

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
3/4/2010

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: There was no flag present at the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting is April 1 (first Thursday) at 6:30 pm at the LA Chamber of Commerce conference room unless otherwise announced by Howard.

Board Members Present: Marv Alme, Angie Chipera, Howard Hall, Tom Jones, Jim Lujan, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Dale Melton, Frank Pytko, and Mel Smithour.

Other Persons Present: Bob Livingston, Mike O'Neill

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

New Member Orientation Schedule: Mar 20 (Third Sat at 12 noon), Howard.

LASC orientations are currently available on the third Saturday of each month (by appointment only) into 2010 and until further notice. (During the winter, orientations are available once a month versus twice a month during summer.) (Reminders) If persons need to receive orientation, they should visit the "orientations" page under the "membership" menu at the LASC web site (see link above). To make an appointment for orientation it is best to call the Orientation Coordinator, Darby Ferguson, at 672-2044 or 500-4101 (cell).

By vote at the January 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 fee).

LASC Officer Reports:

President (Howard Hall): Howard ran the meeting. We need to send invoices to law enforcement. Jim will work on this and coordinate with Angie. The orientation manuals have worked out great.

Vice President (Frank Pytko): We need to get Club information to the Outdoorsman in SF. In the future we need to get nominations for office lined-up earlier ahead of the banquet.

Treasurer (Angie Chipera): Angie handed out a current budget summary. For insurance survey purposes, Angie asked for dates of recent upgrades to electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and roof. Angie's new e-mail address is [angie.chipera @ gmail.com](mailto:angie.chipera@gmail.com).

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin): Our 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.la-sc.org/contacts/index.shtml>.

Membership Secretary (Jim Lujan): There are currently 548 memberships. We have added 139 new memberships over the past year. There is a membership renewal update notice on the LASC web site.

At Large Officers: (Tom Jones, Steve McKelvey, and Mel Smithour): See below.

Old and New Business:

1. Membership Renewal. Jim has been working on this. Combinations on the locks will change on or near April 1.
2. John Farnam Class. A class will be offered on July 11. The class content has not yet been finalized. Jim Lujan thinks we should advertise for a ladies class with Vicki Farnam because of the large number of ladies who have taken the NRA basic pistol shooting classes recently. Frank is also seeking PD input on topics to include in the class.
3. Indoor Range Update. Steve continues to work on HVAC upgrades and other improvements. We need to find a safe way to keep the wall heaters turned on in the bathrooms during winter to prevent the water pipes from freezing.
4. Hunter Education. Mike is getting a good response on sign-ups for upcoming classes. He is looking for space to handle classes for hunter education. The schools are sensitive to firearms on campus, even for training purposes. NJROTC will be moving.
5. Projects for 2010.
 - New Membership Process. Jim Lujan has a number of improvements to this process in the works. Stay tuned.
 - Locks. Jim has cost quotes for the new lock systems. The process will start soon and transition to the use of our badges and a PIN to gain access to the clubhouse. Every adult member (18 and over) needs to have a badge. There will be a new LASC logo on the new badges.
6. Cleanup Date. Frank says this will be the fourth weekend in April. Everyone, especially section chairs, is invited to send him e-mails on projects.
7. Bullseye Range. Jim Lujan has a number of improvements coming including drainage and pathways to the targets.
8. Bulletin. At this meeting there was discussion about returning to sending out hard copies of the Bulletin. It was recommended that we find out who wants hard copy during membership renewal. We plan to accommodate the preferences of individual members.

9. Grant Funds. Steve McKelvey said Jeff Lewis will seek grant funding for the Club from various sources like Friends of NRA and LANS. We have been successful in obtaining grants in the past.

10. Work Credit and DOB. Seniors 70 or over are exempt from the work credit requirement. Other hardship exemptions can also be made under special circumstances. We ask for date of birth during membership sign-up application forms. We also need to know member age, especially youth, given that state law dictates 18 (long-gun) and 19 (hand gun). This data is also useful for grant requests. We badge at age 18.

11. Publicity Person. Howard says we have the publicity person position open. We need to define what we expect of the person holding this office. The Chamber of Commerce seems to be willing to help with publicity. Also, the LA Monitor newspaper has been quite helpful. This person will be expected to attend board meetings.

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 (Jim Lujan): Jim wants the bulls eye range drainage fixed ASAP to attract and retain future classes. He also wants the offset in the floor of the clubhouse fixed to remove the tripping hazard. Jim needs to have a list of all corporate member organizations to invoice, and the cost per head or per organization. The LAPD needs a set number (not a per head number) for the Chief's budget. Angie will do some research on this.

Snow has built up outside some of the sheds. The target stand door has been damaged and needs repair before warm weather.

In general, we need snow/rain diverters for the doors to prevent them from being blocked.

IDPA is cruising along twice a month. We expect that IPSC will start soon. Tom Farish now will be heading up Cowboy Action. Howard has instructor certification for Cowboy Action range safety officers.

Rifle (Mell Smithour): Not a lot of activity on rifle range because of snow. But, improvements are coming subject to available funding. Regarding "lease" renewal, Tom Hornsby at DOE will retire in April. While this is a big loss, Mell will check on who the new contact will be and will pursue our license renewal with them. It's a five year license (not a lease).

Shotgun (Ed Bush): Steve reported on recent shotgun range income during winter activities.

As a reminder, shotgun shooters should remember to sign in, load traps, pick up spent shells, flatten the cardboard boxes, put the boxes in the recycle dumpster across the road, and dump the trash cans as necessary.

Training (Mike Grimler): Not present.

As can be seen on the LASC web site, there are currently four LASC-affiliated CCW instructors. These instructors have agreed to not compete on fees. Mike has assured us that there will be at least one CCW class on the last Sunday, plus one license renewal and/or refresher class on the Second Sunday of each month.

Archery and House and Grounds (Dale Melton): There's lots of mud. There are new locks on all the gates. Dale has a supply of new locks. All of the gates need the Jim/Steve treatment for hinge upgrades (with a welder)! Dale is checking propane costs recently charged to the Club. The price seems to change arbitrarily. We were recently charged \$3.96 vs \$2.60 (the national average). We may need new tanks if we go with a new propane supplier.

Bulletin (Mike Barnes and Sean Leffler): Not present. The membership is very grateful for our excellent Bulletin, thanks to the work done by Mike and Sean.

Hunter Education (Mike O'Neill): This is an ongoing, very successful program under Mike's supervision.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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