

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
9/2/2010

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting is October 7 (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, Mike Grimler, Howard Hall, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Dale Melton, and Frank Pytko.

Other Persons Present: Rex Crook (shotgun coach), Chuck Lebeda (member), and 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.)
September 12 – Darby
September 18 – TBD

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

It has been recommended that we avoid impromptu orientations; and, suggested 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. **LASC Gun Show**– Howard – The recent (August 28 and 29) gun show went well. The raffles made \$1100. The show produced about \$8200 in total income. There was positive feedback from vendors. As has been done in the past, it's a good idea to provide

water to the vendors; and, to have someone available to watch tables during vendor breaks. George Brooks won the Henry rifle. An hourly raffle seems like a good idea.

Almost all of the vendors from this year already have signed up for next year (2011). Angie says next year the show will be held at Fuller Lodge. The Lodge has already been reserved. We paid \$1100 for the Mason's Lodge this year. The Board extends kudos to Angie and Darby. Someone stated that the green chile burgers were delicious!

2. New ID Badges – Howard – The new badge process is underway. Howard wants all this taken care of prior to Christmas in time for the next registration/renewal process in February 2011. Getting this done early is deemed mandatory to prevent errors. Howard has a stack of new membership applications.

3. DOE Lease Status – Howard – Mel Smithour is working with DOE on our lease renewal. Angie says we have a receipt for our previous (latest) lease payment. DOE wants proof of liability insurance. DOE is tying up the loose ends for the lease renewal.

4. New Club House Front Door Status – Howard and Mike Grimler – The new door is expected to be installed on September 8.

5. Youth Shotgun Program Status – Mike O'Neil and Rex Crook – Rex and Mike reported on the (currently) 21-member youth trap team shooting activities, and an event in ABQ. They provided a handout of photos and a spreadsheet of youth and adult (volunteer) attendance and participation. There has been good adult supervision. NM Game and Fish has been involved.

There is an ongoing need for ammo and clay targets to support the program. The kids got shooting bags as gifts for participation. A path forward for the kids was discussed. Over the course of one month, \$2600 worth of ammo/clays has been expended. ATA trap organization sponsorship. A request was made to get a pallet of ammo for kids (\$5000). Also suggested were uniforms with sponsor and LASC logos. It seems reasonable and good to invite other teams to sanctioned events at LASC.

Howard suggested checking with Friends of the NRA to request, say, \$10K of funding for this program. It is known that FNRA likes funding programs involving kids and/or women. Howard would like to see a write-up in the LA Monitor. Rex thinks we should try for funding from LANL too. The kids (parents) are buying shotguns! Also, it was suggested to try Tina's and The Outdoorsman for donations and/or sponsorship. We need an LASC release form on file to cover the youth shotgun program for the year covering, say, 24 kids.

Rex made an appeal for Shotgun Instructor training. Howard is willing to volunteer such a course sometime after October.

6. Skeet Field Upgrades – Steve – Steve still plans to integrate all the throwing machines together. Previously, we didn't have the technology. Now, we can do up to 16

stations for 5-stand. Steve is working to achieve compatibility with existing equipment. Each person will be responsible for their own microphone (\$35 each) for voice activation on the skeet range. The whole system is wireless. The whole cost is \$3600.

Steve made a motion for the Club to supply \$4000. The motion passed. Steve will write this up for the Bulletin and provide a web site regarding equipment.

7. Club House Security – Howard – The clubhouse door was left unlocked recently. The vault with rifles and shotguns was left open. On the vault, if the door is open and you spin the dial, it sets open. Then, to fix this, reopen with the combo, close door, and spin the dial. The new door will lock automatically.

8. Data Base Transition – Howard – Steve, Frank, and Mike Grimler will keep working on this. (Jim is no longer doing these duties.) We also need our member skills list in a data base. There are about 60 members who want/need paper copies of the Bulletin.

Frank wants to get a hold of all the membership data from Jim Lujan. Frank has codes to get into the mailing lists for Board, members, etc. But, he does not have codes to access the web sites. We're using PHP mail now. Frank wants to get squared away on the web site to keep things up to date.

