelly reported that the City of Taft drawing will be on May 1st. He will report back at the next meeting. If we are drawn for the city we have Sno White picked out as a location.

Junior Pheasant Hunt – The down payment has been submitted for the birds.

Action Shooters – Wes Morris reported that there was no match in March, but they had a successful regular April match with 36 entries. The next match will be Saturday May 19, 2012 and there will be regular IDPA and DMG. Most of the FNRA grant items have been ordered and are on the way, but the firearms are out of stock and it might take a while to get them back in with the current Obama panic.

.22 Action Shooters – Josh House reported that there is a match this weekend Saturday April 28, 2012. Josh is looking forward to a nicer turnout after the extremely successful last match. The new revised rules can be found on the website.

Legislative – Nothing to report.

Correspondence – Nothing to report.

Game and Cover – Tom talked to Bill Asserson appears to be doing well on his road to recovery. He should be out again here soon. Craig Johnson was able to secure barbed wire and clips and would like to organize a work party in order to go service a badly neglected guzzler. A date of Sunday June 3, 2012 was set for doing a work party. Anyone interested should report to Crocker Springs Road cattle guard near the ranch house at 7 AM. Bring shovels and gloves and spread the word.

Awards – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Craig Johnson presented the scholarship award to Marina Johnson at the Taft Union High School Awards Night on Monday April 23, 2012. Marina has already submitted a thank you letter and Susan Brown read it at the meeting. Craig reported that Jordan Mead is the Taft College recipient and both will submit their verification to Susan Brown.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

New Business – Melanie White reported we need an “easy up” for the Laser Shot Trailer, but Tom reported that we have extra that we can use.

Post the club membership on the board at the range.

It was discussed about trap only on Thursday. It was proposed that only trap be shot on Thursday afternoons and that the pistol bays be closed to shooting. The motion was proposed by Jimmy Chitwood and seconded by Mike Donnelly.

Craig Johnson wanted to discuss the fact that trap only gets 4 days a week while pistols and rifles get 13 days a piece. Wes Morris pointed out that rifle and pistol shooting required a better back stop and that trap shooting could be more easily shot on any lawful public lands. Wes suggested that we find a way to evaluate if there is a larger need for more dedicated trap time and it was also pointed out that if someone wanted to create a trap program on any of the available range time, there would be no problem with that.

In order to possibly accommodate trap during the same time as pistols or shotguns, it might be possible to utilize Friends of NRA funds to create a mobile trap range using mobile trailers at the far west side of the range. This idea will be discussed further.

A man named Dave Riggs that sets up affluent clients for adventurous activities contacted us through the phone system about setting up an introduction to trap event. Wes recommended Dave to Nabil Khattar from 7 Star Tactical that offers unique range experiences for paying clients or team building activities. Wes recommended we see how 7 Star Tactical could potentially use the range for their events coordinating with Dave. It was agreed the current trap range program really wasn't set up for such a process.

During the discussion it was pointed out the potential liability of renting the range to outside groups. Susan Brown mentioned we have a range rental policy and rules, but that Wes needs to re-look at the range use rules for outside groups and make sure all outside groups are using it.

Wayne White shared information about an onsite photo printing service for events. This type of service could be as simple as buying a nice color printer and selling the photos all the way to buying a nice automated photo kiosk that allows users to preview and print photos for a charge. This type of system might be very popular at events like the Trout Pond and Junior Pheasant Hunt. It was decided to evaluate the cost to benefit ratio and explore additional options. The interest to utilize a new untapped fund raising source was well received.

A board meeting was held on April 17, 2012 and those minutes are available on the website. Another board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Pizza Factory.

The next general meeting will be held on May 22 @ 6:30 p.m at the Pizza Factory.

Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Chitwood, and seconded by Susan Brown. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.