

**APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB**  
**SAFETY MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2018**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order by Ed Swan at 6:00 PM
- II. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracey Graham, Ed Swan, Dina McKinney, Paul Nadreau, Tara Nadreau, Elizabeth Stuppy, L.C. Wood, C.J. Caruth, George Ellison, Gary Menser, Diana Roederer, Hal Hunt, Kyle Butts, Mike Rennie, and Carol Thomas.
- III. **CLOSE CALLS/INCIDENT REPORTS:** Ed recapped a recent close call occurring on the Pistol Range when a member showed his gun to others with the slide closed. The incident was not confirmed by video so it was closed without any further action. There was a Trap Range parking lot accident recently. A member backed his vehicle in to another member's vehicle. The insurance claims was paid; the case was closed.
- IV. **RANGE MONITOR PROGRAM:** Ed said the Range Monitor Program has launched. The first training included nine people in the class. Two Range Monitors have actually taken a shift providing coverage during peak hours. No other new RMs have taken shifts, but it could be due to the busy holiday season. It was suggested that the RMs be called and asked if they can monitor during certain busy hours. The next RM class is in January.
- V. **PROBATIONARY MEMBERS AT THE RIFLE RANGE:** Ed reported that the training session at the Rifle Range last week was very successful. It lasted 3 ½ hours. Some people who attended hadn't ever shot a rifle previously, but they ended up really enjoying the experience. The next training will be in January, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Pistol Range.
- VI. **INDOOR RANGE** – There has been more damage to the Indoor Range. This time the damage is on the left hand side of the building. We don't have a time frame when the damage occurred. Kyle Butts, Indoor Range Chair, mentioned this damage has been occurring rather regularly during the past three years. Members discussed closing the Indoor Range, rekeying it, and having a new orientation for everyone wanting a key. Tim Smith mentioned if the Club gets the new key cards, we won't need keys. No solutions or decisions were made.
- VII. **TRAP RANGE** – Woody reported that the machine has been readjusted because the birds were coming out of the house and taking a hard right directly toward the berm. Members discussed the appropriate way to carry a shotgun. One member insists upon carrying his shot gun over his shoulder with the muzzle pointing up towards people. He was been

warned by Woody and Gary Menser. They will revisit the subject with the club member involved.

- VIII. **WORK PARTY DAYS AT THE AVGC:** Tim Smith said that the Club needs to come up with a policy for Work Party Days. The range is closed every third Sunday in the morning until approximately 12:00 Noon. Tim said that every range needs to be checked before shooters can begin shooting. This past Work Party Ben was actually on his tractor out on a range when shooting occurred. A new probationary member, Carol Thomas, saw a man take the closed signs down. She shot for 1 hour and then a man, Tim Smith, approached her and told her the Range was closed and she shouldn't be shooting. This was distressing news to learn because she felt she had done her due diligence in making sure it was OK to shoot. Prior to shooting, she had waited in her car by the Pistol Bay to make sure it was clear to shoot. Carol felt upset over the confrontation; Tim Smith apologized for perhaps sounding rude to her when he spoke to her. The committee discussed purchasing a flag pole and buying a red flag to fly all the time to show the Ranges were HOT. Whenever the ranges are closed, the red flag would be pulled down. It was decided to put the Flag Pole installation on the January Meeting Agenda to the membership could vote on the expense. Committee felt that the expense would not be over \$750. It was also decided that Tim Smith will be in charge of CLEARING AND OPENING the ranges after any Work Parties moving forward. Once the Red Flag is in use, Tim will be in charge of lowering the Red Flag during Maintenance Work Parties and then raising the Red Flag back up the pole. The committee thanked Carol for attending the meeting and bringing the problem to their attention.
- IX. **AVGC CLASSES –** Gary Menser said that the smaller groups attending AVGC classes really have proven to be more effective for the students. Discussion was held regarding ways in which RSOs and Coaches can communicate with each other without have misunderstandings in front of the customers. There have been a few problems in the past when RSOs get involved in the coaching; they should be focusing only on safety; Coaches provide the instruction. Gary said he likes to address any given problem situation when it happens. He stresses Respect and Courtesy between RSOs and Coaches. There was one lady who attended Ladies' Night this past Friday Night. She was humiliated during her shooting experience because the RSO kept pushing her up against the table and her stomach kept hitting and lying on top of the table. The Coach should have stepped in. Ed stressed that the students are our customers, and we need to step in to solve the problem when something like that happens. Now, the lady who was humiliated may not ever return to shoot; we don't know her name or contact information.
- X. **The AED Medical Equipment** are locked up on the ranges. To access, a club member needs to put the gate code in. Committee noticed that we need to keep the area near the AED Medical Box clear from stacked chairs etc. It needs to be easy to get to in an emergency.
- XI. **CHRISTMAS PARTY – DENTIST & FIVE STAFF MEMBERS –** Tracey and Ed hosted and acted as RSO and Coach to a Dentist and his five employees who hadn't ever shot a gun previously. It was a positive experience for the customers; they had an awesome time.

- XII. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR QUALIFYING THEIR AGENTS – They visited the range in order to qualify their agents. The instructor allowed Ed, Tracey and Jenaraye to take the shooting qualifying test. All three passed. Jenaraye had the best score! At the conclusion the instructor gave them the sequence test print-out so AVGC can set up a shooting experience for its club members.**
- XIII. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – They can join the NRA for only \$10 a year. Also they do not need to do the volunteer hours. Once their probation has been completed, Associates can come to the range by themselves, but cannot hold an office on the Board or vote at Club elections. Ed reviewed that Associate members are required to attend all elements of the probation program, (except the work hours), the orientation is required plus the two range specific training classes...**
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT: Again, Carol Thomas was thanked by the committee members for attending and sharing her experience on the range recently. If she hadn't attended, the committee would not know all of the details of what happened which caused the committee to realize we need to start using a red flag on a new pole showing when the ranges are HOT. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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