

Pine Bluff Gun Club Minutes of January 15, 2023

Meeting was held at the White Hall Community Center starting at 2:00PM.

Opening prayer by Mike Walls.

Pledge of Allegiance by Roy Whitaker.

Financial and Membership reports given by Mike Walls. Financially in good shape. There are a few openings for new members.

The Defensive Pistol Match report by Mike Walls shows there is some money in reserve for any needed equipment. It was brought up about expanding the steel or action targets which will be explored. Entry fee is \$5. Shoot 6 action or standard stages. 75 to 100 rounds. Is appropriate for all levels of shooters. Open to the public. Great fun. Get out and try it. The 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM.

The Bowling Pin Match report by Mark Blackwood shows money in reserve as needed for supplies and equipment. Uses a rimfire and a centerfire pistol for each run. Usually 2 to 3 runs per shooter in each match. Fee is \$5. Held the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM February through October. March, June and September are the steel matches. 5 bowling pins then 20 to 30 pieces of steel. Open to the public. Very fun and challenging.

Under old business it was noted that we do have the new sliding gate that was installed for free by Bill Walter. As you open it, please walk it across the drive, do not send it flying. At the 200 and 300 yard berms, each one has a new piece of A500 steel. More is coming. Should handle most rifle calibers. No steel core ammo (if the bullet attracts a magnet do not use on the steel) or armor piercing ammo. Will remove the old steel as we go along. There is still a lot of trouble with members shooting up our IDPA props and target stands. Keep an eye out for anyone doing this. Also make sure your bullet impacts a berm and not the ground.

Also under old business a lengthy discussion was held as to the feasibility of the shotgun range. The cost to do it right would be \$8,000 to \$10,000. The committee working on that has spent time trying to see what needs done. They also were looking at the club to see the level of interest that was truly there for this. To spend that amount of money that range would need to see a lot of use. Jody Clark and Dickey Yaney have done a good job on this. Jody gave some input at the meeting. From the comments at the meeting it is felt that we could use the money to improve the range in other ways. As the intent was to do a Don Smith Memorial Match, that could be done in Defensive Pistol, Bowling Pin or a special rifle or varmint match. The Board will do some further research in this. We had promised to do the yearly Don Smith Match and we need to make good on that.

Under new business it was noted that we have a gentleman repeatedly trespassing on the property. This has been addressed with him verbally and via the Cleveland County Sheriff. Options explored. The Board will send him a certified letter and have the sheriff talk to him again. Plans to prosecute if his actions continue. At the same time it was brought up about installing cellular cameras to monitor the entrance and range. The Board will move forward with that plan.

Travis Chisom, the Area Director for Special Olympics AR, asked if we could get the Special Olympic Benefit Match going again. Due to lack of safety officers and support personnel that is not an option at this time. However, it was decided that we would at least try to do the raffle. Mike Walls and Paul Davis have agreed to supply the rifle and ammo for this. The club will need to help sell the tickets that will be available at the June meeting. Plan to do as before with 200 tickets at \$20 each. Drawing as soon as all are sold. If any club member can solicit donations from friends, their employer, etc. Travis will be happy to have those as well. They just lost Simmons as a sponsor.

The next meeting date was set as June 11, 2023 at the White Hall Community Center starting at 2:00 PM. DUES WILL BE PAYABLE AT THIS MEETNG! Deadline of June 30th on dues. Feel free to bring items for sale or trade to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

The Board truly does appreciate all the members of the club and their support of, and trust in, us to be good stewards of the club's resources.

Website is pbgunclub.org . Contact information for the board is located there. Calendar, matches and general information as well.

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