

Coloma Rod and Gun Club Minutes **April 10, 2017**

Attendance: Dave Foster, Chris Rodgers, Mandy Brandonisio, Terry Coleman, Bill Hatfield,
Larry Sibley, Mike Tepool

Recording Secretary: Kim Rodgers

Members at Large: Tim Stewart, Charlene Renner, Tom Renner, Ron Franks, Brooks Bouwkamp,
Bob Crowder, Bob Phillips, Craig Glass, Sam Halliburton, Mark Sanders

The April 10th, 2017 meeting was brought to order by Dave Foster with the pledge of allegiance.

The March 13th minutes were reviewed. There were name corrections in the Attendance. Motioned by Terri Coleman to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Bill Hatfield. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. NRA Grant Info – Mike Tepool stated that the cut off for applying for the NRA Grant was Dec. 31st, 2016. He will prepare the information needed to be ready to apply for the Grant as soon as the NRA starts accepting 2018 Grant applications in the fall.
2. Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt went very well. The children had a lot of fun. It was decided that in January a committee should be formed to work on the Easter Egg Hunt for 2018. More volunteers are needed. There were a few late arriving children that were given “gift bags”. It was suggested that on the flier for 2018, state that festivities start at noon or 12:30 this way if the festivities are running ahead of schedule we do not state the exact time of the accrual hunt.

New Business:

1. The garage sale will be Friday, April 14th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 15th Noon – 4 p.m.
2. Mandy Brandonisio stated that the Michigan United Conservation Club dues need to be paid which is \$5.00 per member. Members get a free membership to Michigan United Conservation Club and get a newsletter in the mail. It was asked if we should continue to participate. Dave Foster suggested that a representative from the Michigan United Conservation Club come to a Board meeting and do a presentation to the Board. Mandy Brandonisio will contact them and see if this is possible.
3. Mark Sanders wants to have a CPL class April 29th. There is also a hunter safety class with Larry Lute on that day but it was discussed that both classes can be co-exist

Facilities – Chris Rodgers stated that there has been a lot of ground clean up going on to prepare for the Turkey Shoot with Matt Malone and the Turkey Dinner. The web site is an on-going project Chris stated that new tables for the club would come to about \$1,300.00; Mark Sanders stated that he has a contact and will see if he can get them cheaper. Dave suggested making a wish list of items needed, maybe a member will donate or have a contact with a cheaper price. It will take some time to build up the reserves again. Last winter was an expensive winter with needed repairs to the building. Tim will check and see if the club can get the playground equipment donated from the former Washington Elementary school.

The kitchen needs a lot of work unfortunately its all expensive repairs. Maybe we could find an estate sale or members may know of cabinets and such that are being “stripped” from a house or at an auction.

Dave is working on exterior bathrooms. Chris is working on digging the drain around the building to prevent the water from flooding inside the building. The interior ladies bathroom is done except the handicap bars and one of the door handle.

Chris stated that the outside wall on the South end is rotting and water is coming in the newly renovated room, it needs to be addressed before it ruins the work that has been done.

Red paint was donated to paint the rifle range; we need volunteers to paint to protect the wood.

Treasurers Report:

Mandy Brandonisio distributed the treasurer report, balance as of 04-10-17 was \$1,948.00. The reports listed deposits, money spent in each fund.

Kitchen Report:

Mandy distributed the Kitchen Report listing what was sold and also who worked the kitchen Jan. – March. It was suggested to bring back the fish fry however volunteers are needed.

Trap:

Trap is picking up 5 – 10 guys on Thursday s, the Lutheran trap team have participated on Thursdays. They get a discount because of them being students from the school. The trap machine broke a bolt & spring it was repaired. Dave bought more clays. Calcutta is picking up but more pullers are needed to run both trap houses. We have received a lot of compliments on the breakfast on Sundays.

Archery:

Dave said Rob Bahr is in charge of the Archery he is not present because he has to work late. The archery range will open the end of April. Equipment has been scheduled to build “back stops” behind target area. Rob would like to try having the archery range open Thursdays, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A donation box will be put outside. It was discussed to have Thursday and Sunday open to the public, Friday and Saturday members only. The cost is \$8.00 for members, \$9.00 for non-members. Dave worked on cutting out brush on the trail and it is looking very nice.

Open Discussion:

Questions were asked about the extra ranges and the junction limiting the gun club from using them. The township can issue a special use permit for a project the club may have or want to use the ranges. It is best to put forth an effort to show we are an active part of the community and have growing membership. Maybe in the future the 4 acres can be incorporated into the rest of the property.

The web site and face book need to be updated, Chris is working with Ryan Ransom to complete, and it’s an ongoing project.

Turkey Dinner:

The turkey dinner was discussed; it’s May 20th from 6 – 9 pm. The Y97.5 advertising started April 12th. Jerry Street offered to be by the gate, Mandy, Mrs. Pullins, and Kim Rodgers offered to serve. We need volunteers to bring desserts, its best to form a committee.