

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB
SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order by Ed Swan at 6:00 PM

- II. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Ed Swan, Dina McKinney, Paul Nadreau, Tara Nadreau, Ken Crawford, Diana Roederer, Elizabeth Stuppy, Tim Smith, C.J. Caruth, Gary Menser, Dennis Ingram, Allen Rutledge, Justin King, Kyle Butts, and L.C. Woods.

- III. **CLOSE CALLS/INCIDENT REPORTS:** Ed Swan reported that there was one Close Call that occurred on the Big Bore Range. An RSO saw the son of a shooter standing in front of the firing line when the range was “HOT”. The RSO spoke to the shooter and his son, and the situation was corrected. The RSO kept watching the shooter and his son from a distance to make sure they remained safe. The shooter took offense to being monitored and a verbal clash between the two commenced. Both parties relayed the same story; the shooter took exception to the fact the RSO was “monitoring” them. The committee felt that this is an example of unsportsmanship behavior.

- IV. **SAFETY AT AVGC:**
 - It was reported that empty shotgun casings were found inside a trash can in the Indoor Range. A review of the video showed a club member shooting. No action was taken. The shooter was separating the wad and lead so he could shoot the primer and throw the casing away.
 - Diana Roederer reported that as part of the New Member Program at the recent Rifle Range Specific Training, there were 19 probationary members with 5 club members helping. She said she was glad to have 5 volunteers because attendance was large. Diana would like to start Range Specific Training for Pistol and Rifle. This would be for people interested in volunteering, learning the training objectives, and teaching the new members. The training includes safe gun handling also. The volunteers would work in teams so if Diana is absent or if she needs assistance on a busy day, she will have fully trained team members to assist. The team members will need to be RSOs, CRSOs, or Instructors to be eligible. Diana said that Range Specific Training occurs the second week of the month before the General Orientation on the 3rd Sunday. Ideally, the probationary members should attend the General Orientation first before attending the Pistol or Rifle specific training. Diana said it would be beneficial if she could have four sets of eye wear and ears to use for the people who show up to the training unprepared. She said that having a supply of .22 ammo is also needed. The people could purchase it from her if they don't bring their own ammo. Gary Menser suggested she pull four ears and eye sets out of the conex storage and use the ammo the Club already has. Diana was asked to replace the ammo that she ends up using. The committee OK'd her to buy two staplers. Tara Nadreau said that she will add Range Specific Training on to EventBrite which will provide the information about “what to bring” to the Range Specific Training. If EventBrite is used, the Club will know in advance how many participants to expect at each training session. It was also suggested that this information could be published in the Club's Newsletter.

V. RANGE REPORTS –

Indoor Range: Kyle Butts reported there were no safety issues. He did say he saw brass from a 12 gauge shotgun sticking out from the foam. There haven't been any additional strikes on the walls since the red striping was done.

Big Bore Range: Ed Swan recapped the Close Call incident referred to on Page 1 under Close Calls/Incident Reports.

Facilities: Tim Smith reported that the handrails for the new concrete stairs and ramps would be installed in the near future.

Trap Range: Woody reported that the machine was down for a couple of days, but was now repaired and working great. They've added two more Trap Shooting Times: Tuesdays 4:00 P.M. and Saturdays at 9:00 A.M.

Jr. Pistol: C.J. Caruth said that everything is running great with the program. They could really use more volunteer help.

VI. OPEN FORUM:

- Women on target is on Saturday, February 23, 2019. There are 35 women registered to attend. 13 RSOs have been arranged for and 6 or 7 Coaches have been lined up.
- Dennis Ingram said that he was concerned about the negative attitude a few members have about the AVGC Range Monitors. This subject had been brought up by Ed Swan at the regular monthly membership meeting. Dennis felt that discourteous behavior towards Range Monitors is unacceptable. Allen Rutledge felt that club members who do not have the right sportsmanship attitude towards anyone, including RSOs, CRSOs, and Range Monitors should be invited to leave the Club. Ed Swan explained that the Range Monitors provide extra "eyes" on the ranges; they are Ambassadors of Safety; and have been trained in how to approach people in a courteous manner. Committee members discussed the subject of club members being rude to Range Monitors may need to be requested to attend a hearing. All agreed everyone at the Club needs to be following the rules of good sportsmanship.
- Diana Roederer distributed the updated Range Safety Officer Agreement for review. She explained that she needed the Safety Committee consisting of CRSO, Gary Menser; Range Chairs, L.C. Woods, Justin King, and Kyle Butts; Facilities Chair, Tim Smith, to vote on recommending the changes to the Board. Justin King moved that the Range Safety Officer Agreement be sent to the Board for final approval; Seconded by L.C. Wood; Vote was unanimous.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Ed adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Stuppy, AVGC Secretary

