

# Gem County Rod & Gun Club Meeting Minutes

## August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Directors Present:** Director Dave Timony, Director Larry Albaugh, Director Robert Thomason

**Officers Present:** President Larry Robertson, Vice President Heather Bunting, Secretary Jim Bunting, Treasurer Shannon Wells

The meeting was brought to order by President Larry Robertson at 7:00 pm on August 12th, 2024 at the Senior-Community Center located on 719 S Johns Ave in Emmett, Idaho.

VP Heather Bunting makes a motion to approve the July 2024 BOD/Officers monthly meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Treasurer Shannon Wells and it carries with one correction to be made.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shannon Wells reports \$15,355.34 in the checking account and \$84,211.86 in the savings account. Membership so far for 2024 is 1474. Treasurer Shannon Wells states that if the membership fee is to change for GCR&GC that it be put in red on the membership application. This will stop returned applications for of insufficient funds.

**Member Concerns:** None

**Range Report:** Director Robert Thomason reports that target holders for the steel gongs on the rifle ranges are getting worn. Some parts for the gongs are on hand and he will attempt to fix them. Director Thomason also states that the gun range road is in near ideal condition at the moment. Bumps in the dirt road act as speed bumps and slows down any vehicles trying to go too fast. The range still had signs up with the old contact phone number on them so they were taken down and disposed of. The shot-up signs that say don't shoot the power lines were also removed. One of the many high expenses the Club endures is replacing information/warning signs and metal trash cans and trash can lids that have been vandalized. The GCR&GC has video cameras now and will be prosecuting anyone observed shooting/vandalizing any signs or trash cans. Director Robert Thomason also reports that all backings are up and operational on all rifle bays. Secretary Jim Bunting reports that trash is building up again on the fence line across from the rifle bays and will need another good trash sweep before bad weather is upon us.

**Trainers on the range without Board permission:** Director Thomason reports he has come across many trainers on the gun range without permission to use the range for commercial activity. Trainers have to go through the Board of Directors/Officers to gain permission to use the range. Requirements include one million dollars of "Firearm Trainers" insurance and a "Hold Harmless" contract with the GCR&GC. Certain activities are prohibited so the trainer must show the agenda of the training sessions. Director Thomason has also noticed the Sheriff's Department training in plain clothes

which made it confusing to identify them as an authorized training session. The GCR&GC supports the Sheriff's office in all ways it can. It is not the Club's intention to interrupt their training in anyway. Director Dave Timony states they should have had some kind of identification to show they were in official status.

**Electric gate:** Director Larry Albaugh did an amazing job researching the costs and functionality of an electric gate for the gun range and had emailed an extensive breakdown report to the Board of Directors/Officers. President Larry Robertson states that the price is really not out of line for what the Club would be getting and needs considering. The gate can be purchased in various functionality stages which would upgrade it to be what we eventually want it to be. VP Heather Bunting asks about the access button on the diagram. Director Robert Thomason explains it was a button that could be pushed from the inside of the gate in order to leave the range thus an "easy exit button." Treasurer Shannon Wells asks if this gate swinging out would be hampered by heavy snow fall. Director Albaugh responds that there are various things that could be added to the gate so it will be functional with all types of weather. A heated pad under the gate was one idea that would help prevent heavy snow from stopping the gate from opening and closing. President Larry Robertson asks about the time frame it would take to install the gate if the Club so desires to get the electric gate. Director Albaugh states it would be just the time it would take to order all the parts. Director Albaugh states he did not get the impression that there would be any major delay from ordering to installing the gate if the club made the decision to buy and install. The Club will have to get permission from Idaho Power to install a keypad outside of the front of the gate. President Larry Robertson states he will work on getting the Idaho Power permission. Everything will be on hold until then.

**Increase in yearly Club membership fee:** After long discussions for several months, it had been decided that the Club will have to raise its yearly membership fee. The Club's expenses have drastically increased due to the bad economy. It is not the Club's intention to be an exclusive, expensive shooting range but a very well-maintained, safe club so law enforcement can train, members can go sight in their deer rifle or take their kid to shoot their very first gun. The Club's sponsored events are very important to the surrounding community and draw folks from many other counties. It is the goal of the BOD/Officers to create a Club member that is proud to be a part of the Gem County Rod & Gun Club.

Director Robert Thomason makes a motion to increase the annual Gem County Rod & Gun Club membership fee to \$75. Secretary Jim Bunting Seconds the motion and it carries.

Treasurer Shannon Wells makes a motion to adjourn the August 2024 Board of Directors/Officers meeting. The motion is seconded by VP Heather Bunting and it carries.

