

Minutes
General Meeting
February 25, 2014

President Melanie White called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Officers present were President Melanie White, Vice President Josh House, Treasurer Stephanie House, and Secretary Wesley Morris. Members present as shown on the sign in sheet.

Minutes – The meeting minutes for January were submitted for review. Karen Chitwood moved to approve the minutes and John Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie House reported that she is still in the process of combing the accounts. She provided a balance of the accounts and will provide detailed account transactions next month. Motion was made to accept report by Clarence Ferguson, seconded by Tom Brown. The motion passed.

Membership – The current club membership figure is 224. Approximately 60 people have not renewed and were cut from the membership rolls.

Sunshine Report – Stephanie House reported that Susan Brown's mother passed away and the club sent a plant and card. Mike Turner's son was in a motorcycle accident and Josh House would like to see us send him a card.

Publicity – Melanie White reported that she put the Sporting Clays shoot photos up on the Internet. Wes Morris will put together an article for the local papers too.

Trap Report – Wayne White reported that the numbers seem to be staying steady. Donny Pezer went and picked up the clays from Mojave and he will be reimbursed for his gas and expenses. The Saturday youth trap has been hit and miss. Craig Johnson asked what time the trap shoot was wrapping up and with the few numbers they have been wrapping up before dark. Wayne reported that if someone wants to stay later, they would be willing, but so far no one has wanted to. Wes Morris reported that he received the checks for the Friends of the NRA for the trap program.

Fireworks – Nothing to report.

Junior Pheasant Hunt – Tom Brown submitted the invoice for the birds to the treasurer.

Action Shooters – Wes Morris reported that the IDPA had a range work party on Saturday the 15th. About 10 people showed up for the classifier and 12 people showed up for the night match.

.22 Action Shooters – The February match had 19 shooters and he reported there were new ladies shooters, consistent juniors, and things are going well.

Legislative – Wes Morris gave a Peruta v. San Diego update. At this time Kern County has not changed their CCW policy.

Correspondence – Nothing to report.

Game and Cover – Eric Covington wants to get involved with the club. Tom Brown asked if the club wanted to comp him a membership. Melanie White asked who wanted to allow him to be a comp member and there was no opposition.

Awards – Nothing to report.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Tom Brown reported that the 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot and Raffle was held February 22, 2014 at 5 Dogs Range. He reported that we had 154 shooters at lunch. The Taft High Trap Club was sponsored by the club and the sporting clays group. It was well received and went well. Tom thanked Ten Percent Firearms for helping with the guns, Melanie White and Karen Chitwood for helping with the tables, and everyone that helped out. Eric & Sandy Ross, Joe Gregory, Tom Brown, and Vance Ross. Wes Morris moved and Jimmy Chitwood seconded the motion to issue a \$100 gift card to Sandy Ross for her hard work administering the event. Wayne White asked if it would be helpful to have checks ready to be used for the event. Tom Brown reported it doesn't seem to be a problem and he is fine just getting reimbursed.

Melanie White reported that the Trout Pond is February 28, March 1, & 2. Friday and Saturday will be 10-7 and Sunday 10-5. Melanie reported that there is a sign up list going around for people to sign up. If you can call her when you get to the Fairgrounds, she can come out and give you a parking and entry pass.

Jeff Miller asked about the size of the business cards in the newsletter. He would like to honor the size of a "business card" and see them increased in size. Wes Morris reported he will resize them and bring a copy to the next meeting for approval.

Melanie White had a young man ask about the process for receiving a TUHS scholarship. It was reported he simply fills out the scholarship packet at the school and we will select him through that process. Craig Johnson asked if we had enough money to expand our scholarship program. The conversation ran towards the use of the Sporting Clays Event and how it will be spread out. It was generally agreed to have the final numbers from the event and then distribute the funds.

Craig Johnson moved to expand the criteria for selection of the scholarship programs to include participation and promotion of the Taft Sportsmen's Club and Stephanie House seconded the motion. It was approved.

New Business – Melanie White reported that the next Hunter Safety Course is May 5-7. Wes Morris reported that the information is included in a flier in this month's newsletter. Craig Johnson asked if there is information available for the people attending these courses. It did not sound like there was.

Wes Morris asked if we would like to put together a tri-fold and/or a flier for publicity for the club. Stephanie House said she can work on it with Wes Morris.

Melanie White reported that there are two vacancies for two year board positions and there will be a special election at the March 25th meeting.

Melanie White asked if we had Junior Pheasant Hunt materials we could supply to the 4H groups.

Wes Morris reported he scanned the 1985 version of the Constitution and By-Laws and will have them on the website this week when he posts the newsletter. Melanie White reported that there are a few Constitution and By-Laws on the table for use at the general meetings.

Melanie White reminded the board members that there will be a future board meeting to make Constitution and By-Laws recommendations. It was decided to hold that off until the new board members are elected.

Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Chitwood and seconded by Joe Gregory. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.