

LASC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
5/2/2013

**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 *April 2013* were approved by vote.

**Next Monthly Board Meeting (First Thursday):** The next meeting will be on *June 6* 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.)

THIS MEETING: Curtis Benham, Gary Elion, Jeff Fredenburg, Stan Hayes, Ken Laintz, Dick Martin, Steve McKelvey, Dale Melton, and Mike O'Neill.

**Other Persons Present:**

THIS MEETING: Chris Luchini

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

*May 5* 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): As a result of the election of new Board members and membership renewal, much is coming together at the same time. We might want to have Board elections in fall of each year to prevent transition nightmares. No decision was made on the latter suggestion.

We are dropping our Dex Yellow Page listing. The cost was about \$240 and does not seem to be worth the expense.

**Vice President** (Steve McKelvey): Wild Apricot (website software for membership management researched, recommended, and purchased by Mike Grimler) is capable of hosting our Club web page. LunarPages (our previous web software) has been billing us for hosting our web site and for supporting alias names in contact lists, but we will be moving as much as possible to Wild Apricot instead.

**Treasurer** (Gary Elion): Gary is printing statements from LANB. On the litigation front, Gary is busy defending hunting easement to lands, a private and state patchwork.

**Recording Secretary** (Dick Martin): Dick circulated and discussed our LASC hazard insurance (buildings and contents) through Colonial General Insurance Agency, which we arrange through Farmers Insurance (Kathy Steck) in Los Alamos. The limits of coverage in this policy should be reviewed.

Dick wrote out three reimbursement checks to cover Cleanup Day expenses and Scholastic Pistol Program targets and pistols.

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."

**Membership Secretary** (Curtis Benham): Curtis needs and will purchase more badge blanks (see New Business). Curtis brought up the question of having internet at the range. He advocates that we obtain this for various reasons including verification of payments. Dale may rent access to the Club.

**At Large Officers:** (Ken Laintz, Mike O'Neill, and Mell Smithour): See below.

**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): Stan recommended Roy Van Tien as his replacement as Pistol Section Chair. See New Business.

**Rifle** (Mell Smithour): Not present.

**Shotgun** (Abe Chavez): Not Present. We voted on purchasing an isolation unit for the shotgun ranges for about \$350. This vote passed.

**Archery** (Jeff Fredenburg): The new archery target butts are up. They will be painted this weekend. The summer archery league has started with 26 persons. Jeff knows that 8-10 more persons want to join. Jeff is spending about \$300 for awards and raffle prizes. He will add league fee money to have about \$1500 total in awards.

Jeff asked Cathy Brooks (who has Junior Olympics archery coaching experience) if she would do the youth archery program.

**Training** (Mike Grimler): Not present. Mike has an NRA First Steps class on May 11. Frank Pytko will conduct a NM CCW course on May 18-19.

**House and Grounds** (Dale Melton): The new septic tank seems to be working well. Dale changed the gate locks to the new combination on Sunday, April 28.

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

**Hunter Education and Youth Programs** (Mike O'Neill): The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) shoot will be on June 8. There are 3 teams in the state, but they are small so far. About 25 to 30 shooters are expected. The competition will include 50 rounds of trap, 50 rounds of 5-stand, and 50 rounds of bunker trap.

### **Old Business:**

**1. Cleanup Day Reports:** Steve McK reported that 38 persons showed up to help. He showed a spreadsheet of all that was accomplished. One member developed a preventative maintenance program list for the shotgun ranges. Steve McK wants to get all of our machines under this type of maintenance program. Chris Luchini volunteered to take care of this.

Steve McK reported that the floor discontinuity (tripping hazard) in the indoor range finally has been fixed. Quick Flow Crete was used to fill in the offset. The rifle range berms were improved to prevent ricochets or shoot-byes. The 40-foot "transportainer" was leaking, but is now sealed. The upper area for pistol range parking has been enlarged. Roll roofing material was installed on the covered range roof.

**2. Report on Confrontation at Rifle Range:** Stan has been trying to contact the individual without a return call. This person is still shooting beyond the time limit (sun below the ridge) and thus continuing to violate LASC range rules.

**3. Bylaws Additions for Membership Management:** At the April meeting, Stan appointed a committee to review the bylaws. Stan is putting together a list of topics and pertinent documents.

**4. LASC Response to Current Gun Control Mania:** Stan is drafting a letter for the Board to review. It will be a collective statement regarding the philosophy of the Club. We continue to support a number of shooting sports organizations including the NRA.

### **New Business:**

**1. Youth Chair (Nomination and Approval):** Stan is proposed that we add a new Chairmanship, responsible for all youth programs. Ken L says that we used to have such a position over a long period of time. It only fell apart about a year ago. Then Mike O'Neill started the youth shotgun program. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

Stan asked Mike O if he would take this position and Mike O said yes. Stan made this appointment.

Also, Stan knows someone who is interested in coordinating the state Hunter Education program. Mike O has run about 3 HE classes per year recently. Other outdoor skills can be included in these programs. Also, some think there can be a 4-H shooting program (that does not necessarily include other craft aspects).

**2. Pistol Chair (Nomination and Approval):** Stan appointed Roy Van Tien as the new LASC Pistol Section Chair.

**3. Clarifications of Scholastic Program:** Stan recalled that \$5000 of startup funding for our new 501 C-3 parallel organization, and youth program (SPP and SCTP) was approved at the March meeting. This was to purchase the target systems. The ringer steel challenge targets and any other associated hardware are considered to become property of the Club. There is a need for \$2233.93 for Club targets that would come out of the \$5000. The purpose of the 501 C-3 is to allow tax deductions for donors to our youth educational programs. That is, this money would flow towards charitable educational programs.

Stan suggested revising the past approval to include \$500 of possible fees in the near term necessary to complete the 501 C-3 applications. However, Chris thinks there is no cost or funding associated with the applications. This parallel organization will not own anything. The targets and SCT 12-gage semi-auto shotguns are part of the youth section. Mike O'Neill, as youth program chairman will administer these funds on behalf of the Board.

Chris indicated that he needs to order two pistols are needed, both S&Ws. The program needs one MP9 and one MP22 at a total cost of \$968.35. Dick wrote two checks, one for this purchase, and one for purchase of the targets.

**4. Membership Issues 1 (Lapsed Memberships):** Dick brought up the cost of insurance for lapsed memberships per a broadcast memo from Stan on the renewal process on May 2. Dick thought it was a mistake to pay for lapsed members. However, for insurance purposes, we make our “best estimate” on the number of members anyway, and need to be conservative as new members join (or renew) during the year. So, this is a moot point.

**5. Membership Issues 2 (Proximity Cards):** Curtis has put in a request for more proximity cards. The approximate cost for 1000 cards will be about \$3600. They last for about 3 years as we last purchased cards in 2010. The cards cost about \$3.30 each. Motion was made and passed to allocate up to \$4000.

**6. Terrorism Insurance:** Dick brought up the question of Terrorism Insurance that is an optional rider on the hazard insurance policy (see Recording Secretary). We decided not to carry the latter rider, and this decision will be conveyed to Kathy Steck at Farmers.

**7. Request for CCW Course:** Chris Luchini wants to do a one-time CCW class. In general, we try to alternate one CCW instructor per month. Chris is proposing to do this class for free, that is, not for profit. Money that comes in would be a donation to the club. He only needs an outdoor range for one day. This is a State certification, but considered a Club event. Chris has to have his own insurance.

**Meeting Adjourned at** approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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