

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

Called to Order: 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Tracey Graham, Dina McKinney, CJ Caruth, Gary Menser, Jason Myskow, David Scheppman, Tim Smith, Michael Eddy, Kyle Butts, Dennis Ingram, Tim Marcia, Don McAfee, Tim Neubauer, Debbie Harris, Ed Swan, Allen Rutledge, John Gusse

Close Call/Incident reports:

- 2 this month
 - The first: Two members could not make it to the safety meeting so a separate meeting was held. They were given 2 strikes and they can not bring guests until they have completed both Range Specific Training (RST) classes and have taken the new Safety Class.
 - The second: The incident just happened and we need to give enough notice to the member(s), so we will deal with this issue at a later time.
- Diana did see some random things when she was out on the range, and she just took care of them at the time. Diana states things are getting better because of the RST.

Old Business:

- The Range Safety Class curriculum has been completed. Any member that wants to take it for educational purposes can take it and get 3 hours of volunteer time for doing so. Diana already has many members signed up for it. Tim Smith asked if probationary members get hours for the Safety Class. Discussion held. AVGC's first priority is safety, so if we can get probationary members right from the beginning, that would be a benefit for the club. Diana clarified the policy: People needing discipline *have* to take it and do not get rewarded for hours. People that *want* to take it for training get rewarded with 3 hours. She will need help from instructors, coaches, and RSOs. Tracey suggested RSOs not wear vests because we want to replicate what a normal day on the range would be like.
- Chairs have been ordered for the Adobe classroom. Thanks to Tim and Dennis for the new wall! Ed personally thanked them as well for insulating the wall.

- Follow up on CPR/First Aid reimbursement policy for RSOs: policy is being written and will be brought to the Board. The new policy was explained again to the Safety Committee as there were several new RSOs in attendance.

Range Reports:

- Facilities-Tim Smith:

Thank you for the email blast about ATF coming because the range was ghost town today. One guy did come at 2 pm and started shooting, but he did not sign in and Tim corrected the issue. Dave spoke up- he has worked with the ATF and he says they do not care about CA laws, only federal laws. Big announcement from Tim: We have a new hire for the maintenance position!

- CRSO-Gary Menser:

Gary appreciates the Board for the new reimbursement policy regarding CPR/First Aid. WOT is this Saturday; he has 10 ROSs lined up.

- Pistol Range-Tracey Graham:

Tracey asked Kyle for more master lock keys for the big double door safe (rifle safe) for Clay (the FFL). Diana also requested a key. There was a safety violation on the pistol range. A group of five Front Sight trained club members that shoot together regularly were on the range and 4 of 5 of them unloaded or loaded their carry guns while people were down range. Tracey saw it on the video surveillance so he came to the range. None of the members were wearing their badges. When Tracey approached the members to discuss the situation, they did not believe they did what Tracey said they did. Additionally, Tracey flipped a gun over so the ejection port was facing up and when he walked away, the member flipped the gun back over. Tracey will review the video again and will have a meeting with the members.

- Trap Range-Gary Menser:

There was a member out on Saturday for Double Wobble and he decided to put flags on the markers and wandered down range, past the house, while there were people shooting on the pistol range. A guy from pistol came over and told him what he did wrong. Don't go past the trap house! The situation was handled.

- Rifle Range-Jason Myskow:

Everything is going fine. Scott is making a new hanger for the 380 so we can use the target we bought. He is making a bracket to fit on the frame we have.

Hopefully he will have it by clean-up day. He did paint the rocks and frame to be able to see it better. The stands are holding up just fine. Diana praised Jason for his work on the range; the steel has never lasted this long in the past.

- Indoor Range-CJ Caruth:
No safety issues. He and Kyle solved some clean up problems. He just completed a maintenance inspection and cleaning documentation so that testing can be done and maintained throughout the year. The range is looking good!
-Jr. Pistol: last night we had our first Distinguished Expert graduate! The award will be re-created at the next membership meeting so please come and show your support.
-Jr. Rifle (Ray Jameson): No report
- Archery Range: no report

New Business:

- We passed the ATF inspection today with flying colors!
- Tomorrow night is SWAG. Diana needs help and requested volunteers.
- Saturday is Women on Target. Tracey got a good response from coaches. Let Tracey know if you can help in any way. The Galley will cater lunch. Discussion held on how to log hours since we do not have our new membership cards yet.
- Don McAfee- Regarding the plate rack challenge, the plates are very heavy and it takes 3 guys to put the wheels on to roll out. He would like wheels and tires for the other racks. Home Depot has them in stock. They are \$40.88 a piece and he needs 12. Discussion held regarding leaving the tires on and the splatter. Don gave a couple solutions to avoid the splatter. As it is, it is not safe to lift something that heavy. Don gave Dina the information and it will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.
- Ed got a report that the match directors are not making the non-members sign the waiver. Diana will send out an email to all the match directors. Dennis' experience is that there are some usual shooters that never sign the waivers. Diana says if you shoot the matches, and you see this, tell them and handle it!

Open Discussion

- Report on Ken's health: the goal is to get him moved back up here to a rehab facility. He did have surgery. Pray for Ken's health.
- Diana will make avgc.facilities@gmail.com for Tim. Diana will set it up and give it to Tim.

- Tim Neubauer on the Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22s that the club owns: Tim read an email from Kelvin Walton, Director of Development at SASP. Essentially, these guns are currently prohibited in SASP due to 3 known issues with the firearms. Tim reviewed the 3 issues with the Safety Committee. Tim also met with Kelvin and Rick Leach with SASP at the Shot Show. They were advised that Smith and Wesson knows there is a problem but they are not putting it out there publicly at this time. Tim feels we are putting the club at risk if we continue to use these firearms. Tim recommends we stop using them. Discussion held. 2 of the 3 issues have been corrected on the guns we own. As far as the 3rd (the guns firing out of battery), we do not know the conditions of the guns that had fired out of battery and our guns may never fire out of battery. It was agreed that since the guns have been prohibited from use in SASP that we should not use them for that program. Discussion held on whether we should use them for our other programs if they are properly inspected prior to use. Tim reiterated his concern that regardless, until the issue is resolved with Smith & Wesson, he feels we are causing a liability for the club. After more discussion and opinions, the Safety Committee agrees it is a liability and the club will take them out of service, but not destroy them at this time, until more is known and settled by the manufacturer. Tim N. is going to write Smith and Wesson and see what response they give. Motion made by Gary that we stop using the club's Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22s, remove bolts and lock the bolts up separately until we get a remedy/response from Smith and Wesson. Motion seconded by Jason. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Adjournment: 7:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dina McKinney, Secretary
Apple Valley Gun Club