

Minutes
General Meeting
March 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 February were submitted for review. Josh House moved to approve the minutes and Stephanie House seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Morris gave a report and stated she still hasn't figured out the best way to organize the reports, but she is working on it. Once she has the accounting all in the computer system, it should be a little better. Billy White moved to approve the treasurer's report and Sandy Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership – The current club membership figure is **240**.

Sunshine Report – Stephanie House reported we received a thank you card from Susan Brown in regards to the passing of her mother. Melanie asked if we sent a card to Larry Heptinstall for his shoulder surgery and Stephanie confirmed we did. Mike Turner's son had a motorcycle accident and we sent him a get well soon card.

Publicity – Wes Morris reported that he wrote an article about the Taft High Trap Club and sent it to all of the local media outlets. Eric Ross also reported he sent an article to Bakersfield Tuff magazine as well, but he has not seen it publish yet.

Trap Report – Wayne White reported the numbers are still down to 6-10 people a night. The new three station trap trailer is in and it will take some work to get it fine-tuned for operation. The Cuyama 4H is supposed to come down this Thursday to shoot instead of on Saturday because they have been having conflicts.

Fireworks – Melanie White talked to the Chamber of Commerce about seeing if we could operate the fireworks booth at the Chamber of Commerce. They will be having their board meeting soon and they will let us know.

Junior Pheasant Hunt – Tom Brown sent the invoice and the contracts.

Action Shooters – Wes Morris reported that the IDPA match went well and had over 20 shooters. The tactical shotgun match is this Saturday if people want to come.

.22 Action Shooters – Josh House reported that the February match had 12 shooters and he reported there were a few less juniors. He plans on throwing in a twist next match so come check it out.

Legislative – Nothing to report.

Correspondence – Nothing to report.

Game and Cover – Nothing to report.

Awards – Nothing to report.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Wes Morris reported the grant money for the Laser Shot generators has arrived. Josh House reported that he took it into Yates Detailing to have it cleaned up. He has been talking to the Laser Shot people and he now has all of the guns working, but he is sending two guns back for repair. He reported there is a major problem that the software doesn't work with XP and the old cameras so he has to upgrade the software and cameras. Wes stated that any new gun or software upgrades can be taken care of a grant next year. Tom Brown asked what the new check out procedures would be for the Laser Shot trailer. Josh reported that whoever checks it out will need to put down a deposit to provide for cleaning and/or repair of the trailer if it is not returned in pristine condition.

Melanie White reported that the Trout Pond went well. There were a total of 40 kids on Friday, 265 kids on Saturday, and 351 kids on Sunday for a total of 656 kids. The 10/22 raffle raised \$30, \$480, and \$280 for a total of \$890. The donations for the Fish cleaning were \$56, \$245, and \$188 for a total of \$489. Melanie thanked everyone for coming out and helping out and despite the interesting weather, it was a fun event.

Wes Morris reported he hasn't had time to resize the business cards for the newsletter yet, but will have it done for the next meeting. He also has posted the 1985 version of the Constitution and By-Laws on the website.

Sandy Ross thanked the club for her thank you gift card. She really was touched by it. She reported that the final results for the Sporting Clays fundraiser was \$2500 for Taft College scholarships, \$2500 for Taft High School scholarships, and \$2500 for the JC Chitwood scholarships.

New Business – Tom Brown and Sandy Ross reported they wanted to set up a budget for next year's events. Melanie White reported the other groups should set up a budget as well.

Sandy Ross asked about setting up a banner with the scholarship awards winners to take from event to event to show people what the Taft Sportsmen's Club is doing. Sandy will go find out what it will cost and come back to the club with an estimate.

Eric Ross would like to see us get some Taft Sportsmen's Club stickers to distribute. Sandy Ross will ask about that when she talks to the printers about the banners.

Billy White would like to form a small committee to work on the negotiations with the Westside Economic Development Corporation in obtaining new land for a new range. He would like to form a committee of himself, Gary Morris, Wesley Morris, and Tom Brown. The idea was well received.

Melanie White reported that the regular trap shooters would like to possibly host a sporting clays shoot to raise money to work on a new trap house.

The special election to elect two new two year board members was held and the new board members are Sandy Ross and Coleen Morris.

Motion to adjourn by Josh House and seconded by Karen Chitwood. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.