

Coloma Rod and Gun Club Minutes
February 13, 2017

Attendance: Dave Foster, Chris Rodgers, Mandy Brandonisio, Terry Coleman,
Larry Sibley, Mike Tepool, Ken Pullins

Recording Secretary: Kim Rodgers

Members at Large: Ed Stover, Ron Franks, Sam Halliburton

Guests: Ron Ravitch, Kevin Schneider

The February 13th, 2017 meeting was brought to order by Dave Foster with the pledge of allegiance.

The January 9, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Mike Tepool to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Ken Pullins. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Dave Foster stated that Kim Rodgers completed the yearly calendar and it is posted on the bulletin board. A job board was created to list the projects that need members to volunteer their time. More volunteers are needed to complete projects.
2. Chris Rodgers printed 3 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) binders for the facility. He also purchased a sign that will be hung by the range.
3. Dave Foster informed the Board that the website and Facebook page continues to be a work in progress. Chris Rodgers stated that the web site needs to be made more user friendly.

New Business:

1. The Easter Egg Hunt was discussed. 2500 Eggs will be filled April 1st, the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 2nd with a rain date of April 9th. All the gold eggs will have money in them. Hot dogs and chips served for the children prior to the egg hunt. Cupcakes will be provided for the children to decorate also coloring pages. Michelle Foster will dress up as the Easter bunny and get pictures with the children prior to the egg hunt. Three different fields will be divided up according

to age. Kim Rodgers will develop a flier; Mandy will help distribute the flier around the community. This flier needs to be on Facebook and the Website.

2. Tax Exemption for the club was discussed. Chris Rodgers stated that a 990 tax form needs to be filed every year. Chris checked with Eric Gustafson, CPA from Red Arrow Accounting, he stated that we need to file the 990 tax form for non-profit every year, after two years we can then file for the 501 C3 tax exemption. If a 501 C3 is granted that will save up from paying taxes on the property. Eric said that there are a lot of non-profits that do not file the form 990 however it is not recommended to do this and does not look good when asking for a 501 C3. Chris would like Mandy to meet with Eric to go over financials to help prepare for the 501 C3 application. The club needs to post the non-profit status to the public. When the club is granted a 501 C3 it needs to be stated on a mission statement.

Mr. McCumber was treasurer prior to Mike Realmuto, Mr. McCumber could have been working toward getting a 501 C3 status but nothing was finalized.

3. Kevin Schneider, Friends of the NRA from Benton Harbor gave a presentation on the 2017 Fundraising Event that the Friend of the NRA SW Michigan Committee is planning (flier provided). The event will be April 9th at 5 p.m., in Lawrence. It will be \$45 per ticket entrance fee and dinner is provided. In the past Coloma Rod and Gun Club purchased advertisement in the program for \$220, if the club decides to participate again this year a \$10 discount will be provided. The club also sponsored one of the prizes that are raffled off at the event. This will be good advertisement for the club. Kevin explained the raffle, prizes, and how to apply for grants. Application for grants are done on the web site, be sure to check the box that states "will accept partial grants".

Mandy Brandonisio will send payment to Kevin Schneider for advertisement and sponsoring a prize.

The Board discussed sponsoring a prize and purchasing advertisement. Mike Tepool motioned that the Coloma Rod and Gun Club sponsor a prize and purchase advertisement, seconded by Chris Rodgers. Motion carried.

Treasure Report:

Mandy Brandonisio spoke to Chemical Bank on how to remove Kerri Muhlhauser and Dan Everts from the bank account and add Kim Rodgers. It needs to be approved by the Board and noted in the minutes. Mandy Brandonisio can provide Chemical Bank with the minutes and Board approval to add and remove members

from the account. Kim Rodgers will have to go to Chemical Bank and sign a signature card.

Motion to approve removing Kerri Muhlhauser and Dan Everts from the Chemical Bank account by Mike Tepool, seconded by Chris Rodgers. Motion carried.

Motion to approve adding Kim Rodgers to the Chemical Bank account by Mandy Brandonisio, seconded by Mike Tepool. Motion carried.

Mandy Brandonisio is making a list of all the renovations paid for in 2016. Mandy distributed the financial reports to the Board and members present. The general fund to date is \$1,971 plus a deposit made today 02-13th brings it to \$2451. Total of bills received today is \$1,000.

Membership:

Terry Coleman stated that we have 137 new members. She provided a list of members who marked they would like to volunteer. Someone needs to contact them to ask for help on projects. Terry stated that she changed the numbering system to make it easier to keep track and provide other members with cards that are already numbered to give to potential new members. Just a reminder membership goes up next year by \$10.

Kitchen Report:

Mandy Brandonisio distributed itemized report of what was purchased for the kitchen and sales. Pork steaks are the big seller at breakfast. More volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen. Possibly new members could be contacted to help in the kitchen.

Trap

Dave Foster stated that there have been a few glitches with the Calcutta. Shooters seem to go to the bigger groups to shoot. Dave talked to Fennville and discussed ideas about a "roaming trap night" between Coloma, Fennville and other smaller clubs. The shooters could go to Coloma one week, Fennville the next and so on. Dave stated that the club is good on clays for one more Calcutta then we would need to purchase another skid; it is \$630 per skid.

Archery

Dave Foster gave the archery report in Rob Bahr's absence. Rob wants the archery range open on Thursday's as well as Sunday's. Once the weather breaks, we have to all get together and help Rob clean up the archery range. He has helped on all the renovations and now he will need help preparing the archery range. Members want to consider leaving the targets out, and discussed possible ways to secure the targets. Mike Tepool stated that he will ask whirlpool to donate grill covers to go over targets.

Facilities:

Renovations were discussed. The foyer area is almost done, bathrooms, secure room need to be finished. The main room walls need to be repaired and painted. Chris Rodgers stated that the last heavy rain we received the windows on the south wall were leaking. He temporarily fixed it but the windows need to be addressed.

Open Discussion:

Terry Coleman stated that she would like to have the yard sale sometime in April possibly April 28th and 29th at the club.

Dave Foster told the Board about a radio advertisement event with 97.5. Matt Malone is going to have an event for his listeners to promote turkey hunting. It costs \$1,500 for the advertisement and the club will receive:

- Recognition in each video of the series posted to Y-Country's dedicated Sportsman's Tour page and the Y-Country Facebook page. (\$350 value)
- Minimum of 250 on-air promotional announcements (\$1,188 value)
- Minimum of 150 liner mentions (\$375 value)
- Our Club's logo on the Y-Country's web page (\$100 value)
- 50; 60 second ads to be used by May 31st, 2017 (\$1,000 value)

If approved; there will be a filmed shoot event at Coloma Rod and Gun Club April 24th, and a Turkey dinner at the club May 11th. Stacy Davis from Y-Country stated that we could get a caterer for the dinner and then charge \$9.75 for the dinner. We could make a few dollars on each meal. A flier was provided.