

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER'S BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

President John Bair thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and began by talking about the Junior Shooting Program, primarily the Hi Power Rifle side of the Junior Program. Of concern was the lack of policy and guidelines concerning the clubs practice of equipment issue, property records, and basic level of instruction provided to the junior shooters. This included the level of competence the juniors have before they are allowed to handle fire arms, or receive various equipment for the matches, as well as reloading components. It was noted that the juniors should reach a certain level of ability before everything is simply handed to them. The issue of course is how we can improve the situation. Also how can we increase the numbers of our juniors and entry level competitors? It is also apparent that we could use some more "NRA qualified Instructors". During the conversation it became apparent that we need to consider some policy manual changes for the management of the Junior Shooting Program, (Hi Power Rifle) Weapons/Equipment Control, Funding, Student level of growth, and their qualifications. It was decided to establish a committee, to study the problem, come up with solutions and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at our Annual meeting next spring.

As Noted in the July Minutes, the club purchased M-1 Garand's rather than A R 15's for a fund raising raffle rifle. The club now has (2) each Winchester M-1 Garand's that we can raffle for fund raising. It was noted that the winner must sign a dealer 4473 form in order to receive the rifle.

Dennis French, informed us of the Game and Fish current and new rules, including the changing regulations concerning Air Craft and Drones. Dennis will use our Facebook site to help keep folks up to date on the latest game and fish information.

Dudley Irvine discussed the upcoming junior championships for 2017, including the USA shooting sports Olympic match in Colorado, and the upcoming match for juniors in Lander for the month of April.

It was voted to give the city of Rawlins \$10,000.00 (as had been previously planned for, and set aside) for the building of a 1000 yard range to include electronic targets was approved without objection. They have met our request and guidelines, signed an agreement with us, and they ask to hold the state championship long range match for 2017.

It was voted to suspend life memberships for 24 months and raise the annual member dues to \$25.00 a year, and the motion passed by the 2/3 officers by-law requirements with a few extra votes to spare.

The Boy Scouts from Greater Wyoming Council #638, (Casper) made a request for funds and informed us that they were looking for assistance to help bring juniors into the shooting sports to include most all shooting disciplines. It was evident that they are in the beginning stages of planning and organizing themselves for this operation. We encouraged them to work with us, as well as the local clubs in the area for firearm support, range access, and with local firearm instructors to set up classes and training. We encouraged them to seek funds from the Friends of the NRA and the Shooting Sports Heritage Foundation. We also encouraged them to come back to us (at our spring meeting) and present a plan that shows how the funding is used and who receives the training. We look forward to hearing from them at our spring meeting.

The discussion began in earnest and at times was somewhat confusing and intense concerning the state match trophy's and who should be recognized as winners. The conversation was centered on who should be allowed to have their name on the wssa sponsored trophies, state resident only, or the match winner, regardless of their state residency. Most everyone made comments and suggestions. This topic took a little bit of time to work thru. It was decided that the high Wyoming resident would have their name put on the wssa sponsored trophy and the state match winner would receive due notice but no award.

Nick presented to all the board officers a copy of the new proposed Policy Manual, (Rev 1) and explained the need for the new changes and guidelines. It was decided that everyone would e-mail Nick any suggestions, changes, or recommendations by Dec 13th. After incorporating the changes and recommendations in the new revisions, Nick will e-mail it back to the Officers, this will allow an up to date copy to be voted on by our annual meeting.

Nick made the following proposed amendments (changes) to the Clubs By-Laws. They begin with, Change club fiscal year to 1 Jan to Dec 31, Update our last changes to include the new junior hi power director in all sections of the by-laws as appropriate, have 2 membership meetings a year, one in spring and one in fall, have the elections in the fall. Completely rewrite Art 12, remove complementary membership options, and change the quorum requirements from 2 to 4 club officers to conduct club business. Nick also gave everyone a copy of what the new by-laws would look like if they were in effect today. Since the amendments have been proposed they will now be put on a referendum and mailed to the membership at large with the January newsletter.

WSSA Elections 2017

The following people agreed to have their names on the ballots as follows. Note Dudley was nominated by Dennis.

Vice President David Urasky,

Secretary/Treasurer Nick Nickelson

Hunting Conservation Denis French

Junior Small Bore/Air Rifle Dudley Irvine

Election ballots will be included with the January newsletter.

It was agreed by all that we will move toward the use of e-mail, Facebook, and web site communications for all our operations as much as possible. This is to include the use of e-mail notifications for newsletters posted on the web site rather than mailed via U S postal service. The goals are to hold down costs and attract younger folks to the shooting sports.