

August 8th Retirees Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened promptly at 10:00 am with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by member Gary Kreider.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Member Gary Arteno was introduced as the Club's new Treasurer. Gary has graciously volunteered to replace retiring Treasurer Mike Blinkhorn. Thank you Gary!

Member Paul Knoble gave a presentation covering the need for volunteers for committees throughout the Club. He stressed the point that our Club is a volunteer organization. We need to have strong committee participation in order for the Club to succeed.

Gary Kreider mentioned that all members must sign in at the Rifle range, the pistol range and the Lake. Also if you bring a guest you must sign that guest in on the sign in sheet and pay the \$10.00 guest fee for each guest. Envelopes and instructions are provided at the ranges. These fees help to maintain the ranges.

Vice President Frank Burkett mentioned that on the top header of the website there is now a tab for Retirees

meetings. Notices for Retirees and the meeting minutes will be posted under this tab.

Vice President Burkett also stressed how important it is that when we use the ranges we must do so safely. Sometimes even the best shooters become complacent and do things that may endanger other shooters and people who live down range. Please shoot safely.

Vice President Burkett also spoke of the ongoing discussion of a possible dues increase or an assessment on all members to help the financial position of the Club. He made the following points;

1. All of us on a fixed income have been negatively affected by the current economic situation. So has the Club. For example in order to keep our property in the condition that we all like to see it in we burn lots of diesel fuel. The cost of that fuel has doubled this year.
2. The Retirees over the past 10 or more years have enjoyed a 50 percent discounted dues rate. To date this year we have approximately 500 members. Approximately 300 of those are Retirees. This means that the Club this year alone has lost \$30,000 in membership income. Membership income is the main

source of revenue for the Club. This trend is not sustainable.

3. The equipment that our volunteers use to maintain the Club grounds is in deplorable condition. It has not been updated in many years. One of our larger expenses is maintaining this equipment.

According to our new Constitution and Bylaws we have already missed the July deadline for a dues increase for 2023. The Board is continuing discussions on a possible assessment for 2023. We feel that the Club will need more funds to continue to stay in exestinance.

There was a discussion concerning situational awareness. We all need to be vigilant of what is going on around us.

There were 8 lever guns shown and discussed during show and tell.

The 50/50 drawing was won by a guest who is a past member and is considering rejoining.

Next month in lue of show and tell we will open a trap house and do some trap shooting. Bring your favorite shot gun and shells.

Respectfully submitted,
Vice President Frank Burkett