

Minutes 1/11/2024

Meeting open at 6:02 pm

Pledge of allegiance

Open call to members

Matt Schwartzkoff stood and made introductions of Arizona Game and Fish. Official title Arizona statewide shooting administrator. Come to meet the new board.

Stan Snow stated that being a new person on the board he does have some ideas he would like to talk to Matt about.

One of the things is the 500 yard range there have been people in wheelchairs that only has a dirt berm and it makes it to where the wheelchairs have to be babysat. He was wondering if the berm at 500 yards could be done away with and close down the 500 yard range. This would be to put berms off to the side of the 1000 at 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 and there is already one for the 1000. Then there would only have to be an ADA ramp at the 1000 where there is already a concrete pad. This would allow us to be ADA compliant as well as be able to shoot from 300-1000 yards. Stan offered to write it up and send it to Matt. Matt agreed for him to write the proposal and send it. Also to include the safety aspect of the range. Also the road that is close to the 100 yard range may be too close. Matt stated that the road is outside the 15 degree safety clearance. Stan stated then we could move the conex box and block off the lane. Matt stated that is an option. Stan said he would write it up and send it.

Fred then asked Matt about the request that was made a couple of months back about the burning off the vegetation of the shot gun impact area. Fred stated he had not spoken to the fire chief yet but that he does have a good relationship with the fire chief. Fred wanted to talk to the fire chief about off season training with the burning of that area. Then in 2028 we are supposed to be doing the lead retrieval according to the president of the Arizona ATA. Matt asked to have it further explained why it is needed and what it would accomplish. At this time AZG&F will not approve any type of burning on the facility. There is native vegetation that at this time does not have any kind of danger of causing a hazard there will not be an approval. Fred stated it would make it easier to mine the impact area if it is cleared. Question was asked if the fire department would pay for the expense of them coming out and write it off as training. Fred stated that it would still be up to Matt as he is the administrator. Matt asked why we would do the burn off of the vegetation. Fred stated that the main reason would be to clear it off so there are fewer problems with the mining of the area. Also since we now have the access road for the sporting clay area we can start having promoters wanting to so the sporting clay shoots. Which could make us some money and get more widely known? Question was brought up would it add any extra expense to the mining if this area is not cleared? Fred stated this is unknown as all he does is put in the request to AZG&F and they come up with the contractor. Stan stated that there are thousands of acres around this range that are covered by creosote brush so is there any way to scrape off the creosote and pile it up and throw it away? Matt stated if Stan wanted to write up a proposal to that effect he can submit it for approval. Vicki asked Matt that we would be able to clear it just not burn it. Matt stated the

area in question has already been cleared as they have done mining on this area before. When the sporting clay shoots are done then there will be mining in other areas and the contractor for the mining will tell you where he needs to go. Matt stated that Steve Bell knows of the contact for the miners. Matt stated the name of the contractor is the Lead Guys. Vicki stated she will get ahold of Steve Bell to get the ideas of the numbers and years we are looking at. Made statement to table discussion until this is fully looked at. Fred agreed.

Stan brought up "Rope yarn Sunday". Stated that he had heard Fred wants to do a "Rope yarn Sunday" to clean the range. Fred stated he is looking to just get the range cleaned up. Stan asked if it would be Every Sunday or once a month. What would be the scheduling on this item? This would interfere with the schedule for the 500/1000 yard range. Fred stated that is one of the problems with this is that there are many shooters who are involved with different shoots. Fred would like to see the 1200 yard shoot done on a quarterly basis. Right now it is not a widely known thing but if we do more of it then it will bring in more people. Fred stated he was thinking of two days for closure which would be the first and the third Mondays. Fred is not a proponent of closing the range except when maintenance has to be done. Depending on the project we might have to do so. We are also looking at the safety of having to repair and paint so the people doing the maintenance aren't in any danger. Stan stated is it possible if we shut down not entire range but sections of the range? We would be able to put that on the website to let members know. Stan asked about the schedule that was proposed from Vicki. Vicki did not have it with her. Stan proposed a schedule and we will try to work around it for hours to have the 500 open and 1000 open. This schedule to be posted on the web site. Fred asked about the the sporting machines and Matt stated we needed to get ahold of the Northern Arizona shooting foundation as the machines in Flagstaff belong to them.

