

DRAFT FOR REVIEW BY THE LASC BOARD
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LASC Board Meeting Minutes
11-1-07

Agenda:

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Adjournment

Current Year Calendar and Important Dates:

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

Board Members Present:

Eight Board members attended the meeting. They were Marv Alme, Jung Hong, Ken Laintz, Pat Laux, Dick Martin, Sarah Maynard, Dale Melton, Mell Smithour.

Other Persons Present: Josephine Caffley, Steve McKelvey, Leslie Melton

New Member Orientation Schedule:

Nov 4 Dale
Nov 11 Ted
Nov 17 Jung

Dec 2 Ken
Dec 9 Marv

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): We voted by e-mail to provide \$500 to Chris Luchini. Troop 22 will hold their turkey campout at the pavilion. They are willing to do a project for the Club. Shaw Environmental has put in three sampling wells. The Shaw personnel may need to stop our shooting for very short intervals (to check or service the wells) roughly once a month.

Vice President (Ted Rockenhaus): Not present.

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Treasurer (Angie Chipera): The Club’s current bank balance is about \$85,000. The planned costs of capital improvements this year is summarized below.

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

Membership Secretary (Jung Hong): Our membership records are being brought up to date by Jung. There are currently 211 names on the paper mailing list. There are 1089 members on the rolls. There are 569 primary memberships, which represents somewhere between \$40,968 (@\$72) to \$47,796 (@\$84). While we have 486 e-mail addresses, the list needs to be updated.

At Large Officers: Marv Alme discussed the Saturday, October 27, 2007 cleanup day. Participation was in the high 20’s. It is planned to do some welding on the clubhouse deflector baffles on the west end. Marv identified a need for us to do a better job of defining, organizing, and leading large tasks such as moving junk out of the pistol sheds. Towards this end, the Section Chairs need to be asked to provide lists of what needs to be done.

Old and New Business:

It was suggested that we send paper copies of the Bulletin to local legislators. Apparently, we get occasional inquiries from NRA National. We need a non-member mailing list.

Section Chair Attendance at Board Meetings:

We were reminded of the importance of LASC Section Chairs attending the Board meetings, and of the importance of communication between leaders of the sub-sections. As in any organization, the right hand needs to know what the left hand is doing, and on this we need your help.

Jung and Sarah volunteered to help motivate the Pistol Section co-chairs. What is really needed is a *viable pistol range plan* that keeps happy all three sets of stakeholders, IDPA, IPSC, and Cowboy Action.

LAPD and LAFD Use of LASC Ranges:

A comment was made that the police do more vandalism than anyone in terms of very close range (point blank) shooting in the clubhouse (not allowed), and use of 0.223 cal assault rifles on the pistol range. It was recommended that the LAPD range masters be invited to new member orientation.

The question of offering LAFD (firemen) a special membership deal came up. We decided that since the firemen did not rely on firearms for duty the answer would be no. The police (LAPD) purchase a corporate membership.

Wearing of LASC badges:

NOTE: Ken wants and expects everyone to wear their LASC badges when present on LASC grounds for events or (board) meetings. This includes members of the Board who should set a good example.

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Ongoing key exchanges:

It was decided to send applicants for new keys to a New Member Orientation or to a Board Meeting to obtain/exchange their old keys for new keys.

The Raffle Results and Income and Expenses Associated with the Gun Show:

The raffle winners were Tom Ferrish (shotgun), and Jeff Eichorst (pistol). The Gun Show brought in a total of \$1803, and the raffle brought in \$1611 for a total of \$3414.

Revision of Clubhouse Layout:

This topic received considerable discussion. It has been decided that this work only will be done after the pistol pits and trap house work is completed. However, Steve McKelvey will be working up drawings of the proposed modifications to discuss at future meetings.

The purpose of the Clubhouse revision is to keep smoke and dust on the West end, and to provide a nicer “conference” or classroom area on the East end. It has been proposed to separate the two ends of the current building with a hard partition, perhaps of concrete block, with a 12 ft to 16 ft opening. The opening may contain a patio or roll-up style door.

Capital Improvements and Costs:

The Board approved \$15,000 for upgrades to the Clubhouse.

Pat Laux reported that about \$35,000 has been spent on improvements, and that a total of about \$50,000 more is needed. His observation is that the skeet field is pretty bad, being about 10” out of level, and that grading and concrete work needs to be done as a first step. He said a lot of effort will be needed in design. According to Pat, essentially nothing is usable. He suggested integrating the skeet field into the five-stand stations. He proposed using containers for storage and as a place to mount the skeet machines.

Adding these costs, we are talking about \$100,000 of improvements, not all of which can be funded this year.

The next priorities are (1) indoor range, (2) skeet field, and (3) pistol range. These projects will be undertaken as funds permit.

Bulletin and LASC Web Site:

Sarah Maynard and Marv Alme introduced their friend Josephine Caffrey. As an aside, Josephine recently completed CCW with Howard Hall, and as a result purchased an S&W 38-special “air-weight” revolver. More to the point Josephine has been with the Lab since 1993 and manages at least two major web-sites. She describes herself as a “jack-of-all-trades” in the web management business.

Josephine was enthusiastically approved as LASC co-webmaster along with Sarah. The remarkable results of this collaboration can be viewed at <http://www.lasc.org/index.shtml>.

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LASC E-Mail List(s):

It was agreed that two e-mail lists are needed for effective communication to the Board and to members, namely, a Board List and a full Membership List. We will use discretion on what is sent out by e-mail (no spam).

Section Reports:

Pistol (Ryan Stothard): Not present.

Rifle (Mell Smithour): No problems.

Shotgun (Ed Bush): Not present.

NOTE: Shooting of handguns on the skeet range is not permitted. A reminder should appear in the Bulletin.

Archery (Dale Melton): No problems.

House and Grounds (Dale Melton): Dale will chart a path forward (by checking with DOE) on fixing a damaged fence. (This is a DOE fence.)

Range Safety (Skip Anderson): (Reminder) Shooters in the indoor range should not shoot closer than 7 yards from the backstop for safety. Also, less than 12 yards from the steel outdoor pistol targets is not allowed for the same reason. Dick has passed this information along to the LAPD.

Respectfully submitted,

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