Dade City Gun Club Meeting 12-10-19

Attendance: There were 9 Board and 16 Club members present.

1. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen military and first responders after the pledge of allegiance.
2. Gary Gamble was then given the floor and thanked the Club for the outstanding Range Safety Officer dinner given in appreciation of the volunteer work the Range Safety Officers do throughout the year.
3. Jean Nathe (Friends of the NRA) gave a short pitch to sell NRA 2020 Calendars this year. They are $50.00 each with $10.00 going to the Club. With each calendar is a raffle ticket that gives you a chance to win a firearm each week. Winning tickets are returned to the batch and can win again. They give away two guns each week, 105 guns total and only 4,000 calendars will be sold. If you would like a Calendar and the chance to win a firearm, contact Bill Johnson 352-834-4080.

Secretary’s Report: Jim Johnson published the minutes of the November meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Chet Kucharsky reported the following:

1. He confirmed that everyone had received and reviewed the Profit and Loss Balance sheet and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions.
2. Chet handed out an Income Sheet comparing 2018 and 2019 so the Board could accurately compare what we did this year with last year. In summary, we made slightly less than we did the year before, but anticipate that we will do better in 2020 because of range improvements and we are more efficient in handling renewals.
3. Chet then reported the cost of the Range Safety Officer Dinner ($2,380.00) and expense reimbursement ($37,250.00). All agreed that these expenses are well worth the hundreds of hours of volunteer work and professionalism displayed by our Range Safety Officers.
4. Chet explained that our NRA site inspection by a certified inspector is scheduled for January 2020.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote.

Chief Range Safety Officer’s Report: Paul Daly reported the following:

1. Range Safety Officer statistics: there were 1104 shooters, 390 paid shooters, 42 guest shooters, and 66 junior shooters. The Range Safety Officers took in $7,800.00 in range fees, $2,440.00 in new memberships, and $2,800.00 in renewals for a total of $13,040.00.
2. Incident Reports this month were baffle damage related.
3. After detecting excessive damage to our baffles by steel bullets, we are banning them from use on our range.
4. Paul gave special thanks to all of the Range Safety Officers for doing a great job addressing potential safety issues. He then thanked Dennis Doll and his trainers for the outstanding job they are doing training new Range Safety Officers.

A motion to accept the Chief Range Safety Officer’s report was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote.
**Building and Grounds Report:** Roger Smith reported the following:

1. We are still working on the out-buildings. We have to replace the doors, power wash and paint, and remove some trim that’s catching moisture and rotting.
2. Roger was given approval to purchase and install 20 more target frames for the 50-yard range.

A motion to accept the Building and Grounds Report was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote.

**Education and Training Report:**

1. **Training Report:**
   - November 16 Monthly Concealed Weapons License Course... 5 students graduated.
   - November 23 NRA Concealed Carry Weapons Instructor Course ... 7 instructors graduated.
   - December 8 NRA Range Safety Officer Workshop... 6 candidates graduated.

2. Mike Lopes will be giving the following courses/workshops:
   - March Muzzle Loading Student Course
   - April Muzzle Loading Instructor Workshop
   - May Refuse-To-Be-A-Victim Crime Avoidance Student Seminar
     - Refuse-To-Be-A-Victim Instructor Workshop

A motion to accept the Education and Training Report was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote.

**Old Business:**

1. Jim Pasco reported that the Annual Range Safety Officer Diner was outstanding. 104 Range Safety Officers and their guests participated. Everyone had a good time and the food was excellent. A motion was made to do the same thing next year. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote. Jim then tasked the Secretary to send a “Thank you letter” to each of the organizations that donated raffle gifts.
2. The next Highway Pickup is scheduled for December 19 at 8:00 am, any questions or concerns can be addressed by Bill Johnson at 352-834-4080.
3. The next Swap Meet is this Saturday, December 14, starting at 7:30 am in the Club House. Bring your guns and/or gun related items for sell or trade. Only members can sell items, non-members are welcome to purchase merchandise.
4. Toys-for-Tots will collect toys until 15 December. Please come by the Club House and drop off new-unwrapped toys, it’s an exceptional program.
6. Reminder, the range is closed to everyone on December 25, Christmas Day.

**New Business:**
1. Law Enforcement requested the use of our range after 6:00 pm for low-light shooting training. After discussing all of the issues associated with an evening shooting event, a motion was made not to allow after hours shooting by law enforcement because the noise. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

2. Ken Orlando recommended that the Club add a fourth Range Safety Officer on busy weekends so there would be an extra person to handle administrative tasks. Paul Daly agreed that this was necessary. A motion was made to give the Chief Range Safety Officer the authority to schedule a fourth Range Safety Officer for busy days so one Range Safety Officer can be dedicated to administration. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote.

3. Bill Johnson recommended that we change the street sign to read “public welcome” rather than “public range” to avoid the misunderstanding that the Club is something other than a private gun club.

**Club Business:**

1. The monthly drawing of $184.00 was won by Jim Pasco.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Johnson, Club Secretary