

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB
MONTHLY SAFETY MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order by Diana Roederer at 6:02 PM.
- II. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Diana Roederer, Ed Swan, Dina McKinney, Tim Neubauer, Elizabeth Stuppy, Tracey Graham, C.J. Caruth, George Ellison, Ken Crawford, Jim Swaynie, Ron Lenhart, Hal Hunt, L.C. Wood, Tim Smith, Matt Marcellus, Steve Blandino, Jennifer Tornero, Dennis Ingram, Fran Fox, Roni Fox, Gary Menser, Justin King.
- III. **CLOSE CALL/INCIDENT REPORTS:** None to report.
- IV. **RSO CLASS :** Diana reported that Range Chairs or Gary Menser can recommend students for the RSO Class to be held May 4, 2019 from 8 AM to 6 PM. If a RSO student signs the Club’s RSO agreement, there will be no charge for the class. If the student does not want to sign the agreement, there will be a \$50, (\$45 with member promo code.) All students need to register through Eventbrite’s website.
- V. **PROPOSED POLICY FOR HOLSTER WORK ON THE RIFLE RANGE:** After discussion, Ed Swan moved to ask the Board to review and approve adding the following Safety and Firing Line Procedures to Page 10, Range Safety Regs, Section VI. When drawing from a holster the firing will be forward of the benches and concrete. At no time will holster work ever be done from behind the benches or on the concrete; **Seconded: C.J. Caruth; Unanimous Vote**
If a shooter is doing holster work with a hand gun on the Rifle Range and others arrive to use the rifle range, the group needs to reach an agreement as to whether the one shooter who is doing transition work between a handgun and a rifle can stay and shoot. Everyone agreed that someone shooting a rifle on the Rifle Range would have priority over another shooter using a hand gun.
- VI. **USE OF CELL PHONES, TALKING AND TEXTING, ON THE FIRING LINE:** Diana said that it is unbelievable, but she has had a couple of reports that shooters have seen talking on cell phones while on the firing line. In fact there was one shooter, holding a cell phone with one hand talking and holding his gun in his remaining hand while on the firing line. With the exception of cell phone applications that provide shooters with timing for shooting drills, Gary Menser moved to send the following policy to the BOD for review and approval: At no time will shooters be talking or texting on their cell phones while on the firing line at any range; **Seconded by Ken Crawford; Unanimous Vote.**
- VII. **RSO/CRSO IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN VESTS:** Diana reported that a member asked if the Club would consider designing a sticker for all RSOs and CRSOs that can be attached to his/her ID badge. The member said he thought it would be a good idea because the RSO and CRSO people are not always on duty wearing their vests. After much discussion, the committee felt that the stickers are not necessary since all club members should be pro-active in maintaining a safe place to shoot. Anyone who sees an unsafe condition can approach another shooter,

identify herself/himself and point out the unsafe practice. Club members are all responsible, and a person does not have to be wearing any type of safety vest.

VIII. **INSTRUCTORS AT THE CLUB WHEN ON THE RANGE WITH A CLASS – OPEN CARRY OR NOT?** Most committee members felt that a presence is established out on the range when the instructor is actually carrying. Since the Club has classes that many non-members attend, (and we do not vet any guests), it might be a good idea to have instructors carry on the range when teaching a class. It would be a good deterrent. After further discussion and consideration, Gary Menser moved to bring the following to the BOD for approval: Open Carry is allowed by the Club for instructors teaching on the range as long as the instructor has completed the certified Instructor Course, Personal Protection Outside of the Home”. Open Carry would not be allowed in the classroom. The motion was seconded by Tracey Graham; Unanimous vote.

IX. **REPORTS:**

Indoor Range – Kyle Butts reported No Issues. C.J. Caruth mentioned that the Jr. Pistol program was using makeshift stands for their shooters made up of a barrel with a wooden box sitting on top. It is not stable. He suggested 2x4 foot tables with chairs that are sturdier and would work out much better for the shooters. The committee was in agreement for C.J. to proceed with the tables and chairs.

Shotgun/Trap – Woody reported the lower machine is still down. It won't be running for about a month. The upper range is working. Woody said that even though the Lucerne Valley shooters do not appear to be attending any more, he has scheduled trap shooting for Saturday mornings for anyone interested.

Archery – George Ellison reported that the concrete slab was extended, but the firing line will need to be re-aligned due to the concrete placement. This will be an easy fix. The Archery Range has added a new U.S. Archery Instructor. As part of the training, the person had to fulfill the Safe Sport Program requirements. George offered to help Diana Roederer regarding getting the Jr. Program up to speed with the Safe Sport Program requirements.

Pistol Range – Diana welcomed Tracey Graham as the new Pistol Range Chair. Tracey said there were no safety issues. He did point out that the handrails need to be installed on the concrete steps leading from the Trap Classroom to the Pistol Range. Tim Smith said he had receive a bid, but considered it too high. He is expecting to receive another bid in the next few days.

Rifle Range – Justin King said there is a continuing problem of members driving up on to the Rifle Range without stopping to verify if the range is cold. Everyone agreed that this is basically “an accident waiting to happen”. Discussion among the committee members centered on having a gate with a padlock to keep people from driving up on the Rifle Range or installing a magnetic card reader for access. The members were in favor of Tim Smith getting bids on putting in a new gate that could be locked with a padlock. Justin told everyone to jot him an email if they had any new ideas that should be considered.

Diana mentioned that the steel at 200 yards at the Rifle Range needs reinforcements along with some of the railroad ties are so shredded that they need to be replaced. Justin mentioned that Jason Moscow knows a steel guy who

is really knowledgeable regarding metals. He would be a good resource to ask which metal to use for new targets. Justin and Jason will work on getting together with him.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Diana adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Stuppy, AVGC Secretary