

## IRPC April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

**Officers and Member Attendance:** Vice President Dale M. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with 13 members in attendance including 2 officers. President Kermit VR., Treasurer Rick C. and Secretary Deanne G. were unable to attend.

**November Meeting Minutes** November meeting minutes were not available for review. Vice President Dale M made a motion to postpone review of the minutes until the May meeting. - 1st Pete A., 2nd Bob R., motion approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Report was read by Vice President Dale M. Treasurer Rick C. had forwarded the treasurers report to VP Dale M. January 1st Starting Balance \$14,883.75, April 4 Balance \$14,348.87. A motion was made to approve the Treasurers report – 1<sup>st</sup> Frank D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob R., motion approved.

**Membership:** Membership report was not given as Secretary Deane Wilkinson was not in attendance. It was brought up that our renewals are up due to the warm winter and as the season warms up new members and renewals continue to come in.

### **Range Reports:**

**Summation:** Many ranges need some work after the winter.

- **Archery** – No report on the Archery range.
- **Law Enforcement Range** – Needs replacing of posts, some back boards and cardboard.
- **.22 Range**– Range in decent shape though we need to add some gravel under benches and a couple of the targets need repair.
- **Pistol** – Range is in good shape.
- **100 Yard Range** – Generally in decent shape. one target backer at 25 yards and a second at 100 need replacing and we need to check out and replace some gongs. We have plans to replace targets at the 100 yard line this spring with telephone poles.
- **Aux Range** – Generally good shape. Member Frank D. brought up concerns that the large gong may need replacing. He feels that the impacts to the center of the target are not making the impact sounds they should suggesting that the temper is worn on the gong. We will review the gongs on the range and replace as needed.
- **Practice Trap** – In decent shape.
- **Trap** - Range is in good shape.

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**Trap Club** – Bob R. reported that the trap Balance is \$8,991.61. We started the year at a balance of \$10,120.76. \$439 + \$40 shipping was spent on repairing a skeet machine and the other funds spent were in preparation for the new season.

We have 5 pallets of birds currently plus birds that were purchased last year at Walmart. The trap group is testing 15 cases of Champion birds from Scheels. If these birds work out we may source new birds from them as it would be our cheapest option.

Our 2024 pricing has been set at \$6 per round if purchased individually, or \$5 per round if shooters purchase 10 round cards. Students are priced at \$4 per round this year.

The high School team has started shooting for the year as of March 13th. The weekly mens trap hasn't started yet due to weather and wind but should start soon.

Everything is going well for trap.

Last year the Lions club made a major donation to build trap shelters and pour concrete for the trap shelters. We have \$764.28 left from that donation. Some of that remaining money will be spent to finalize some minor items for the shelters.

**Website** - Member Pete A. reported that this winter he took on a project to get our website up and operational again. The work is still in progress, but overall the site is working and fairly up to date. He will continue to work on it as the season progresses. The main areas of concern are removing old content and refreshing images. There are a lot of little areas that need fixing but the site is functional.

The first priorities for the website and major items that need to get fixed are the Calendar, the Trap and Skeet Pages and the Pistol Classes. Other items are not as important and will be fixed over the coming months. Moving forward Pete will continue to keep the website up to date. If there are areas of concern for the website, items you feel need to be corrected or items we feel should be added, Pete requested that members let the officers know or reach out to him directly.

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**Range use requests** - The following Pistol class dates were requested.

Member Jenny H. (Concealed Carry classes)

April 27 - Clubhouse & LE Range use 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

May 11 - Clubhouse & LE Range use 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

President Kermit VR. (Women's Basic Pistol and Concealed Carry Classes)

May 18 - Concealed Carry

June 15 - Women's Basic Pistol

June 29 - Concealed Carry

Aug 3 - Concealed Carry

Aug 10 - Women's Basic Pistol

Sept 28 - Concealed Carry

A motion was made to approve the range use requests – 1<sup>st</sup> Don E., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike P., motion approved.

### **Upcoming events -**

- **April 6th - Concealed Carry Class** in Clubhouse 9:00am - 1:pm, LE Range Use 1:00 - 2:30 (Member Jenny H)
- **April 28 - NRL22 / PRO Series Match** – 100 Yard range - 9:30am - 5:30pm

**Spring work days-** After discussion, we have multiple areas that need work so it was decided that we would schedule 2 work days in April. Saturday April 20th at 9:00 am and Saturday April 27th at 9:00 am. We plan on general range maintenance on the 20th, and beginning to rebuild the 100 yard range target hangers on April 27.

**Spooner Family days** - VP Dale M. brought up that we needed to look at the Spooner Family days event and discuss if we wanted to expand what we do at family days as well as what we would like to do. Since Secretary Deanne W., and Ralph W. who normally coordinate the family days events were not at the meeting we decided to table the discussion until our May meeting.

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**NRL22 Update** – the 2023 Season of NRL22 matches ended in November for IRPC. Over the season we had 112 competitors. We finished the year with a balance of \$1,108.00.

