

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
4/7/2011

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Dick Martin led the Pledge.

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting will be on May 5 (first Thursday) starting at 6:30 pm at the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce conference room unless otherwise announced by Frank.

Board Members Present: Ed Bush, Angie Chipera, Mike Grimler, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Frank Pytko, and Mel Smithour.

Other Persons Present: Marv Alme, Darby Ferguson, Arlin Gurley, Charles Lebeda, Dale Melton, and Mike O'Neill

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

New Member Orientation Schedule: This month's orientation will be

April 16 at 12 Noon
Training will be conducted by: Darby and Mike G.

Orientation usually runs about one hour. (See the LASC web page for contact information.) We avoid impromptu new member orientations. Badging and pro-rated fee collection takes place at the same time.

With Board approval, for now, there will be only one orientation session per month at the LASC clubhouse scheduled on

Third Saturday at 12 Noon

New members will be asked to download the LASC member handbook (<http://www.la-sc.org/newmember/index.shtml#Handbook>) and safety manual (<http://www.la-sc.org/safety/index.shtml>). There will be reference copies in the clubhouse.

The March 2011 orientation had 35 persons in the class.

New Member Fees: At the March 2011 meeting, the Board adopted a pro-rated new member fee schedule (see table below). Thanks are extended to Mike Grimler for developing the table.

For annual renewals (on April 1 of each year), a member (who is also an NRA member) can deduct \$60 if they have accumulated 6 hours of work credit (at \$10/hour) from the

current annual fee of \$132, leaving an annual cost of \$72. The work credit program is explained on the LASC web site at <http://www.la-sc.org/workcredit/index.shtml>.

LASC Member Fee Info for 2011-2012	Types of LASC Memberships		
If you join during:	Individual, <u>and</u> an NRA Member	Family <u>and</u> NRA Member, or Individual, but <u>not</u> an NRA Member	Family, but <u>not</u> an NRA Member
	Your fee is:		
April 2011	\$132.00	\$144.00	\$156.00
May 2011	\$121.00	\$132.00	\$143.00
June 2011	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$130.00
July 2011	\$99.00	\$108.00	\$117.00
August 2011	\$88.00	\$96.00	\$104.00
September 2011	\$77.00	\$84.00	\$91.00
October 2011	\$66.00	\$72.00	\$78.00
November 2011	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
December 2011	\$44.00	\$48.00	\$52.00
January 2012	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$39.00
February 2012	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$26.00
March 2012	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00

Old and New Business:

1. **Membership Renewal Progress** – Frank reports that there were 62 renewals by mail, 532 by e-mail. Of 330 received, 113 paid by check, 217 via PayPal. Frank is working to get all the accounts in the club’s name and the money transferred into the Club’s account (from PayPal). PayPal is linked into our LANB account.

2. **Membership Renewal Process** – Frank – Angie thinks the PayPal system is working out okay. Frank can get all the transactions printed out in a spreadsheet.

The Corporate Membership is \$10 per corporate member. Marv will provide a discussion of this next time based on his history with the Club.

“Family Members” – Frank – We have a number of persons incorrectly listed as family members. Such violations of Club membership rules will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Our rule is “21 years old and under the same roof.” (The by-laws indicate “household community” as family.) We might change the age of family members to 26 and include active duty service members. Letters will be sent out to persons violating the spirit of the membership requirements. Frank asks that we table this discussion until next meeting when we will consider amending the by-laws with a clear policy.

3. **Safety Training** – Marv recommends that the Club institute an ongoing membership safety training program. Mike G will ask our NRA Insurance Underwriter what the requirements are, if any.

4. **Orientations** – Frank tabled this subject to next meeting.

5. **Senior Olympics** – We have supported this in the past according to Marv. It has involved shooting skills practice for the Senior Olympics. This will involve orientation/safety training. Bob Skaggs has been the Senior Olympics contact with the Club in the past. Marv will talk to Skaggs. We will identify a member who is willing to be a sponsor. This may be Don Dudziak.

6. **Board Meetings and Corporate Resolutions** – Frank looked into “corporate resolutions.” A lawyer contact recommended that we do this. Corporate resolution documents record Board actions, especially concerning financial matters. Another example would be check signing authority via the Club’s bank. Frank will study the topic. The Recording Secretary may be responsible for this documentation.

7. **Reloading Section** – This suggestion was made to Frank by George Idzorek. Darby suggested that we could start with an NRA reloading class. (Mel O says that this class can be done individually at home.) We might not be able to set aside suitable space in the clubhouse. We will invite George to come to a future meeting to discuss this topic.

8. **Gun Show at the Scottish Rite Temple (SF)** – The SRT (a Masonic Temple) wants to host a show once a year and share the profits with LASC. Curtis Benham from the Temple contacted Angie. We will consider doing this *next* April. The Club agrees that this would be a good “outreach to Santa Fe.”

