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LASC Board Meeting Minutes  
6/4/2009

**Current Year Calendar and Important Dates:**

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

**Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting is July 2 (first Thursday) at 6:30 pm at the LA Chamber of Commerce conference room.

**Board Members Present:** Ed Bush, Angie Chipera, Jung Hong (JPH), Ken Laintz, Jim Lujan, Dick Martin, Dale Melton, Frank Pytko, Will Schmitz, and Mel Smithour.

**Other Persons Present:** Steve McKelvey, Leslie Melton,

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Frank led the Pledge.

**New Member Orientation Schedule:** LASC orientations are currently available on the second Sunday and the third Saturday of each month.

Jun 14 (Second Sun at 12 noon) Cancelled  
Jun 20 (Third Sat at 8 am) Howard

NOTE: JPH has proposed that orientations be provided on the same two days, but by reservation only to insure that one or more prospective new members show up.

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 or so (if necessary) to conduct a part of the orientation briefing pertaining to that particular range.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President** (Howard Hall): Not present.

**Vice President** (Frank Pytko): Frank ran the meeting.

**Treasurer** (Angie Chipera): Angie provided a detailed report summarizing the Club's financial position.

**Recording Secretary** (Dick Martin): No problems or issues.

**Membership Secretary** (Jung Hong): According to JPH, bulletins (about 700 ea) will be mailed in July to initiate renewals and solicit new members. Jung will talk to Mike Barnes about the fold format, which is important in determining the mailing cost.

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**At Large Officers:** (Pat Laux, Mel Smithour, and Will Schmitz): See reports below.

**Old and New Business:**

1. Fees for LASC Events: After some discussion, a motion was made to keep our event fees the same as they are now. Currently, our fees are determined by each subsection and this policy will continue. In most if not all cases there is a nominally larger fee for non-members of LASC, for example, for skeet and regular trap, the fees are \$3/\$4. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Orientation Training: JPH has volunteered to provide training for persons wishing to learn how to be orientation givers. He will put a training date in the Bulletin.

3. Location for Board Meetings: Everyone in attendance seemed to agree with keeping the meetings at the LA Chamber of Commerce conference room. JPH will look into booking the room in advance.

4. LASC Maintenance (Steve):

Work on heater(s) – Replacement belts needed. Check with Tom Harvey, a new member with mechanical skills. Bands needed for one of the trap machines, noticed by a member. Steve is looking into ventilation modifications (to pull vacuum). Also, he is seeking radiant heater specifications and costs.

5. Land transfer (Mel and Dale): This pertains to a recent LA County Council meeting.

The land to the south of the canyon road will be transferred to the LA County. The County is expected to lease the land to the Club for a (hopefully nominal) fee.

The land to the north of the road will continue to belong to DOE. DOE will continue to lease this property to the Club for a fee.

In general, there are lots of issues associated with “other uses” of property in the canyon. These issues include open access to canyon, vandalism, noise, motorized vehicles, handicapped access, etc.

Good presentation at LA Council meeting. A plan for the land transfer was discussed at the council meetings. Steve says there is a lot of bias in the plan. Previously, the sentiment has been stated to “leave the canyon alone.” Two of six council members are members (Wisner and Stover?). Wisner wanted remove reference to housing development. Clearing of trees came up. A possibility is zoning for “open space.”

Poor man’s range discussed with liability of LA County. DOE is going to keep this land. Capt Purtyman at LAPD said he’d never seen anyone down there! Leslie says they see/hear people shooting from that direction from time-to-time. The Club will ignore the poor man’s range problem.

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At the Council meeting, there was no discussion of leasing property back (Dale). They didn't want any commercial development in canyon. Size is 30 to 40 acres. Zoning at low, medium, high “social impact” was discussed. The archery site does not need any cleanup (no hazardous waste).

Mel stated that there is a mandate to DOE to divest itself of excess property.

Will Schmitz recommends preparing a Club (Board) position for future meetings. It's important to get a lease for the land south of the road.

Jung – The club should write a letter stating our position, namely, that we want to keep the land. It was suggested that a committee prepare a draft letter.

*Mel and Dale have agreed to be the committee.* John Hopkins will be consulted on the letter. Draft letter will be prepared for the next meeting (July 2). When finished and approved by the LASC Board, run this by the Council, and then send it to the Monitor. It is expected that the Monitor will not charge, or even if they do we could pay for an advertisement. The letter should point out the Club's value to the County, but it has to sound like the County was responsible and deserves any credit.

6. LASC Position on Land Transfer – Keeping the Archery Range: The Board agreed that the Club wants to keep the archery range, pavilion, and everything on the south side of the road.

