

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
Snowshoe Gun Club, Inc.  
December 3, 2011**

Location: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Building, 40610 Kalifornsky Beach Rd, Kenai, AK  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Purpose: Annual Meeting of Membership

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 0910 hr**

1. Reports

- a) [Bob Seymour] Status of Capital Project for Rifle Range: Replace Target Stands and Repair Access Road – President Seymour reported the rifle range saw some improvements, primarily in the shooting/warming shack with finishing the inside and upgrading the wood stove. Improvements to the rifle range will receive priority in 2012, following completion of the new building. Planned improvements include new target stands and access road improvements. There have been questions on widening the rifle range, and that is not scheduled for the upcoming year.
- b) [Brian Meyer] Status of Capital Project for Pistol Ranges – President Seymour spoke in Vice President Brian Meyer’s absence – Dirt work was started during the year to establish a pistol silhouette range and new shooting bays. The work will continue through 2012, but is dependent on the availability of donated equipment. Completion of the pistol range expansion may take several years. New power lines were run to the pistol range, allowing for improved lighting and better isolation of the electrical circuits. The shooting shack on pistol bay 2 was improved with insulation and a better woodstove. The cement walkways in pistol bay 3 were removed. This has been questioned by several members, but was necessary to remove a ricochet hazard. The addition of more covered shooting stations is also planned in 2012.
- c) [A.E. Poynor ] Range Grant Information – Secretary Poynor reported application for an NRA Foundation grant, in the sum of \$28,371, was submitted to allow completion of the training building. The grant may be only partially funded, but should go far toward completion of that project.
- d) [Darrell Aleckson] Status of Capital Project for Training/Meeting building – Treasurer Aleckson reported: To date, \$47, 208 have been spent on the training/meeting building, with several outstanding invoices yet to pay. The building is shelled, roofed and heated. Finishing work (sheetrock) is about to start. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game donated \$2,500 toward

the project. The building will be primarily used for training, and it is hoped that specialized classes, put on by members, will be made available, in addition to agency training such as that from ADF&G.

- e) [Darrell Aleckson] Status of Mortgage payments and Special Savings for future payment of land purchase – Treasurer Aleckson reported: The mortgage payments for the club land are current.
  - f) [Darrell Aleckson] Finance Report – Treasurer Aleckson reported: Total memberships in the club in 2011 were 882. Currently in the club accounts: \$75,991 is in the checking account, and the land purchase reserve account at the credit union holds \$30,000.
2. President’s Report – President Seymour reported: The drastic increase in members resulted in a shortage of gate keys. Efforts are being made to prevent a similar problem in 2012. There was a tremendous amount of volunteer labor and equipment for range improvements and the new training/meeting building. Snowshoe Gun Club became the official sponsor for the Women on Target and Teens on Target training programs. The club is investigating obtaining the land currently down range from the club. The additional land would allow for 1,000 yard targets. The club will approach the new Borough administration about the acquisition, and the purchase of the land has been worked into the proposed budget for 2012. Training of Range Safety Officers (RSO) was conducted during the year, and RSO’s will become part of the club operation during periods of heavy use. President Seymour pointed out that safety on the range is everyone’s responsibility, and we all need to “police” our fellow members to ensure safety is practiced.
3. Short Recess To Determine Voting Members /// **Recall to Order at 1020 hr**
4. Roll Call of Voting Members Fifteen (15) voting members were counted
5. New Business:
- i) Annual Budget and Determination of Annual Dues for 2012  

The proposed budget for 2012 was presented. No objections or modifications to the proposed budget were presented from the members present.
  - ii) Election of Directors. There are currently 7 directors elected by the voting members. At their first meeting after the annual meeting, the directors will vote for the officers to serve for the next year or until successors have been elected.  

The Bylaws, like those of most organizations, provide that directors should serve for three years, with staggered terms, which requires designating seat numbers. This

year, two seats were up for election: Seat 3, held by Brian Meyer and Seat 4, held by Darrell Aleckson.