Matt stated they have plans to alleviate the problem of the 500/1000 yard range being used at the same time. He asked what construction is going to be happening on the I-40 highway. We need dirt in order to be able to make the plan come to fruition. If we could get a hold of the construction companies as they have to get rid of the dirt and they pay to get rid of it. Matt would rather put a lateral berm instead of having one behind the 500 meter range. Which this berm would be between 12 to 15 feet high from the 1000 yard pad to the 500. Vicki states she will contact the highway department to try to find out what will be available. Matt stated that they would be willing to maybe shape the berm as they brought the dirt in since they are getting a chance to get a tax break for donating the dirt and machinery to do it. Vicki asked if Fred would be ok for her to put out feelers on the highway department. Fred was fine with it.

Stan stated plan b could be that we move the dirt into the lateral berms at each one of the shooting distances. Since no one uses the berms they could be moving the dirt the existing dirt from the 500 pad. Matt stated that would need to be written up to be safety issues. Jim asked if there is an already approved engineering plan so if this all comes together we wouldn't lose the asset. The lateral will be looked into from Matt. Matt also stated the 500 meter shooting area has been approved to have a canopy and upgrades done. Stan asked to be able to get approved for the schedule.

Victor stated the calendar needs to be able to be accessible. The purpose of the other calendar is that the law enforcement cannot have the normal people know when they are there. Victor would like there to be more information on the calendar so they can be updated and be able to keep up with the bays. Matt says he can get access to the other calendar. Victor is asking to be able to know when they are doing what they are doing on what bay and when we need to get those bays for law enforcement and for the public.

Close the members meeting

Open the board of Directors Meeting

Roll call all present

Minutes of meeting for 12/14/2023 were read by Vicki Holm. Minutes were approved with change of Stan Snow winning 1200 shoot not Russell Holm. Stan makes motion to accept and Fred seconded.

Stan Snow makes motion to adopt the schedule of 500/1000 Monday 8-12 500, Monday 12-4 1000, Tuesday 8-12 500, Tuesday 12-4 500, Wednesday 8-12 500, Wednesday 12-4 1000, Thursday 8-12 1000, Thursday 12-4 500, Friday Saturday Sunday first come first serve. Fred made motion to accept Craig seconded.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion made by Stan to accept unanimous acceptance.

Stan asked if the water leak was found. Fred stated water leak has not been found.

Vicki stated that we need to find someone other than Ambient Edge to do the work as they have not found the issue. What can be done as the water is going up and the meter needs to be looked at. The conversation ensued as to what is the next option to find a different way to keep this water bill down and that the meter needs to be moved closer. Jim brought up that there is a water line that runs along the highway and the meter should have been moved to our driveway. Stan brought up water haul or digging well. It was explained that is not an option as it is not our property and AZG&F would have to give permission with would entail an environmental study that could take time. Jim brought up the water commission. Matt stated he thinks it should be the company's responsibility to bring a meter to the property. Explained trying to get in touch with the water company has been a nightmare. Jim brought up about the utilities commission being contacted. Matt stated to go to the utilities commission. Matt wants to do some digging to see if he can find anything out. Vicki stated she will send him all the information she has. Vicki asked if Fred is alright and Fred stated he approved. Matt will check for historical records on the line. Vicki stated needed to find out from Ambient edge a detailed bill for the hours worked and get that paid off.

Fred stated there have been 800.00 of brass sold from the retrieval on the range. He has kept a detailed ledger as to what he has spent out of that amount for maintenance and items that needed to be done. 5 gentlemen help to get the brass together. They take it to the recycler.

Don Martin wants to do installation of the plaque. The plaque was ready to be placed. Vicki will check on if the plaque to see what's up with it.

\$3396.00 talk to Amber at Ambient edge. Vicki will take care of them.

Bob Mclellan reimbursement for 100.00 it has been paid.

Vicki stated as there is a charge account at True Value there needs to be a list of those that are authorized to use that account. Fred agrees with the list and states it will be updated as the need arises. Vicki states she will go pay the bill that is outstanding and put the list in place. Fred agrees.

Matt said he is very pleased that it has been quiet and he is glad that the new board seem to be handling things well.

Vicki spoke about the Burton Carter and Dave setting up the categories from the POS system to help with the audits and taxes. There will be a meeting with Burton Carter on Monday with Dave and Vicki. Fred is pleased.

T-shirts time to get new ones ordered. Mike Adams wants XX and XL. Pocketed will not be available but these will be less expensive. Dave stated if there is approval they will do 12 shirts. Fred approved the 12 shirts that Linda can print. Mike Adams asked Vicki to send the official email to approve the shirts. Vicki stated she will send the email.

Jim thanked Matt to for helping with the water system.

Motion to adjourn made by Vicki seconded by Stan. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm