

# APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

## Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2020

**Called to Order:** 5:58 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

**In attendance:** Ed Swan, Tom Shanley, Jenaraye Ryan, Tim Smith, Dennis Ingram, Michael Eddy, Lawrence Davis, CJ Caruth, Tracey, Graham, Bob Livrano, Gary Menser, TJ Losenegger, Sandra Oberlies, Allen Rutledge, Chris Armington, Dina McKinney

### **Close Call/Incident reports:**

- None! Gary suggested this is likely due to word getting out about Remote Range Monitoring and the Range Specific Training classes. These two things are effective and have made an improvement at the club.
- As mentioned at the General Membership meeting, Tracey did have to speak to one individual over the phone, but he considers the matter resolved.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **Range Reports:**

- Facilities-Tim Smith:
  - There is water on the range again. Range Chairs will have the combination to the roll up door and will be responsible for getting water to their range. There are also 19 cases in reserve located in the Womens' Locker in the event we run out of water.
  - People are starting to leave bathroom doors open again and some lights have been left on. Discussion held on whether timers are working properly.
  - Serg, the lead mining guy, is in Central CA this week. Tim will call him on Sunday to set up a time next week for him to come out and give us a quote. Tracey explained the history leading up to having Serg come out. Discussion held on the price of lead right now.
- CRSO-Gary Menser:
  - The RSOs gave the coaches kudos for muzzle control at Ladies' Night.
  - For the Sheriff CCW Re-quals, how many corrections are we allowing before they get removed from the range? Gary would like to make it only 1 correction; you get corrected once, and if you have to get corrected again for that same issue, you are done. Gary gave some examples that he has seen at the recent Re-quals. Ed said that it's a tough call, but he agrees with Gary. Ed further stated that we are not a training class; this is a CCW requalification, so if we send them away, they may get their permit taken away. Tim states that WE aren't responsible for that, they impact themselves by making whatever mistakes they make. Discussion held on what the Sheriff's Department does

at their range. Jenaraye advised that we are making some changes to make things clearer when they arrive. Gary wants everyone to be on the same page as to when to send someone home. Tracey agreed but stated there is no hard and fast rule and that attitude is important. Gary further opined that if they do the exact same thing that they were just corrected on then there is no excuse for that. If they do something different than what they were warned of then that may be a different story. Tracey agreed. It was clarified that if they get sent home from our range, it just means they aren't qualifying here. Jenaraye clarified that we aren't pulling their card, they just aren't qualifying here. Dennis stated that some of the people can't hear the instruction due to the type of ear protection they are using. Tim thanked Bob and his group for the initial encounter, so that by the time they get up to the line, they are positive which way the barrel is pointing and why. Allen circled back and agreed with Gary. It needs to be clearly stated on the paperwork that a violation will result in you being ejected. If they know ahead of time, then it may diffuse some of the anger if they don't re-qualify. Tim asks them "did you understand?" and if they didn't he repeats his instruction.

-On the Shotgun Range, a couple of people have mentioned a new rule being enforced regarding short barrel shotguns being used. The noise and concussion of the gun is a problem. For a serious trap shooter, it is upsetting. There are all kinds of remedies to it. Tracey could understand a rule regarding barrel length if it were a match or a 5-Star Shoot, but just coming out to play, there is no reason to enforce a rule like that. Bob clarified that Woody is not enforcing this rule. He was waiting to hear from the Safety Committee. Tim suggested the squad communicate with one another to resolve the issue among themselves. Ed opined that it is a trap range and that is not a trap gun, so why are they bringing it to the trap range? This is a tough call. Allen stated there is a code of ethics, and it should include respect for other people. He suggested a form that they need to sign every year or make it part of the waiver. Tracey stated this is already written in the policies. The discussion turned to using broadheads on the archery range. The Range Regulations say no to using them at all. Sandy stated there has been an unwritten rule that if you need to shoot them, you bring your own targets. Allen has gone to the archery range and seen broadheads being used. Tracey advised him to let someone know that it can be addressed. Ed stated that the double standard needs to be remedied. Discussion held. Tracey advised Lawrence and Sandy to address the broadhead issue in their policy revision that they will be working on. Tracey circled back to Gary's issue regarding limiting the barrel length for trap. Vote held. All Safety Committee members voted no to a rule for short barrel shotguns. All agreed it falls back to sportsmanship.

- Pistol Range-Ed Swan: There are a couple of minor issues. A lot of people just don't clean up after themselves. Also, the lights have been left on and the bathroom has been left open. Additionally, the refrigerator door was left open once. Ed will mention it at the membership meeting.

- Trap Range-L.C. Wood: Absent-no report. Gary brought up the issue re: barrel length on his behalf earlier.
- Rifle Range-Jason Myskow: Absent-no report
- Indoor Range-CJ Caruth: No problem on the range. Tim asked why the picnic tables have been out under the awning. CJ said there have been some classes out there.  
-Jr. Pistol: No program right now due to C19  
-Jr. Rifle (Ray Jameson): Absent-no report, but no program right now due to C19
- Archery Range-Sandy Oberlies: There was a windstorm that blew everything around and the range looked destroyed. They originally thought it was vandalism, but the video showed just wind.

### **New Business:**

- None

### **Open Discussion**

- Lawrence: He had a discussion with Sandy regarding the use of crossbows on the archery range. He thinks they are unsafe and not properly supervised. Additionally, no one is qualified to train on crossbows. Lawrence gave examples of recent events on the range. Lawrence stated our range is ok for recurves and longbows but where NFAA regulations are concerned, it is not ok for crossbows. Additionally, we don't have anything in our Range Regulations regarding recurve or longbows, but crossbows are specifically mentioned. Discussion held on the differences in velocity and impact. Tracey asked Lawrence what specifically he wants to accomplish. Lawrence does not want to see crossbows on the range. Tracey gave Sandy the floor. Sandy stated that if we are allowing the big guns we shoot to go into the hills then why is there a problem with the crossbows? Tracey agreed with this logic. Lawrence asked how we can educate on the crossbow. Tracey said there isn't a way to force someone to take a class. We don't want to restrict member access or ability to use the range. Tim stated if we were having a problem with finding bolts on the rifle range we would have an issue to talk about in the Safety Committee but there has been no problem that we know of with bolts ending up where they shouldn't be. Ed made a point that the Department of Fish and Wildlife considers the crossbow a firearm, not archery. Ed asked for clarification on Lawrence's issue with having a crossbow on the range. Lawrence said we don't have a sanctioned course. We have a novice recreational range to teach people on a recreational level. Hearing the voice of the Committee, Lawrence let the crossbow issue drop. He would like to introduce new policy to the range regulations as he feels they are inadequate. Tracey recommended he sit with Sandy and possibly George (due to his experience) and write the policy how it needs to be and bring it to the Safety Committee next month for approval and recommendation to the Board. He needs to be very clear about what the changes are. In conclusion, the Committee is in agreement that it is a

membership right to use a crossbow and as long as it's not creating an issue of safety or damaging property, it's fine.

- Tim advised that we have a bunch of free mulch if anyone wants it or knows a gardener that wants it. All you have to do is haul it away. Allen suggested putting the mulch in the bowl where 3D Archery is shot. Tim said we leave it natural like hunting.
- Tom Shandy- It is difficult for him to drive his truck up to the Rifle Range, walk up to see if anyone is there, walk back down, then drive on to the range. He has been driving up and slowly peeking around. Tracey said absolutely do not do this. Bring a runner, do whatever else you need to do, but not what he is doing. Tim stated even if there is no car, someone could have been dropped off. Examples given on why what he has been doing is not safe. Tracey instructed not to pull up on that range without checking properly first.
- Allen took a minute to thank Sandy and Lawrence for getting archery back up and running. Sandy said she really wants to get open archery going again but can't because of masks. Tracey suggested doing it like Ladies Night, where it is a personal decision. Bob said participation is not mandatory.
- Michael advised that the Sheriff is shutting down their range for C19. Tracey notices a recent uptick in people signing up for the CCW Re-Qual. Gary stated the people are so appreciative that we are doing this for them.

**Adjournment:** 7:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dina McKinney, Secretary  
Apple Valley Gun Club