

Minutes
General Meeting
November 26, 2013

President Tom Brown called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice President Melanie White, Treasurer Susan Brown, and Secretary Wesley Morris. Members present as shown on the sign in sheet.

Minutes – The meeting minutes for October were submitted for review. Billy White moved to approve the minutes and Josh House seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read by all in attendance. Motion was made to accept report by Karen Chitwood, seconded by Josh House.

Membership – The current club membership figure is **280**. Wes Morris has been advertising online and through e-mails that if you join in the last two months of the year, the membership will carry over through 2014.

Sunshine Report – Susan did send a card to Karen Chitwood with her brother's passing away.

Publicity – Stephanie House did submit and get published a really nice article in the Taft Independent and the Daily Midway Driller put out a good article after the Junior Pheasant Hunt.

Trap Report – Melanie White reported that there is a broken youth shotgun and we will send it to Houses Custom Gunworks for repair. The 4-H had a fundraiser shoot the 2nd Saturday in the month and did quite well. They are talking about doing some more events over the next year. Wayne White reported that Homer Hansen will not be making a run to the Kern Gun Club anytime soon so we will either need to go pick them up in Mojave or down in San Bernadino. Billy White said he can probably help with going and getting them and bringing them back.

John Miller asked if the High School Trap Program will haul their used cardboard up to cardboard bin and rake up the empties and put them in the main garbage can. Coleen Morris said she will pass the information along.

The youth shoot will be in the afternoon/evening this month due to the morning work party on December 14.

Fireworks – Nothing to report.

Junior Pheasant Hunt – Tom Brown reported that the hunt went really well and we had 118 shooters. There has been a lot of positive feedback. Tom thanked all of the people who helped out including Karen Chitwood who took over for Susan Brown because she was feeling ill.

Action Shooters – Wes Morris reported there were about 40 shooters at the Annual Zombie Match on Saturday October 26 and about 20 shooters at the November 16 match.

22 Action Shooters – Josh House reported we had a huge turnout this month of 17 shooters and that he is looking for someone to help run the match in December.

Legislative – Nothing to report.

Correspondence – The Maricopa Chamber of Commerce sent us a thank you card for your donation to the Veteran’s Stand Down and the McKittrick School send us a thank you for the use of the laser shot and sent a \$50 donation, so Susan sent a thank you card.

Game and Cover – The Department of Fish and Wildlife sent a thank you letter for the use of our range for their range qualifications.

Awards – There will be an awards committee meeting today after the meeting. Craig Johnson asked if the past practice of family members being counted for work party and meeting attendance is still in practice. Wes Morris read from the current by-laws and past newsletters and clarified that each contestant must participate in the meetings and work parties to be eligible, including youth and spouses.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Tom Brown reported the range mining for lead is on hold and will not be done this year. He will check into next year.

Billy White reported that he had a discussion with the property owners about long term leases and ownership. They showed Billy a new parcel of land as an alternative. The meeting went well and the article in the paper seemed to really open their eyes to the positives the club provides to the community.

New Business – Melanie White wants to know what we want to be read for the Christmas Parade for our entry when we go by the review stand.

Tom Brown would like to develop a Christmas outreach program for the club. Wes Morris brought up it might be too late to create our own program this year, but it was universally agreed to help somewhere this year. Members will be contacting Sandy Koenig from the Fort and the City of Taft “Shop with a Cop” with a limit of \$1000. Jimmy Chitwood moved to approve the \$1000 limit and Billy White seconded the motion.

Tom Brown talked about the JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship Fund and the possibility of the club donating some money towards their scholarships. Wes Morris suggested we make that part of our upcoming sporting clays shoot and raise some funds from that event to specifically go towards the JC Chitwood MSF.

Motion to adjourn by Josh House and seconded by Karen Chitwood. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Awards Committee Meeting
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President Tom Brown called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice President Melanie White, Treasurer Susan Brown, and Secretary Wesley Morris. Members present were Jimmy Chitwood, John Miller, Karen Chitwood, Wayne White, and Coleen Morris.

It was approved to fund \$500 for kids and \$1500 for adult raffle prizes. We already purchased a Remington 870 for the raffle, we might have another donation, so we will buy another raffle gun for less than \$500.

\$150 for 1st place deer, Luck Buck, women, & Juniors. \$75 2nd Place Deer, women, & Juniors. \$50 for first place fish and \$50 for fish barrel. Photography will get plaques for first and second place with a maximum of \$50 per plaque.

General raffle. 5 for \$5, 12 for \$10, 26 for \$20, 70 for \$50, 150 for \$100. Guns 1 for \$5, 6 for \$20, 14 for \$40, 40 for \$100. Wes Morris will research tickets and also make a ticket tally.

\$300 was approved for Trap Awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.