7. LASC Position on Land Transfer – Keeping the Residence and Caretaker Arrangement: The Board agreed that the Club wants to maintain the residence and caretaker situation. This position and item 6 will be stated in the position letter (see item 5).

8. Prioritization of LASC Long-Term Projects (Steve): Up to \$52,000 total cost now. Spread out over 3 years. Steve's plan is laid out as cash flow versus time for a long list of projects, some small and some large. We have \$27K to spend. \$3K was approved previously for new storage cabinets (Ken). The Club owes the Junior Program \$600 for rifles. A new pistol safe at about \$1K has been bought and will be installed by Jim L.

Will Schmitz read aloud Steve's spreadsheet items for the Board to consider including estimated costs and work schedule. The board voted yes/no on each item line-by-line. The board approved approximately \$14,600. How do we get the work done? Do we pay for labor, or volunteer help? Do \$6000 radiant heat for the pistol range. The near-term expenditure comes to \$20,600. According to Angie, this leaves a \$10,000 cushion until membership renewals next year. An overall motion to expend this amount was approved unanimously.

9. FNRA Status. Ken requested the club's mailing list to advertise the FNRA banquet on Saturday, August 8. Ken will work with Jung to get what he needs. The mailing list will

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not go past Ken. A motion to this effect passed. Ken will include the LASC gun show flyer together with the FNRA announcement in his mailing.

Ken has FNRA banquet and raffle tickets and posters. Does club want to underwrite an item? Will suggests underwriting the Henry 22 rifle for \$350. Motion to underwrite this item passed.

10. Gun Show 2009: Will Schmitz is the Gun Show chairman. The show will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20, 2009 at the Pueblo Complex gymnasium on Diamond Drive in Los Alamos. More information can be obtained at the LASC web site. Timberline Sports off the Chama highway in Espanola will display our raffle guns.

LANS Grant: Jim L. reminded the Board that LANS has a policy of recognizing people who volunteer. The Lab gave us \$200 to the club for the 2009 volunteer program. A check from LANS was turned over to Angie.

Local Radio Spot: KRSN is running a public service announcement (PSAs) for firearm safety. This resulted from an NRA document that Will dropped off at KRS.

LASC Loaned-Out Equipment Return and Equipment Inventory: (Reminder) The Club needs to get equipment (handguns?) back from Roger/Sandi Kruse. We also need to inventory all club firearms along with pictures/documents for club records/insurance.

No Private Storage Policy: (Reminder) Items left open or out (not locked-up) can, and most likely will get used by shooters. Please do not be surprised or disappointed by this Board policy.

LASC Insurance: (Reminder) The Board needs to look at our insurance policies and make sure that they are up to date. Ken says that Farmers Insurance Company covers our assets, that is, the big items like the shotgun pavilion. Ken says we have three policies.

**Section 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 (pistol). IDPA is continuing to grow. SOC came out to shoot last time. Prop building next month for competitions. Have new 6-700 lb safe will be installed in the clubhouse. The pallet dolly in the bird house might be used.

Make model and serial number. Jim and Mike Grimler will inventory the club-owned guns and create a data base. Plastic guns will be obtained for training. We need a check-out procedure and documentation (Frank).

**Rifle** (Mell Smithour): Mel S. Good turnouts for matches including silhouette. Things are going well.

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**Shotgun** (Ed Bush): Ed Bush. The shotgun section hosted an event for NJROTC shotgun shooters. Attending were 10 persons, including 3 females. Each person shot 5 rounds of trap and skeet. We need grants to procure a supply of 12 ga and 20 ga shotgun ammo for youth training.

**Training** (Mike Grimler): Not present. There are numerous training opportunities at LASC, some of which are described in the latest issue of the Bulletin. One such course is John Farnum’s Urban Rifle on July 11 and 12. Currently eight persons have signed up for Urban Rifle with two from LAPD (Dewayne and Preston).

**Archery** (Dale Melton): See House and Grounds below.

**House and Grounds** (Dale Melton): Dale. Need a welder for indoor trap and some hinges. Ed Jacobson was suggested. Some guys wanted to start an archery league and did. They will shoot once a week. They will have a 3-D shoot. Mowing on the range has begun. Boy Scouts may do an Eagle project on the culvert.

No shooting after sundown policy. Some have been shooting way into dusk. Mounted Patrol has been shooting late up to 10 pm in the indoor range. “No shooting after sunset” time limit means after the sun goes down behind the mountain. IDPA will wrap it up at sunset.

**Hunter Education** (Mike O’Neil): Not present.

**Range Safety** (Skip Anderson): Not present.

**Bulletin** (Mike Barnes and Sean Leffler): Not present.

Respectfully submitted,

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