

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
10/7/2010

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Grimler

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting is November 4 (first Thursday) at 6:30 pm at the LA Chamber of Commerce conference room unless otherwise announced by Howard.

Board Members Present: Ed Bush, Darby Ferguson, Mike Grimler, Howard Hall, Tom Jones, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Frank Pytko, and Mel Smithour.

Other Persons Present: Mike O'Neill, Bob Visel (new member)

The full calendar of events and training opportunities are in the LASC Bulletin and on the LASC web page: <http://www.la-sc.org/>

New Member Orientation Schedule: (See the LASC web page for contact information.)

October 10 – TBD

October 16 – TBD

In general, there are two scheduled orientations every month at the LASC clubhouse during the months of April through October. The schedule is

Second Sunday at 12 Noon

Third Saturday at 12 Noon

During the months of November through March, only one orientation session is scheduled on

Third Saturday at 12 Noon

We avoid impromptu new member orientations. Darby says orientation demand is growing. It usually runs about 1-1/2 hours.

New Member Fees (Reminder):

By vote at the January 2010 LASC Board Meeting, the new member fee for 2010 starting on April 1, 2010, and until further notice, will be 1/2 of the regular annual membership. That is, the new member fee is now \$66 (or half of \$72 member fee + \$60 work credit = \$132, the current regular annual renewal fee for an NRA member).

Old and New Business:

1. **Membership Secretary Status** – The Club is seeking someone to fill this position. The Chamber of Commerce will bill us for the extra use (badge sessions) of the conference room beyond our monthly meetings which we get free. This is currently being handled by Frank, Mike, and Darby.

Mike Grimler has a camera that he has been using for member badge sessions. He wants a tripod and camera (less than \$250). He will obtain these.

2. **LASC Communications** - So far, so good; but, there is always room for improvement.

3. **Gun Show Report** - We didn't realize how much Will Schmitz used to do to make the Gun Show work!

4. **2011 Gun Show Plans** – Howard stated that the Board will obtain a volunteer committee to move forward with early planning.

5. **Meeting with LAPS Superintendent** – Howard will meet soon with the LAPS Superintendent, Gene Schmidt, to obtain rules on how the Club can use school property.

6. **Clean-Up Day** – Frank indicated that he has no input yet from Sections. Section heads should be at the range by 8:30. Saturday, October 23 will be a busy day (Health Care Day, etc.), so we are wondering about turn-out. The clubhouse traps need to be cleaned out. For this we need P-100 dust masks. There will be new badges issued and orientation all day. Frank will put an article in the Los Alamos Monitor.

7. **Database Status** - Database Status – Frank – Meeting led to preliminary work on data base fields. Took forms and set up data entry in MS Access. Looking for efficient method of data entry...Automate and let the members do it. We will badge only 18 yrs and older in a family. The work credit has to be in the data base. Marv is still doing this. The current data base is carrying a lot of information.

8. **Renewal for 2011** - Frank indicates that the renewal process probably won't be completely nailed down by Xmas. However, he expects to have a plan by end of year. The membership renewal committee includes Frank Pytko, Mike Grimler, and Steve McKelvey. The committee will have a structure mapped out by the next Board Meeting. Howard doesn't want a repeat of the glitches of this past year.

9. **ID Badge Status** – Mike Grimler reported that 500 new badges have been issued. We may consider issuing a “fun” badge to kids whose parents

10. **Outdoorsman Discount** - Howard has found out that the Outdoorsman sporting goods store in Santa Fe will give LASC members a preferential discount...the same as for law enforcement. Ed Bush would like to see the discount on components as well as firearms. The store is expanding again in the De Vargas Center Mall.

11. **Closed Board Session** - A rare closed meeting was held to discuss membership and renewal issues.

12. **New Business** - Mike Grimler brought up the question of how Board members or other persons get reimbursed for miscellaneous expenses at levels less than \$250. (\$250 is the Board Member limit for miscellaneous expenses without prior Board Approval.) Mike suggested setting up a PayPal account and then sending a reimbursement e-mail to the person who controls the Club's PayPal account.

Howard agrees that we need guidelines. In the past some have used their credit card and sent receipts to Angie for reimbursement, which leads to reimbursement in about a month. Some think we can shorten the timeline. It was agreed to able the discussion until next meeting.

