

**Coloma Rod and Gun Club Minutes
September 11, 2017**

Board of Trustee Attendance: Rob Bahr, Terry Coleman, Mandy Brandonisio, Dave Foster, Chris Rodgers, Ken Pullins, Larry Sibley, Mike Tepool

Recording Secretary: Kim Rodgers

Members at Large: Sam Halliburton, Ron Franks, Charlene Renner, Tom Renner, Tim Stewart

The September 11th, 2017 meeting was brought to order by Dave Foster with the pledge of allegiance.

The August 14th, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Ron Franks to approve the August 14th, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Sam Halliburton. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Tee Shirts and Hats – Terry Coleman

Terry passed around a hat and sample of a tee shirt that Joyce Sarno could order for CRGC. They are a good quality. Ordering over 50 we will get .50 cents off, and ordering over 100 we will get \$1.00 off each item. Terry reviewed the prices:

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| Pocket Tee Shirt S – XL | \$10.00 | 2XL and Larger | \$15.00 |
| No Pocket Shirt, with logo | \$13.00 | Hat | \$10.00 |
| Sweat Shirts | \$27.00 | | |

Sweat shirts will be pre-paid by special order.

It was decided to order:

- Shirts with Pocket, 5 each, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- Shirts No Pocket, 5 each, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- 15 Hats

Dave would like to order vests that are hunter orange with “Board Member” or “Range Officer” on the back in large letters.

Chris brought in an example of hats that have Velcro that you can change the patch on the hat.

2. Lead Abatement – Chris

They are still working on the process to extract the lead. They should be done by the end of September. Right now, the ground is too wet because of the rain. The last load was 41 thousand pounds at .78 cents a pound. We should be getting approximately \$4,700.00.

3. Drawing for Youth and Adult Hunt

The Board decided to table this activity for this fall. We need to have time to create a flier, rules, tickets and such. It was proposed to have a spring turkey hunt. The Board should work on this through the winter. Fliers should be mailed to members in February. For the fall hunt; fliers should be mailed to members the end of July or first of August. This will allow members to buy their ticket.

New Business:

1. Membership Applications – Terry Coleman

Terry had a question about prorating the memberships for anyone wanting a membership this late in the year. It was decided that new members or renewing members should pay \$20.00 for Sept. – Dec. 2017 and \$55.00 for 2018.

Terry informed the Board that our membership is up to 332. The membership has slowly increased throughout the year. Members feel it is due to the positive changes that have occurred at the club.

2. Bylaws – Chris Rodgers

Chris informed the Board that he spoke to the Attorney. The Attorney is re-writing the bylaws as if we have the 501 C3, he will then present it to the Board for adjustments or approval. If any changes are requested, the member must submit in writing. It is desired to complete this process by the end of the year. Once the draft is ready we need to get it mailed/mailed to all of the members, copy on web page, and put link on FB to web page.

After this process is complete; we need to apply for a new EIN#. This will not affect (per attorney) the “grandfather” clause. Then we need to file taxes every year.

Treasure Report:

Mandy absent because she is ill.

Kitchen Report:

Dave reported that on September 10th, the club was packed for breakfast and the kitchen made \$349.00. We still need more kitchen staff.

Facilities:

Chris reported that the roof will be finished this week. Tim Stewart did a fantastic job on the wood for the entranceway. He has received a lot of compliments on how fantastic it looks. The South wall needs to be repaired before winter. Hunter safety donated \$430.00 for this project. Chris bought two boxes of earplugs out of that money, one for hunter safety and the other for club members. We should charge \$1.00 a pack for the earplugs.

Trap

Dave stated that trap is picking up in membership. No Calcutta in Sept., Hartford had a big event plus the kitchen was closed. Fennville will be closing next month for winter. Some of the trap shooters wanted to add another Sunday for the winter. Dave said we can consider it; we need experienced people to work the Calcutta. Maybe train a few others to help. Rob Bahr offered to teach them. Thursdays are a good night to train.

Archery

Rob Bahr stated that the archery course is slow. People will get interested as fall approaches. We need a metal donation box by the archery course. Chris stated that some of the employees at Hales Hardware want to form a team to shoot the archery course. The course will be open through October. Dave and Chris stated that Rob has done an excellent job on the archery course. We need more advertisement for the course and will work on that this fall/winter.

Open Discussion

1. Ryan Lucker asked if the entrance way can be cleared of items so he can set up the class room for his class.
2. Smoking – It was mentioned that cigarette butts are found outside the entrance doors. Members need to keep in mind that smokers must be 25 feet from any entrance. Enforcement was questioned; because it was observed in St. Joseph, people standing right outside the bar/restaurant smoking. Kim stated that the County ordinance was in effect December 2006, making Berrien County smoke free. At a later date, the State of Michigan passed an ordinance making the State smoke free however; they stated that bars are not 25 feet. The State ordinance supersedes the County. If anyone has a complaint about smoking they can contact

Berrien County Health Department. Enforcement happens once a formal complaint is filed. Staff are not available to drive around looking for non-compliant businesses.

At CRGC the Board will make sure members are compliant.

3. Furnace – Ken Pullin's stated that his brother-in-law can get a 13,000 BTU furnace with 5 ton BC compressor. Can we possibly get members to install the unit?

4. It was brought up that there is a former member that drives in and out of the property. Char stated that he used to be a member for a long time. Some were concerned about his motives. Chris stated that he would like to take a positive approach; invite him to come and be a member. If he states he does not want to be a member, he can be politely told that the club is a *members only* facility. If he continues to drive around we can move forward investigating how to handle this problem.