

**APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB
SAFETY MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 16, 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, Sonny de Rose, Elizabeth Stuppy, Tim Smith, Tara Nadreau, C.J. Caruth, Gary Menser, Diana Roederer, Hal Hunt, Dennis Ingram, Mike Rennie, Ken Crawford, and Allen Rutledge.

- III. **CLOSE CALLS/INCIDENT REPORTS:** Ed Swan reported that there was only one close call which occurred during the 3 gun match. Someone was downrange while a shooter was at the bench with his gun. Ed, Tracey, and Jonathan saw the incident and Tracey went over to talk to the people involved.

- IV. **SAFETY AT AVGC:** Ed said that he has noticed an overall improvement in safety. It could be the cold weather and activity at the AVGC may not be as busy. Incidents might be occurring with no close call reports being submitted. Ed pointed out that the Range Monitors have been at the ranges monitoring a few times. There will be another group of people attending the Range Monitor Class on January 18, 2019. The improvement in safety awareness may be due to the fact that our new members are attending three orientations rather than only one, (General Orientation to the Club, Pistol Range Orientation, and Rifle Range Orientation). All classes stress safety and being aware of your target and what is beyond. The Club has been publicizing the Close Call Recaps in the newsletter and stressing the need for every member to be aware of the rules and be watchful. Ed said that we might be seeing a more safety conscious culture at the Club. Sonny de Rose mentioned that years ago nothing was written down regarding incidents. Now the Club is keeping track and reviewing the unsafe practices at meetings along with including the information in the Club's newsletters. Everything could be coming together creating a more safety conscious culture. Gary Menser reported that we have 95 RSO's currently.

- V. **WOMENS' EXPO** – Tim Smith mentioned that he has heard advertisements on the local radio station about a Women's' Expo in Victorville, March 9, 2019. There will be booths presenting "everything for women". This may be an opportunity for the Club to have a booth to publicize the Women's' Programs offered. Dina McKinney volunteered to find out more information including the cost of a booth, and, if approved by the BOD, reserve a booth for the AVGC.

VI. RANGE REPORTS –

Indoor Range: C.J. Caruth reported there was a little damage to the Indoor Range from shooting. The area damaged is at the Bay 2 backstop. The damage is much less than previously. C.J. said that he inspects the Indoor Range periodically. It was discussed if shooters set the target height correctly then there should be no damage. It was suggested that the newsletter include a reminder: If shooter sits down to shoot, lower the target. If standing, adjust the height of the target to a higher point.

Women's Program: Gary Menser mentioned that there is one RSO for every two shooters. C.J. said that longer tables are needed or less guns should be brought. Gary said he tells the coaches to bring only 3 or 4 guns not their entire collection.

Facilities: Tim Smith said the next Work Party is scheduled for January 20, 2019 from 8 A.M. to approximately 12 noon. The stairs leading down the hill from the Trap Classroom needs a handrail plus lighting. Tim explained the concrete work that was being done at the Club during the week of January 21st.

Jr. Pistol: C.J. Caruth said that everything is running great with the program. They don't have enough RSOs. He has some excellent volunteer help, but could really use more.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Stuppy, AVGC Secretary