

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
4/4/2013

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Recording Secretary, *Dick Martin*, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: The minutes from *March 2013* were approved by vote.

Next Monthly Board Meeting (First Thursday): The next meeting will be on *May 2* in the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce conference room starting at 6:30 pm (unless otherwise announced by Stan).

Board Members Present: (Note that our bylaws stipulate that the Past President and Section Chairs appointed by the President also serve as Board members.)

Curtis Benham, Gary Elion, Jeff Fredenburg, Mike Grimler, Stan Hayes, Ken Laintz, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Dale Melton, Mike O'Neill, and Mell Smithour.

Other Persons Present: Don Jones

The full **calendar of events and training** opportunities are on the LASC web page:

<http://www.la-sc.org/>

New Member Orientation (First Sunday of Each Month at 12 Noon):

The orientation for this month will be on
April 7 at 12 Noon

Orientation is usually conducted by Orientation Coordinator:
Curtis Benham

Orientation usually runs about one hour. (See the LASC web page for contact and new member information, including fees, work credit program, and orientation documents.) New member badging and pro-rated fee collection takes place at the same time. We avoid impromptu or ad hoc new member orientations.

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 are reference copies in the clubhouse.

New Member Fees: The pro-rata fee table can be located at the LASC web site at <http://www.la-sc.org/newmember/index.shtml#orientation>

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 Officer Reports:

President (Stan Hayes): April 27 is cleanup day. We still need to centralize the keys/combinations. Stan will update links on the web page to the new membership portal on Wild Apricot.

District 43 (including Los Alamos) Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard has expressed an interest in visiting LASC Club facilities. Stan may invite her on a day (say, April 24, a Wednesday) when the youth are shooting.

Vice President (Steve McKelvey): Steve McK will try to pull together a list of safe, storage container, cabinet, etc., lock combinations

A motion was made to obligate up to \$71,000 for capital improvements per Steve McK's spreadsheet. There was discussion and one objection, but this motion passed. The improvements include indoor floor, rifle range berms, repair 40 ft transportainer, reseal skeet range asphalt, and increasing the parking area above the pistol pits.

Treasurer (Gary Elion): No issues.

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin): Our LASC website Contacts List needs to be updated. Steve McK has someone (Chris McConaha) lined up to serve as our webmaster.

The LASC Board minutes for each month are posted on the LASC web site under "Latest News" and also in the "Contacts" section under "Board Meeting Minutes." A link to this area is <http://www.la-sc.org/boardminutes/index.shtml>.

Membership Secretary (Curtis Benham): Renewal is ongoing. Frank is working with Mike G for this year. About 200 renewals have been processed by Curtis. Curtis has people in mind for backup in this membership area.

The Wild Apricot software and website proposed, obtained, and set up by Mike G will make next year's renewal much more efficient. It is up and running. Curtis will propose some changes.

The recent and any future turnover (continuity) of leaders at renewal time can create problems relative to communications and the renewal process.

At Large Officers: (Ken Laintz, Mike O'Neill, and Mell Smithour): Ken said that no new gun laws have passed lately in NM.

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 to Stan and Steve.

Pistol (Stan Hayes): Improvements will be made to the covered range including the roof and benches.

Rifle (Mell Smithour): The rifle range is getting lots of use. Nothing has been torn up or shot up lately. There is a Garand match coming. High power starts on the first Sunday of May. New gongs need to be made out of armor plate, not mild steel.

Shotgun (Bill Clark): Not Present. Steve McK covered for Bill, and said Bill will have a trap league again this year like last year. The trap league will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning on May 7 and running until June 18.

Steve McK said that Abe Chavez has volunteered to take over as Shotgun Chair. His daughter is one of the youth shooters. This vote passed.

Archery (Jeff Fredenburg): The LASC archery league starts next month on the first Wednesday. The new archery target butts have been shipped to us. Jeff won't be available for cleanup day but will line up an alternate on the archery side.

Training (Mike Grimler): Mike will offer a first steps pistol course on Saturday, May 11. Other opportunities are available...see the LASC calendar. Mike G has had ladies only inquiries. Stan has been compiling a list of females that seek training, and will have a couple of gals contact Mike G. Mike will inventory the training safe during cleanup day and get serial numbers.

Cheaper-Than-Dirt is sponsoring life membership in NRA for \$300 until April 16.

House and Grounds (Dale Melton): Dale has prepared a pavilion user check list. Dale ordered more propane because we were low. The ranges have been busy.

Dale has returned the gate lock combinations to the old setting until we are further along in membership renewal. THE GATE COMBINATIONS WILL BE CHANGED BY APRIL 30. For future years, we may set the combo change for cleanup day.

Bulletin Editor (Vacant): Position needs to be filled.

Hunter Education and Youth Programs (Mike O'Neill): Our Club has been registered with USA Shooting so we can participate in Olympic Shooting Sports. There are 27 registered youth and 5 background-checked instructors. Mike needs about \$300 for supplies for the youth programs.

Old Business:

- 1. Indoor Range Floor:** This item appears on Steve McK's spreadsheet and is being planned.
- 2. Membership 2013 Renewal Drive:** See Membership Secretary above.
- 3. Scholastic Program Update and Needs:** Stan will follow up on this and ask Chris Luchini to come to the May meeting.
- 4. LASC Response to Current Gun Control Mania:** Deferred.

New Business:

1. Bylaws Additions for Membership Management: According to Ken Laintz, past president, the old bylaws said a majority vote was needed to remove a member.

The issue of how to vet a member (no felons, class d misdemeanor – Lautenburg or domestic violence felony conviction, etc.) was discussed. There could be some questions, similar to firearm purchase ATF Form 4473, on the membership registration forms. Mike G will work on this and make a recommendation.

Stan's previous Club (Haltam City) did background checks! Stan formed a committee of himself, Steve McK, and Dick to study this issue and have new articles of incorporation and new bylaws in time for next February for roll out to the membership.

2. Confrontation at Rifle Range: There was a recent incident at the range. The main violation in this case was shooting past sundown. This means when the sun goes down behind the ridge, not when it gets dark. We need to add this definition to the member handbook. The two concerns here are offending the neighbors and safety. We will look at summer and winter shooting hours, say, 8 to 8 in summer, and 8 to 5 in winter. We need signs to this effect. Stan will follow up on this issue. If necessary, there will be a letter sent to the offending individual.

Our member visitor, Don Jones, has acquired a bow and plans to shoot on the archery range.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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