

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
6/3/2010

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:30 pm

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

**Board Members Present:** Ed Bush, Angie Chipera, Darby Ferguson, Mike Grimler, Howard Hall, Tom Jones, Jim Lujan, Dick Martin, Dale Melton, Frank Pytko, and Mel Smithour.

**Other Persons Present:** 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:** (See the LASC web page for contact information.)

June 13 – Darby

June 19 – Darby

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

Jim recommends that we get away from impromptu orientations. He suggests that we do the whole process (orientation, membership, fee collection, etc.) using a rigorous system.

**New Member Fees:**

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. **American Legacy Firearms Presentation** – Ray and Scott – These gentlemen brought and described a beautiful collector's item to show the Club. It was a mounted 30-30 Winchester model lever action rifle and Bowie knife, both etched and laser engraved in commemoration of the New Mexico Centennial. There will be only 100 of

these mountings produced at an “introductory” cost of \$2495. The rifle is manufactured by Mossberg for ALF, Inc. who bought the Winchester Model 94 patent rights.

**2. Gun Show Status** – Darby Ferguson – A location has not been determined at this time. Pueblo school may not be available. Within a week Howard will talk to LAPS Superintendent Schmidt and/or Brenda McFarlane about our continued use of LA school facilities. Darby will check on the Masonic Lodge as a possible site for a 2010 show. We could do a one-day (Saturday) event at the Baptist Church. The show has been a tradition for the Club and typically brings in around \$3K in revenue.

There was a discussion about other possible fund raising events as an alternative to the Gun Show. An objective is community outreach. Accordingly, one suggestion was an open house and pig-roast or buffalo BBQ in Rendija Canyon, as has been done before. There could be a machine gun shoot or other range activities. However, Dale recommends that we shut the ranges down for an open house for visitor safety reasons.

After Howard checks with LAPS, if the answer is no gun show at Pueblo Mid-School, we may hold a BBQ and gun show for local vendors in the canyon.

**3. Shotgun Sports Youth Program** – Mike O’Neil – Mike went to ABQ youth shooting sports coaching meeting and was asked about Los Alamos youth shotgun programs and shotgun teams. Howard asked Mike to draft up a proposal to start up Los Alamos teams. Mike will check with Mary Luster relative to her 4-H Team. Pat Laux said he might volunteer time as a coach.

**4. Other Shotgun Topics** – Ed Bush – Ducks Unlimited wanted to hold a shoot at LASC if OK (?) closes. Also, Capt Randy Foster of LAPD wants to start up official ATA shoots at our facility.

**5. Membership Process** – Jim Lujan – Jim is doing several things at once. He now understands the old process...but it was very disjointed. We have renewals and new memberships (about 100 new). Jim has been setting up data bases. He would like to automate the process. He will be working to get *accurate* information to prevent membership mix-ups and losses. There are about 480 memberships to date.

We will be transitioning to a new, all-electronic system in the next few months. Renewals will be completely automated. The software need for this is already installed on our web server. When the system is completely in place, members will do all the renewal work themselves, including the “quality assurance.”

When you renew, you will automatically gain access to parts of the LASC web site that only members have access to.

Some members have been asking for badges. But, if they have paid and have the combination, they can come out anytime while the process continues.

Jim will draft a schedule with system implementation milestones. Also, he will draft an article for the Bulletin. I suggested that Jim also put the membership renewal letter in the Bulletin as it contained complete information about the badge transition process.

Jim is setting up a Pay Pal account where members can pay their fees. Jim has set up a new e-mail distribution. The old list will be purged. The new list will automatically be populated by the new software.

A motion to set up a special, relatively small, public business debit card account with LANB passed.

Jim talked about the new badges. Jim, Frank, and Mike have been involved in new badge design. The consensus seems to be to use renewal stickers versus a badge “overlay.” What do we want on the back of the badge? “Property of LASC, if found, send to PO Box 953, LA 87544.” It might also include range rules.

We need to tie together the following aspects of membership.

Membership – web

Picture badge – PC

Door access – PC (can be changed to expire)

**6. New Clubhouse Door** – Darby Ferguson – Darby reminded us that we need a new door and entry lock equipment. She has priced a commercial grade break-away door for approximately \$2k. Darby will get a new door professionally installed by an ABQ company. This door will allow members to use their existing keys while we transition to the badge reader. The new door will pay for itself within 2 years. A motion to purchase the new door passed.

**7. Naming or Numbering the Pistol Pits** – Frank Pytko – Frank suggests naming or numbering the pistol pits. It was suggested that we label the five pistol pits from A to E, or 1 to 5. We have the bulls-eye (covered range) and steel pits that can be A and E, or 1 and 5, respectively. Another idea was to use color codes. We will wait to get Jim Lujan’s input and agreement. Howard will contact Jim. We will update the Members Handbook, Safety Manual, and Orientation Materials to reflect the range labels. There are some steel plates with craters in one of the pistol pits that should be removed (to the dump) and not replaced.

**8. Construction Work Deadline and Clubhouse Floor Leveling** – Steve McKelvey – Tomorrow is last day for the front-end loader. There was a discussion about how to allow vehicle access to the covered range. Eventually, this may be done, but for now we will put the berm back the way it was.

Regarding clubhouse floor leveling, this will be done with volunteers. The surface has to be roughened and filler applied.

We’re still in line for a ventilation upgrade.

## **LASC Officer Reports:**

**President** (Howard Hall): Howard ran the meeting.

**Vice President** (Frank Pytko): LAPD will purchase and set up an 8 x 12 shed parallel to the range-2 north berm. Our LASC calendar is up to date.

**Treasurer** (Angie Chipera): All accounts are in the green. We have adequate funds available for projects. Angie reviewed her current budget summary.

Angie recommends dropping the USPS bulk mail. Motion passed.

Angie doesn't mind if people make deposits into the LASC account, but please denote if it is from shotgun, trap, etc, so she knows for book keeping purposes.

Angie's e-mail address is [angie.chipera@gmail.com](mailto:angie.chipera@gmail.com).

**Recording Secretary** (Dick Martin): Dick asked Frank to take the minutes for the July 1 meeting. 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.la-sc.org/contacts/index.shtml>.

**Membership Secretary** (Jim Lujan): See Jim's report in item 5 above.

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

**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 will be obtaining some new plastic barrels for use in IDPA or IPSC as cover or concealment.

**Rifle** (Mell Smithour): All is well.

**Shotgun** (Ed Bush): Ed provides the following reminders. Remember to sign in when you use the range. Shooters do a good job paying fees (\$3 per round for skeet, trap and 5-stand...\$4 per round for bunker trap) but sometimes forget to sign the log. Make notes of any equipment problems in the log. Load traps, pick up shells, flatten cardboard boxes and put trash in the dumpster across the road. Dump the trash cans.

**Training** (Mike Grimler): Mike is working on meshing our calendars, that is, a new Google calendar that will source out of the current Club calendar, so viewers can see a month at a time.

**Archery and House and Grounds** (Dale Melton): Chris Luster is doing lot of work on the pistol pits. The new locks are working fine. Traffic is picking up on all the ranges.

**Bulletin Editor** (This position is available.): Not present.

**Hunter Education** (Mike O'Neill): See Mike's report as item 3 above.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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