Mike found a manufacturer that can make decals with the Club logo for special distribution. A motion was made and passed to buy decals. Mike will probably obtain nice two by two stickers.

LASC Officer Reports:

President (Howard Hall): Howard ran the meeting. He said that the tan safe was again left open. There are new combinations on the safes. We should have a procedure to periodically change the combinations on the safes. It cost \$35 per safe to change the combination.

Ed says we need to keep an up-to-date inventory of guns with serial numbers and photos. Such a list can be attached to the front of and inside the tan and training safes.

Howard has materials for and soon will offer a new shotgun instructor class.

Vice President (Frank Pytko): Frank will fix Board Meeting times on web site.

Treasurer (Angie Chipera): Not present.

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin): Dick brought up no issues. The LASC Board minutes for each month are posted on the LASC web site in the "Contacts" section under "Board Meeting Minutes." A link to this area is <http://www.lasc.org/contacts/index.shtml>.

Membership Secretary (Open): The Club is seeking a volunteer to handle this position.

At Large Officers: (Tom Jones, Steve McKelvey, and Mel Smithour): All were present.

Steve McKelvey talked to Ken Laintz about obtaining more gravel (crushed concrete). He will order more gravel.

Steve McKelvey said that the new plate racks have been installed in the pistol pits. All machines are set up and working now for skeet and trap shooting. The controllers are located in several places. The new system works well. There are extra mikes. Now there are no delays in the skeet house. The controllers are fully programmable.

Steve and others went through the whole clubhouse HVAC system again with a consultant. Alternative ventilation proposals are coming.

Steve bought and installed light tubes. Some wiring was made permanent. A lot of things are getting fixed. Sent appreciation e-mail to Mary and Chris Luster.

Mel Smithour informed us that there is no news available on LASC license renewal. Our current license expires on December 31, 2010. There is a new boss at DOE. Mel is looking after this issue.

Section Chair Reports: (Reminder) As always, the Club expects Section Heads to maintain a list of things to be done to support their section during spring and fall work/cleanup days. These lists should be e-mailed as appropriate to Howard and Marv.

Pistol (Tom Jones): IDPA classifier next month. Tom expressed thanks to Steve McKelvey for the new plate racks. This takes care of safety issues. Ben Norman built some nice stands. Tom wants \$600 to build more of these. A motion was made to fund this effort and it passed. Tom said that the pistol pit ranges will be named A, B, C, and D. Tom is having signs made with these range labels.

Rifle (Mel Smithour): The last high-power match is coming up. Also a garand rifle match is coming on Sunday, November 14. Turn outs for rifle matches have been so-so. A person called Howard and offered to sell us some steel plates for the rifle range. This might work out, but an issue is plate thickness relative to cutting and welding.

Shotgun (Ed Bush): Ed Bush – It has been another good month for both skeet and trap. 102 cases of clay targets were shot up.

The trash barrels on the trap and skeet ranges now have plastic liners (and spares below) for convenience when dumping. No word yet on electronic microphones. Ed Berry is working on this.

The Board gives kudos to Dick Honnell and Casey Luster and all the volunteers for helping with the target delivery and clean-up.

Training (Mike Grimler): Mike reports that we now have a Club computer, projector, and screen for training. He recommends that we obtain a dust-proof pelican case for about \$600 plus shipping. This case will protect these investments as well as the printer for badges, lock electronics, two computers, etc. The case will be secured to a pillar. A motion to obtain such a case passed.

In general, training is going good. Mike G plans to keep up on contributions to the Bulletin and has an aiming lasers article in mind. We have added some new female instructors. Mike has had success using green sandbags for bench rests.

Recent front door lock access reports were handed out as examples of the new system.

As an aside, at age 19 one can own a rifle in NM; at 21 one can own a handgun.

Archery and House and Grounds (Dale Melton): Not present.

Bulletin Editor (Darby Ferguson): All section heads to get input to Darby by Sunday after the Board Meeting.

Hunter Education (Mike O'Neill): Mike O'Neil – There are a number of dates coming up for Hunter Ed. Shotgun stuff has slowed down for now. Kids are showing up for regular trap shoots.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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