9. Fall Clean-Up – Frank –The Fall clean-up day will occur on Saturday, October 23. We will need heavy duty hauling to get steel targets out of pistol pits. We would like to take tables and chairs to the car wash. Howard has a to-do list resulting from the LAFD. We will do photos and sign-ups for membership badges at the clean-up. There will be hamburgers at the clean-up. Frank needs lists of tasks from the Section Heads. A good idea is to bring prospective new members to clean-up so that they can secure their work credit. Some of the shooting stands (benches) on the rifle range need to be refurbished. This action will be passed to Mel Smithour.

Steve recommends that we tile the bathroom floors. We also need to clean the bullet trap in the indoor range. There is a ditch that needs to be fixed on the RHS of the bulls-eye range.

10. LAFD Inspection – Howard – Howard met with the LAFD (a full ladder crew). Fire extinguishers have to be discharged and refilled annually. (Sadly, LAFD observed that our fire-extinguisher bottles were last inspected in 1989!) Once a month there needs to be an inspection of each bottle, and the attached card initialed. Dale agreed to take care of this. We need to cover some exposed electrical outlets. An area between the skeet and trap ranges needs a 5-ft area cleared with a weed-whacker. We need to give access combinations to the LAFD.

New Business - Mike Grimler – A couple of people came up to him complaining about treatment by a for-profit instructor at the bulls-eye range. Reportedly, the instructor was very rude to these persons. It needs to be clear that an instructor only rents a single range, not all the pistol pits, or even the adjacent pit, unless such an arrangement is made

in advance. In the future, we will cordon off reserved ranges with signage to prevent inadvertent interference by non-participants. The ideas of insuring a Club liaison to be present at all for-profit functions was discussed as well as the need for common courtesy at all times.

Pat Laux donated International Trap equipment to LASC. Pat has now departed the Los Alamos area. The particulars on the agreement may have been documented in records for around the end of 2004. *Marv* or Ken was LASC President at this time.

LASC Officer Reports:

President (Howard Hall): Howard ran the meeting. He said NM state-level bulls eye competitions may be held at LASC in the future. Tom Shumaker (Wes' brother) likely would be involved. We need action targets. Howard emphasized the Club's policy of courtesy to *all* members and visitors.

Vice President (Frank Pytko): Frank suggests consolidating all the locks. For example, keys and/or combinations could be kept in a single locked repository available to Club officials. Dale stated that in the past our Section Heads have been responsible for their own locks. As has been discovered access to some locked areas is needed for clean-up days. Frank is gathering suggestions to facilitate "emergency" access.

Treasurer (Angie Chipera): Angie's financial report is in process to include the Gun Show expenses. There have been some mystery deposits. Some could be table rentals at the Show.

Reminder: 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.

All accounts are in the green. We have adequate funds available for projects. Angie reviewed her current budget summary (subject to complete results from the gun show). Angie's e-mail address is angie.chipera@gmail.com.

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin): Dick thanked Frank for taking Board Minutes for the previous two months while he was out of town. 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 (Mike Grimler): See item 8 and New Business above.

At Large Officers: (Tom Jones, Steve McKelvey, and Mel Smithour): Steve reported that floor leveling will be done using Club member help. Chris Luster will obtain materials. Lighting and other work is planned for the future in the Clubhouse. We need 4 or 5 more truck loads of crushed concrete.

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 (Tom Jones): Tom Jones is the new Pistol Section Chair.

Rifle (Mell Smithour): Not present.

Shotgun (Ed Bush): It has been a busy August. There has been a lot of shooting in the last two months. There are 318 cases of clay left. More birds have been ordered and will be delivered on Saturday, September 18. Volunteers will be needed at 8:30 am. Chris Luster provides a fork lift to help in unloading/moving boxes of clay.

Remember to sign in when you use the shotgun ranges. 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): September will be a busy training month. Mike noted that there are a lot of courses coming up. Two ladies first pistol courses are coming up. (See the Calendar.)

Howard brought up the point that if we would allocate about \$1000, we could get a small note-book computer and projector for use in the educational programs (for Power-Point presentations). A motion was made to approve this expenditure and it passed. We have a projector screen in the bird room. Mike Grimler will be the point of focus on this equipment. He plans to keep this in the training safe.

Archery and House and Grounds (Dale Melton): There has been a lot of archery activity. Elk season started up last weekend. Some volunteers have helped with the Archery Range. The various locks seem to be working fine. The pistol-pit-area gate lock numbers have worn off, but this will be fixed.

Bulletin Editor (Darby Ferguson): Not present. The Bulletin will be out this time next week.

Hunter Education (Mike O'Neill): Three hunter education classes are scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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