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LASC Board Meeting Minutes  
9-6-07

**Agenda:**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Calendar  
Attendance  
Orientation Schedule  
Officer's reports  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

**Current Year Calendar and Important Dates:**

9/15 through 9/16: Annual LASC Gun Show in the Pueblo Gym.  
Other dates and the full calendar of events are in the Bulletin and on the LASC web page: <http://www.la-sc.org/>

**Board Members Present:**

Twelve Board members attended the meeting. They were Marv Alme, Ed Bush, Angie Chipera, Howard Hall, Jung Hong, Brian Jean, Dick Martin, Sarah Maynard, Dale Melton, Ted Rockenhaus, Will Schmitz, Mell Smithour. In the absence of President Ken Laintz, VP Ted Rockenhaus conducted the meeting.

**Other Members Present:** Leslie Melton

**New Member Orientation Schedule:**

Oct 7 TBD  
Oct 14 TBD (See Gun Show Update discussion below.)  
Oct 20 Jung

As a reminder, the LASC Range Safety Manual should be discussed during orientation sessions. The handbook is available via our web site. Also, orientation leaders should feel free to call a range cease-fire for five minutes (if necessary) to conduct a part of the orientation briefing pertaining to that particular range.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President** (Ken Laintz): Not present.

**Vice President** (Ted Rockenhaus): To start the meeting, Ted led a discussion of all of the points in Ken's e-mail sent to the Board on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. For convenience and reference, the contents of this e-mail are copied here.

1. Gun Show Update including the raffle/gun show/re-keying mailing.
2. Construction Update - Pat will also be out of town but will provide a brief e-mail update. Mell can also provide an update.

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3. Bulletin and What to Do. Apparently with the new postage rates, the USPS has created new rules for bulk postage as well. We have to have a minimum of 200 pieces to qualify for bulk rates and to use our permit. If we have less than 200 pieces, we have to just pay regular first class postage.

Out of about 450 or so memberships, 140 are getting a mailed copy of the Bulletin. Since we had less than 200 for June, this Bulletin was sitting at the LA Post Office for a month before they sent it back to Upex with their refusal to process it. The July/August Bulletin will bump our bulk mail over 200 pieces so some members will be getting two Bulletins at the same time. In order to alleviate these issues in the future, I see several options:

So far the following options have been floated:

- A. Everyone gets a hard copy Bulletin mailed to them once a month and we use bulk mail. This will run us in the neighborhood of \$5000/yr.
- B. Everyone gets a hard copy Bulletin mailed to them bi-monthly and we use bulk mail. This will run us in the neighborhood of \$2500/yr.
- C. We keep doing what we are doing now but cancel our bulk permit and use standard postage. This will cost us around \$1325/yr and someone will have to put stamps on 140 Bulletins.
- D. We run a monthly Bulletin electronically and charge those who want a hard copy an addition \$10 per year.
- E. We eliminate hard copies of the bulletins but send out mailings from time to time. I estimate this to be maybe four per year or so for around \$750/yr if we use bulk mailing.
- F. We do a combination of D&E

So far, I have had 2 votes for #B and 2 for #F. I think you all should decide what we should do - perhaps even another option is floating around out there. I think it is worthwhile to retain our bulk mail permit for the simple fact that we only pay \$0.10 per letter to a Los Alamos resident vs. the \$0.41 first class rate for the same piece of mail sent on the open market. The 535 mailings that we sent out cost us about 1/3 the market rate using our permit.

Lastly, I (Ken) would like to thank Sarah Maynard for all the trials and tribulations she has gone through getting the August Bulletin put together and out for distribution (soon, I hope, provided Upex has no more hardware/software issues with our files). I would also like to members Stephanie Hagelberg and Bert Harry for their envelope stuffing activities for the previously mentioned flyer. They each have earned 2-years volunteer labor credit - who knew that labeling and stuffing envelopes with a flyer that they had to fold plus adding six raffle tickets would have taken so long!

**Treasurer** (Angie Chipera): Angie distributed handouts, and discussed three detailed financial reports. First, she showed us her financial statement for 1/1/07 through 9/6/07. The financial statement shows \$57,227.12 of general income, and \$52,815.92 of

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total expenses. Thus, our net income is \$4411.20 for this period. Second, Angie presented the itemization of Capital Improvement expenses this year to be \$29,679.25, which is included in the total expenses figure listed above. Finally, she reported our total current assets to be \$90,727.09.