Angie and Frank will take the lead and look into this. If there is an objection to having the show on a Sunday, it might not work anyway. The NRA says that \$682 insures a single gun show, according to Angie. Angie is concerned about security. It was noted that a gun show involves a *lot* of work. It would have to be a cooperative effort.

Angie has discovered that the LA Schools reach out to organizations that work with kids and/or do community outreach in a different category. The Superintendent, Gene Schmidt, seems to be very supportive. Kevin Honnell, a school board member, is a Club member and is also supportive. The cost/fee for the gun show this year may be a fee of \$30 as opposed to a much larger rental fee.

9. **Spring Clean-Up Projects** – The Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 30 starting at 9 am. Marv usually drives this effort. The food is important; usually we obtain pizzas to share with participants. We expect to make some dump runs with junk lying around in the Clubhouse. There will be a central sign-in/sign-out sheet in the Clubhouse.

10. **FNRA Event in Santa Fe** – Frank talked to Peter Ide (NRA) who wants to have a fund-raising dinner in Santa Fe this year. The FNRA Committee will involve members of LASC doing all the work...sell tickets, run the games, auctions and raffles, etc. Like a gun show, this a lot of work...even more so. However, the money from these events stays in state. Frank will follow up for the next meeting.

11. **Classroom Remodel Project Update** – Steve McK – The walls are up! The next step will involve a water line and heater installation. Arlin G can recommend a reputable contractor (Sierra) to make a bid on installing a good heater. Also, the walls will be insulated and new lighting installed. Then, we will do the taping and sheet rock. An e-mail will be broadcast soliciting needed skills.

The time frame for completion of the current Clubhouse renovation tasks is...as soon as possible. Steve has a schedule...but, “the end date moves with the start date!”

Mike G made a motion to provide compensation to the Steve and his Core Group in a dollar amount to be discussed. Steve McK recommends something like free birds for a year. Marv believes the by-laws stipulate that an individual club member cannot be directly compensated. However, awards are allowed, and this is something to consider.

LASC Officer Reports:

President (Frank Pytko): Our by-laws need to be updated. We need descriptions of each Board position and the responsibilities.

Vice President (Steve Rivera): Not present. Our restroom maintenance family crew is doing a good job. Steve Rivera made this arrangement for the Club.

Treasurer (Angie Chipera): Angie presented an up-to-date balance sheet as of April 7. LASC has 501-C7 tax status.

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 (Mike Grimler): See topics above.

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

Section Chair Reports: (Reminder) As always, the Club expects Section Chairs 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): Not present. Arlen Gurley is the new IDPA Point of Contact. Arlin was sitting in for Tom Jones. IDPA is off and running. The pistol section is out of

targets and tape. About \$433 plus shipping is needed. Tom Jones asked for and received (by Board approval) for \$600. Arlin inquired about USPSA (IPSC) club matches. Frank will call a meeting to review and discuss Pistol Section sub-section operations. We need monthly reports from each of the sub-sections.

Rifle (Mel Smithour): Mel – Silhouette this weekend. High-power will start up in May. The NM State may want to see inspection(s) reports on our septic tanks. (See Mel’s e-mail.)

Shotgun (Ed Bush): Ed provided a comprehensive review of shotgun activities. He reminded us not to let anyone drive on the skeet range during spring clean-up. Ed also requires shooters to lay down the PVC 5-stands after shooting so as to prevent wind damage. The cost per round of skeet, trap, and 5-stand is \$3.

Ed had a visitor, John Meade, who is involved with the movie industry in Santa Fe. John is associated with an Arts & Entertainment (A&E) organization. John took a lot of pictures on the LASC grounds. It remains to be seen if anything will come of this.

Training (Mike Grimler): Mike is frustrated having asked for volunteers to conduct NRA courses as the primary for which they are certified. There are NRA standard course curricula with instructor and student handout packets. We have a lot of certified instructors who are willing to help, but not to be the course/class principal.

Archery and House and Grounds (Dale Melton): Dale reported that there has been a lot of activity on the ranges. The gates will be updated refurbished sometime in the future with hinge reinforcement and/or replacement. Equipment needed to do this includes generator, grinder, etc. Some people who don’t have the gate combination have gotten locked in and use their vehicle to push on the gate to pop the lock! There was discussion about how to prevent this from happening and upgrading the gates/locks.

Bulletin Editor (Vacant): Not present. Frank said Howard Hall has resigned as Bulletin editor. We need an editor. We’ll shoot for quarterly rather than monthly issues. Angie suggested that we consider hiring an editor.

Hunter Education (Mike O’Neill): Mike O – See his handout. The juniors had a successful shotgun shoot. Four kids made Pro Marksman. Rex Crook, Ray Chavez, and Mike O were instructors. Mike is planning to have new level 1 shotgun coaches. Mike O is doing a great job.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm!

Respectfully submitted,

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