In December we were approached by another Precision Rimfire League called the PRO Series (Precision Rimfire Outlaws). The PRO series started out in Montana and has been primarily in the mountain regions of the US, but has been spreading east every year. Last year one club in Minnesota was shooting PRO series matches, this year 5 clubs are. After discussion with a variety of IRPC members we decided to join the PRO series also as there are no extra club costs or extra work, but offers us a lot of options to expand our Precision Rimfire Matches. As of March 29th, IRPC joined the PRO series as the first Wisconsin club and the 24th club in the US. Since then 3 more clubs in Iowa have joined the series as well. Many of the regional shooters in the PRO series compete across the river in Minnesota and we hope to draw many new shooters through this league.

IRPC has been the last regional club to be still using paper based scoring for our matches. Other clubs have been running computer tablet based scoring for years. With the addition of the PRO series League as well as changes in the NRL22 we decided to switch to tablet based scoring moving forward. Much of our funds from last year were used to purchase tablets and equipment to begin table based scoring.

Our current Balance for the Precision Rimfire Matches is \$311.00.

**Rimfire Auxiliary Range Request** - Last year we hosted 2 of our monthly matches on the Auxiliary range instead of the 100 yard range. Many shooters commented on how great the matches were when held on the Aux range due to extra space as well as being able to shoot out to 200+ yards. With the addition of the PRO series league, Member Pete A. made a request to move our monthly Precision Rimfire Matches over to the Auxiliary range moving forward. Member Frank D. made a motion to propose moving our rimfire matches to the Auxiliary range. 1st Bob R. 2nd Bill L. motion carried.

Member Pete A. mentioned we would host our first Rimfire match in April on the 100 yard range, then migrate to the Aux range when we are able to move the shed and prepare the range.

**5th Sunday Rimfire Events** – Member Bill L brought up that during the off season we have strategized other events that we would like to host for rimfire matches to engage the community more, attract new members and potentially offer different match options. This year there are two months that have 5th Sundays. (June & Sept). Member Bill L made a motion to allow the Rimfire team to use these 5th Sundays to offer other Rimfire events. 1st Frank D. 2nd Dan O. Motion Carried.

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**Project Planning Committee** – Member Bill L. brought up that the Planning committee had met recently and discussed projects for the year based on member feedback. The last couple years we have tried to minimize project expenses to help the club maintain a healthy balance.

- Grants During the last couple years discussions have been held about club projects using grant money from different organizations to help us expand our club. Each of these grants require matching funds to move forward. The planning committee feels that we as a club do not have enough in our budget to afford a major project with matching funds, so we recommend tabling any grant applications in 2024. We would like to discuss this more with the club at the May meeting.
- Member Jerry N. completed one of our remaining projects from 2023. The NRL22 team funded purchasing Picnic table frames last year, and the club purchased the lumber to complete those picnic tables this Spring.
- One of our major upgrades that has been proposed is to replace the Target hangers for the 100 Yard range. Member Don E. has sourced Telephone Poles for use in this project at no cost to the club. Many of these poles have already been delivered to the range and are ready to be used once the weather condition are favorable. We plan on beginning this project during one of our April Work Days.
- Another project that has been repeatedly requested is to pour concrete under the benches on the Pistol Range, the 100 yard Range and the 22 Range. We feel that this year it would be good to move forward on all or some of these projects. Due to the constant changing prices in Concrete right now it is hard to get an accurate estimate that would carry over multiple months. We would like to propose that we begin the concrete project with an estimated cost of \$2,500 in concrete with the club providing the labor for the project. We will get a better estimate on the actual project cost and would like to discuss this project at the May meeting.

**Hunters Safety** – Hunter's Safety classes and their schedule was brought up, but no members at the meeting were aware of the dates, so we decided to table the hunters safety discussion until next month.

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**Fundraising Events** - VP Dale Minder brought up Fund Raising Events. Gun Raffle, Family Days, etc. Since Member Charlie W. (who normally runs our gun raffle) was not present we asked that members think about fundraising events and we will talk about fund raising events more next month

**Trap Club request** - VP Dale M. brought up that the Trap Club has been discussing other areas that they could potentially raise more funds. They mentioned that other trap clubs normally offer items such as food and beer at weekly shoots, and the trap club would like to have the club think about us offering grilled items and beer at their weekly shoots. Members present had a discussion about alcohol at club events and nothing was really settled, so a request was made for the members to think about it where we would have food and beer as an option as a discussion at our May meeting to bring it up for a vote.

**Gas for mowers** - Member Bob R. asked when we would need gas at the range as he had brought the gas cans home and stored them for the winter. It was decided that if we had full cans at the range by the end of April we should be in good shape as it is doubtful that the grass would be that long by then.

**Gate** - Member Jerry N. brought up that the gate has been making noises and it looks like one of the hinge pins might be working itself loose. Member Pete A. committed to checking on the gate, changing the batteries, greasing the bearings and generally servicing the main entry gate.

### **Adjourn:**

- **Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> Bob R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete A., motion approved. Next meeting to be held on May 2nd, 2024 in the IRPC Club House at 7:00 p.m.