**Recording Secretary** (Dick Martin): Dick reported no problems or issues.

**Membership Secretary** (Jung Hong): Past Membership Secretary Brian Jean reported that we have 535 Active Memberships as of this meeting. These individual and family memberships represent about 800 total members.

**At Large Officers** (Pat Laux, Will Schmitz, Mell Smithour): Will Schmitz reported on the Gun Show (see below). Patrick Laux provided an update on construction/improvements via e-mail on September 5 (see below).

**Old and New Business:**

Gun Show Update (Including Key Exchange)

Will Schmitz reported progress on organizing the Gun Show. As we learned last month, he has selected two really cool raffle prizes in accord with previous discussions. The prizes will be a Glock 23 semi-auto, and a Remington Express 870, 28-in, 3-1/2-in chamber, wood stock. The board approved the procurement which was less than \$1000.

Will has advertised in five area newspapers including LA, Espanola, ABQ, SF, and the Thrifty Nickel. Also, he has put info on three radio station bulletin boards. He will put up 4-ft by 4-ft advertising signs at selected, strategic locations during the week of the Show.

Our understanding is that the best Gun Show profit ever was about \$3000, while we made about \$1500 profit last year.

Schmitz reports that 29 tables have been sold out of a maximum number of 75. Last year, the Club sold 50 tables. He will also send out a mailing to dealers tomorrow.

Also, an informational e-mail will be sent to all the members from President Ken Laintz during the week of the Show. This e-mail will state that each member will receive six raffle tickets at \$5 each or three for \$10, to buy, sell, or return. Also, Ken's e-mail will stress the indoor range/clubhouse key exchange that will take place during the Show. A member's old key and a valid badge are required in the swap for a new key.

Schmitz will write up an e-mail and/or Bulletin blurb to solicit volunteers for help needed at the Gun Show from Friday at noon through Sunday at 1700 or so.

Relative to orientation for the weekend of the Gun Show, Marv Alme recommended that we recruit new members into the Club by making orientations

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available on Saturday and Sunday. Accordingly, Jung and Marv volunteered to hold orientations on Saturday, 9/15 and Sunday, 9/16, respectively, both at 1300.

Construction/Improvements Update (Via E-Mail From Pat Laux)

We have completed the complete rebuild of the ATA field. It is now beyond spectacular!

We have built the return walkway behind the Bunker Trap shooting stations. Grading and gravel work is complete.  
The floor is poured for the pavilion.  
Roads have been cut down in front of both trap houses.  
Pistol pit container is imminent.

The following items are next on the construction/improvements agenda.

Rifle range fence, and shotgun fence.  
Install pavilion.  
Cover for rifle range.  
Rebuild of Skeet Field. (I need help on this one).  
Maybe, cover bunker shooting stations if money permits.

Bulletin Issues and Distribution

Sarah Maynard has formally agreed to be the new Bulletin Editor. Again, welcome and thank you, Sarah.

Relative to the distribution options listed by Ken above (see Bulletin and What to Do), the board decided (consistent with Sarah’s recommendation) to leave things alone for now because there are more than 200 hard copies being mailed out monthly. We reserve the option to go bi-monthly later.

Marv Alme brought up the topic of Fall Cleanup. He suggested the traditional date of the last Saturday in October, and this was voted on and approved by the Board.

It was pointed out that there is now a new (used) cabinet for Club records. The locking mechanism is broken on this cabinet, but we may have it fixed when the new lock is installed on the Clubhouse door.

Some of the bolts need to be replaced on the backstop on the West end of the Club House indoor range. No one seemed to know if anything had been done on this.

**Section Reports:**

**Pistol** (Ryan Stothard): Ryan was not present.

**Rifle** (Mell Smithour): “Not much news.”

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**Shotgun** (Ed Bush): August was another good month with \$975 coming in. We used 103 cases of clay birds and have about 1000 cases left. The past average clay usage is 102 cases per month. Our profit on clay to date is \$1942 given that we make \$9.41 per case profit, having paid \$7.35 per case. Typically, when we order clay it is by the truck load, which is 24 tons per order at \$11,000 (or about 1500 cases).

**Archery** (Dale Melton): Archery practice is picking up because of the upcoming hunting season. Also, there has been some LAHS traffic at the ranges.

**House and Grounds** (Dale Melton): As a reminder, we need to keep the bathrooms stocked with paper (towels and for the toilets), and soap. As reported last month, Ed Bush and Angie Chipera are looking into maintenance of the LASC grounds. They plan to get a quote on maintenance cost from Victor's Lawns. This quote was not reported this month.

The meeting was adjourned in slightly less than an hour. Good job, Ted.

Respectfully submitted,

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