

Annual Meeting of the membership of the Snowshoe gun Club Inc., meeting minutes

Date: 2 December, 2023 start time 10:30

Attendance: President Bob Seymour, VP Stuart Goldstein, Secretary Jim Trujillo, Treasurer Dave Hopkins and Directors Heath Boutwell, Kevin Feller and Don Feltman. Members present included Mike Mathews, Darrel Aleckson, Dave Emery, JR Dailey, Tom Weaver, Steve Meyer, Jim Bretton, Vern Hopkins, Ken, and Adam, Ana and Peyton Bertoldo.

Purpose: Annual meeting of the membership.

Call to order.

1. President's report: President Seymour said he felt that the club was running well but that it had been a frustrating year for him personally due to injuries that kept him away. He said that pursuing the purchase of the Spenser property continued. He went on to mention that 2023 membership numbers were down, with only 859 memberships in 2023.
2. Reports:
 - a. Status of 2023 capital projects: President Seymour said that there were no 2023 capital projects.
 - b. Pistol range bay #5 building: President Seymour mentioned that the building in bay #5 was completed. The building had been started in 2022. All that it needs is to have its oil stove installed.
 - c. Finance report/website comments: Treasurer Hopkins reported the following balances, Practical shooters \$5,712, Wells Fargo \$520, Scholastic clays \$4,330, checking \$117,332, savings \$100,069 and clays \$14,535. He went on to mention that the orientation video is being redone by AK Boy Productions, and that some corrections are being made. Also, Club Committee members will have access to the website to post important notices.
 - d. Membership report: Secretary Trujillo said the club ended up the year with 859 members, 847 family memberships, 8 Agency and 4 Corporate. 30% of the family members were new to SGC.
 - e. Safety program: It was mentioned that there had been no RSO training classes since the passing of Board member Larry Rogers in November 2022. A current Board member may be sent Outside at a later date to receive the training to train RSOs when, and if such a class happens. The USPSA RO training class was mentioned. The club has many additional ROs for that shooting event.
 - f. SGC membership renewals: From the 3rd of January through the 27th of March renewals will be processed at the rifle range, Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00PM.
 - g. New Member orientation: For the same time period new member orientation will happen at the training building on Wednesdays at 6:00PM only!
 - h. The Board thanked member Mike Mathews for keeping SGC meeting minutes and writing Resolutions.
 - i. Additional comments from Directors: Director Boutwell mentioned that due to taking a job, Director Feller had agreed to take over the running of USPSA/SCSA shooting.

He also mentioned the success of the RO class, and the USPSA summit which was held this summer and will happen again in 2024.

Director Feller talked about the need for a committee to help in getting the Kenai Peninsula Steel Challenge match going. He went on to mention the change in squadding for the shooters in the 6PM Steel Challenge group. (two buildings will be used as opposed to one). Also mentioned were the proposed budget items for pistol bay five, including a new storage structure and new safety area. He finished up by mentioning that SGCs program ranked very high in many categories as compared to other ranges across the USA.

Director Feltman said that due to lots of precipitation in 2023, the grass at the rifle range had grown very high, making it impossible to shoot prone at 1000 yds. Work on raising the berm is continuing.

President Seymour mentioned that he hears from people that not enough is being done to insure safety at the range. He went on to say that safety is always the number one concern of the Board. Many improvements have been made, and more are being considered.

Secretary Trujillo said that the number of clays shooters is up. The club bought a van full of birds late this year, and although the birds went up in price, our price to members will remain the same. \$5.00 a round.

VP Goldstein said that people taking the membership test are still failing to understand that purpose of the red light at the rifle range. This evolved into a general discussion of gun safety at the range. Topics discussed included, limiting guests, more RSO coverage and kicking unsafe shooters out of SGC.

Treasurer Hopkins said he would be focusing on the Treasurers position now that he no longer runs the website.

3. New Business

- A. Annual budget: operations and capital items for 2024: Treasurer Hopkins explained the proposed 2024 operating budget line by line to all assembled. He then went on to mention that the budget is based on a membership of 850 members, and that it costs in excess of \$97,000 a year to run SGC.

Treasurer Hopkins then explained the capital budget items, and mentioned that these are not finalized until approved by the Board. Proposed Capital budget items for 2024 include, Spencer property purchase \$50,000, road and culvert repair \$10,000, clays range \$10,000, pistol bay roofs \$10,000, pistol bay #5 storage and safety area \$35,000, 2nd pistol area outhouse \$6,500, fiber optic/security \$3,000, lighting \$2,500.

VP Goldstein recommended that the club budget up to \$24,000 for a new training video which has been talked about in the past. There was some discussion of the matter, including getting bids from other production companies, as well as ideas about what should be included, and how it should be presented.

Elections

4. Explanation of voting members. Members wanting to vote must sign the voting member application and pay the \$1.00 fee.
5. Roll call of voting members.

Election of Directors. This year there three seats up for election.

Seat 3 held by Director Don Feltman.

Seat 4 held by Director Jeremy "Heath" Boutwell

Seat 5 held temporarily by Director Kevin Feller (Filling in the balance of Director Rogers term)

President Seymour asked if the current Directors would run for re-election. Jeremy and Kevin said yes, and Don said yes, but that if someone else was interested in the job he would step aside. President Seymour then asked for nominations from the floor, and member Dave Emery was nominated. Hearing no further nominations, ballots were handed out and a vote was taken.

Short recess to compile voting results.

VP Goldstein announced that Kevan and Jeremy would retain their seats on the Board, and that Dave Emery will occupy Board seat #3

6. Comments and questions from the members:
 - Member Ken asked about the property that the clubs main gate sits on which is currently owned by the city of Kenai. Can it be bought? If so, how much of the lot should SGC buy? President Seymour will look into it.
 - Member Darrel Aleckson felt that the clubs main gate should not be moved further back on the road for security reasons. As it is now the gate is more visible to Police and others. Moving it back will only cause traffic jams, and provide a hidden spot for illicit drug use. President Seymour said he agrees.
 - President Seymour mentioned that, contrary to popular belief there are no paid positions at SGC.
 - Treasurer Hopkins thanked member John L. for the mounts from the old Barber shop.

Meeting ended 12:41