**Nominations were opened for the 2 vacant seats.**

Seat 3 (Three years beginning 2012)

-Currently held by

Brian Meyer (VP) (incumbent) and Steve Meyer nominated from the floor

Seat 4 ( Three years beginning 2012)

-Currently held by

Darrell Aleckson (Tres) (incumbent) and no nominations from the floor

Motion to close nominations: Name not recorded

Second: Bobby Cox

Questions: no questions were brought forth

Voting by seat number:

Seat 3: Steve Meyer received the majority of the votes

Seat 4: Darrell Aleckson was unopposed

6. Comments and questions from the Members:

Darrell Aleckson explained the Kenai Police Department's (KPD) decision to purchase individual memberships for all of its officers, in lieu of purchasing the agency membership. Such an arrangement presented a larger fee than KPD would have paid with the agency membership, even with range reservation fees during the year. In consideration of that arrangement, and in consideration of all the volunteer labor KPD has provided for range improvements and work on the building, Aleckson proposed a motion to allow an official waiver of range use fees for the KPD in the upcoming year. The proposal was seconded by Bobby Cox. Terry Macabee spoke in favor. No opposition to the proposal was presented. Phil Nash pointed out the Board of Directors needs to establish an official club policy for allowing fee waivers. The Board will take up the issue during the year to develop an official policy. In the mean time, KPD will receive the waiver.

The issue of outhouses at the ranges was brought up. Steve Meyer, Christine Cunningham and Phil Nash all expressed a need for improvement of the existing outhouses and/or building new ones. The need for improved and/or additional outhouses is supported by the increased number of club members, in general, and the increased number of women and children using the club. Phil Nash noted that for certain events, organizations that reserve the ranges bring in chemical toilets. One member brought up the toilet that will be available in the new training/meeting building. However, all agreed that the new building was not convenient for people at either the rifle range or the pistol range, nor would it be adequate for large numbers of people on a consistent basis. President Seymour stated outhouse improvements would be considered as part of range

improvements, and the needed changes will be addressed by the Board of Directors during the upcoming year.

A general discussion within the membership reiterated the need for members to focus on safety. The general feeling was that most safety issues were related to inexperience, not necessarily disregard for safety, and experienced members should be willing to tactfully coach inexperienced shooters when at the range.

**Adjournment: 1110 hr**

Submitted: Alan E. Poynor, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT

Proposed 2012 Budget of \$64,000. Assuming membership of 800 and gate fee of \$80

| Item                      | Description  | Amount              |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Insurance                 | Liability (\$1,000,000 NRA ) ((851 x \$9.76))  | \$ 8,306.00         |
| Insurance                 | Training Building Comprehensive and Fire   | \$ 1,229.00         |
| Gate Keys                 | 2012 Gate Keys and main gate lock (Purchase 800)   | \$ 3,200.00         |
| Member Cards              | Membership Cards (with imprinted rules)  | \$ 800.00           |
| Electricity               | Electric (HEA) (12 x \$40)   | \$ 480.00           |
| Fuel, Heat                | Heating Training Building  | \$ 1,250.00         |
| Snow Plowing              | Worst case estimate  | \$ 4,000.00         |
| Publication               | Newspaper Publication: Annual and Special Meetings   | \$ 150.00           |
| Website                   | Domain and Host Fees   | \$ 175.00           |
| Dust Abatement            | Calcium Chloride for dust abatement on road  | \$ 1,200.00         |
| Road Repairs              |  | \$ 3,000.00         |
| Range Repairs             | Annual Range Repairs (Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun)  | \$ 2,000.00         |
| P.O. Box                  |  | \$ 125.00           |
| Office Supply             | Postage, Paper, etc.   | \$ 2,500.00         |
| Land Purchase             | Capital Project: \$45,000 5 years @ \$9,000 + interest   | \$ 9,500.00         |
| Rifle Range Improvements  | Capital Project: Rifle range – Replace Target Stands and Repair Access Road (\$10,000 @ \$2,000 per year x 5 yr) | \$ 2,000.00         |
| Pistol Range Improvements | Capital Project: Pistol Range – Two covered shooting areas \$5,000 @ \$1,000 per year                            | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Acquisition               | Capital project: Acquisition of Down Range Lands from KPB \$92,100 @ \$18,420 x 5 yrs                            | \$ 18,420.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>       |  | <b>\$ 59,335.00</b> |
| Income                    | Income assuming \$80 per member x 800  | \$ 64,000.00        |
| <b>Balance</b>            | <b>Assumed income less budget</b>  | <b>+\$ 4,665.00</b> |

Based on 2011. Note: The board has tried to balance the expenses to meet the increased membership over the last two years, but has decided to take a conservative approach relative to income by anticipating 800 members, even though there were 851 members in 2011.