

Kossuth Rifle and Pistol Club

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2017

President Bruce Thomas brought the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A motion was presented to approve the Agenda. Motion carried. Another motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes from the prior meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Petersen reported the current balance on the account is \$34,132.02 as of 12/31/16. Membership dues are coming in daily and bills are being paid. Approximately 180 renewal memberships were mailed and about half have already been returned. A motion was presented to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Bruce Thomas updated the group the new Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) created by the Board of Directors. An email was sent to all members with a copy of the SOP. In addition, the membership renewal form mailed out to all members had a place for the member to initial that they read the SOP. The SOP is also in hard copy form at the range and on the website.

II. NEW BUSINESS

RANGE UPDATES

- Parking: the Fair Board did add some rock to the parking lot north of the range, however, they did not want to go any further north since campers there during the Fair like to have grass to park on and there was a concern over damage to the trees.
- Range lighting: in the past year, many new lights have been installed in the range to aid in visibility.
- Ventilation: the new fan has been installed in the range. If you are shooting .22 caliber a lower speed is sufficient. If you are shooting reloads or a larger caliber, three-quarter speed of the fan appears to work best.
- Water heater: the gas valve on the water heater is faulty. It is being investigated on whether it can be repaired or if a new one needs to be purchased for approximately \$550.
- Lead/Brass salvage: Al Ludwig and Brandon Stebbins cleaned out the backstop and brass barrel. He reports that the backstop is in great shape. There was approximately 1400 pounds of lead that appears to come mostly from lanes 3 and 4 in the range. The salvage value was about 15 cents per pound. Some members expressed interest in purchasing a portion of it. They will work with Al on this. The brass salvage amounted to approximately 90 pounds for a salvage value of \$70.
- Water leak: between lanes 5 and 6, partway down the shooting lane, appears to still have a water leak. This is most noticeable in the spring or after a heavy rain. It will continue to be investigated after the snow melts.
- Previously, a member requested a radon gas level check of the building. This test was conducted in the past year for 60 days and gas levels found to be within acceptable levels.

- Users have requested additional clamps for hanging cardboard on the target returns. This will be investigated.

LEAGUES

- PISTOL - Al Ludwig reported that handgun league starts 1/9/17 and there will be different classes to compete in; \$20 for the first class and \$15 for second and \$10 for the third class. The "silhouette" type classes are free. League will run for 10 weeks and starts at 6 PM each Monday. There will be an "open" sight class and an "optic" sight class, as well as rimfire.
- RIFLE - Dick Erickson reported that rifle league will start 1/10/17. They meet on Tuesday nights at 6:30 for 10 weeks; there are classes for scoped rifles or those with iron sights. Cost is \$25 per class or 2 classes for \$20 each. The first week, everyone shoots the same number of shots. Then a handicapping system is put into place. In addition, they are adding a "benchrest" class this year.

NRA Memberships: Kris Laubenthal gave a report that the NRA is running a special on memberships right now until February 6. Life memberships are only \$500 during this time (and other membership levels are also on "sale".)

GUN SHOW

- Kris Laubenthal gave a report on the concession stand and asked for volunteers to either donate time or baked goods
- Brandon Stebbins gave a report on the overall show
 - We are adding an additional row of tables to the big gym this year and will have a few more dealers than last year
 - Advertising has been done in NW IA, N Central Iowa, and S MN in the "shopper" type newspapers. Radio, Facebook and website ads were also discussed.
 - There will be a raffle at the door again with 2 guns; cost to enter the gun show will be \$6 and can enter the gun raffle for \$4
 - Table set-up: Thursday, January 19th, 6 PM - all members are asked to come help set up
 - Dealer set up: Friday, January 15th, 4 - 9 PM (chili will be available for workers and vendors around 5 PM)
 - Show (and concessions) runs Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM
 - Security detail will be provided by Steve Smith and his crew again this year. There will not be any security overnight, however. It was suggested to contact the Sheriff's office to make sure they are aware of the event and conduct some drive-bys during the weekend and especially overnight Saturday.

Other New Business Items:

- Todd Stowater indicated that the house directly west of the range may be occupied soon. It was discussed about adding a buffer around the fan outlet to help with noise; this has already been approved by the Fair Board and discussion ensued about its construction. In the interim, it was discussed to avoid large bore shooting between the hours of 9 PM and 7:30 AM.

- Discussion arose about using pistol caliber carbines in the range. Due to the higher velocity, it was felt that damage could occur to the backstop and therefore would not be allowed.
- ABATE shoot January 28, 2017. Devere Adams ("Beav") discussed their fundraiser for ABATE. They would provide Range Safety Personnel, advertise and coordinate the shoot in its entirety. He has already been in contact with the Board of Directors and received approval for this event. (President Bruce Thomas advised the group that there would not be any liability on the part of the gun club as ABATE would be responsible.)
- ABATE shooting area at their park outside of Algona; Devere Adams discussed allowing KRPC members the use of the shooting area at the ABATE Park. This will be investigated further.

OFFICER ELECTION

All current officers were agreeable to being re-elected. Al Ludwig indicated, though, that if someone was interested in being on the Board, he would be willing to step down. Adam Dietrick ("Griz") was nominated for the Board. A motion was presented to elect Bruce, Brandon, Kris and Linda for their existing officer positions, John, Todd, Bob, Mark and Adam for the Board. Motion carried.

2017 Officers:

President, Bruce Thomas
Vice President, Brandon Stebbins
Secretary, Kris Laubenthal
Treasurer, Linda Peterson

2017 Board Members: John Bowman, Todd Stowater, Bob Arndt, Mark Seely and Adam Dietrick.

A motion was presented to close the meeting at 8 PM. Motion carried.