



Clark County Shooting Complex Advisory Committee PUBLIC MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday April 17, 2012

Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Trowbridge-Chair, Ron Lurie-Vice Chair, Roy Clark, Art Dixon, Kevin Kelly, Linda Lane, Scott Lofgren, Chuck Musser, Martin Olson, Brandy Ornelas, Tuesday James (for Steve Ross), and Reginald Beatty

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): none

ATTENDANCE: 12

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Finger, Assistant County Manager, Steve Carmichael, Range Administrator, Iris Kikuchi, Secretary, Doug Miles, Rec/Cultural Specialist and Betty-jane Kuhlendahl, Office Specialist.

NOTICE POSTED: Clark County Government Center Lobby, Clark County Web site: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov>, Regional Justice Center, Paradise Community Center, Desert Breeze Community Center, Winchester Community Center, Clark County Shooting Complex (Range Office, Shotgun Center, Rifle-Pistol Center)

I CALL TO ORDER:

- A. This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair-Glenn Trowbridge
- B. Silence all cellular phones and pagers.
- C. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law-**CONFIRMED**

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Roll call was taken. Twelve (12) board members are present. A quorum was met.

IV ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The April 17, 2012 meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Vice-chair Ron Lurie, second by Art Dixon.
- B. The minutes of the February 20, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Art Dixon, second by Chuck Musser.
- C. The minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Vice-chair Ron Lurie, second by Art Dixon.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. None to report.

VI STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Steve Carmichael, Range Manager, presented the Shooting Range Briefing:
 - Steve handed out an overview picture of the parking area in the maintenance yard near the main office. He is proposing to use this area for storage rentals for the User Groups (UG) that train at the Education Center. When UG train, they haul training equipment to and from the range during their weeklong and/or weekend training sessions. Steve is requesting approval to rent space for their equipment, specifications include 24ft in length x 10ft wide, no tarps, no open trailers and groups need to check in/out during the hours of operation. Suggests a weekly, monthly and annual rate.



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- Ron Lurie likes the idea of generating more revenue for the range, \$5-6000 annually. As long as an agreement is contracted that the county will be held harmless, this idea is well received by committee.
- Chuck Musser noted that we don't want a motor home problem as in the past and wants all trailers to have a license plate and be easily identified with their own insurance. Should have a procedure of check-in and checkout with identification.
- Glenn Trowbridge asks to clarify the hours of operation. Steve replied the UG would remove and return their trailers while gates to the maintenance area are open.
- Question from Brandy if they would be storing ammunition. Steve will not allow storing ammo, only equipment such as steel targets, or other items necessary to run their events. Small trailers are convenient, and can be towed on to the range, resulting in less handling of equipment.
- Ed Finger recommends next step is to take to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval.
- Steve comments that conex boxes would cost more money than UG storing their trailers. All groups may not be able to fill a whole box on their own. The ease of pulling trailers and getting it to the range is appealing to the groups. We can try it out and see if it meets their demands.
- Ron motions to follow recommendation by Ed Finger and take it to the BCC. The District Attorney may need to develop an agreement to hold the county harmless.
- The committee unanimously approved a vote. Motion by Vice-chair Ron Lurie, second by Art Dixon.
- First Quarter 2012, Comprehensive Comparison to First Quarter 2011 – Steve announced that the revenues for Fiscal Year 2012 in March will end at \$188,000 as \$56,000 in additional funds will carry over to April. The cost recovery month to month reflects an adjustment for inventory in January, 2012. Cost recovery for FY12 is averaging 83% per month, compared to 53% in 2011.
- To follow up on the NV State Trapshooting Tournament March 28 – April 1, due to extremely high winds on Sunday, the final two scheduled events were postponed. These events will be held in July concurrent with the Western Zone Tournament in Elko. In 4 days, we threw 200,000 targets. Without the threat of high winds, we could have easily thrown an additional 75-100,000 targets. Over 380 shooters classified, and 320 shooters had actually signed up before a number of shooters started pulling out of events on Friday due to the predicted wind event that was forecast to strike over the weekend. We easily could have had 350 shooters on Saturday and Sunday. Thursday and Fridays events continued into the evening due to the turnout, so contestants were able to see all of the fields lit up for night shooting. We received lots of good comments from the shooters about how nice the facilities are and will be coming back for the next shoot.
 - Question from Chuck Musser about the price of ammunition for tournaments and to be cautious when giving out to shooters. Steve responds that receipts need to be shown before issuing ammo. We sell ammo during the tournaments to service our customers. The shooters need certain loads for tournaments.
 - Chuck questioned the percentage of breakage and if we are able to get credit or return broken birds to the manufacturer for reimbursement? Steve said normal breakage and loss averages about 3%. Anything higher than that means you have an equipment problem, or the scorekeepers are using the voice release system improperly. The scorekeeper needs to turn off microphones during station changes and while calling out scores, then turn them back on when the squad is about to resume shooting.
- Traffic Counters – Steve handed out a document on the traffic counts for comparison FY 2011 to FY 2012. He suggests sending to the BCC as it shows the increase of traffic into the range. Comparison shows that 28,733 vehicles entered the facility the first quarter of 2012, compared to 18,712 during the same period in 2011. This is a significant increase of 10,021 vehicles, or over 53%.

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- Janice Ridondo, liaison for Commissioner Collins, suggests Steve to come to the meeting to show the increase of numbers, attend the next BCC meeting and talk about it.
- Steve noted that there are significantly less shotgun shooters than rifle-pistol shooters, but the per ticket transaction is quite a bit higher at the Shotgun Center versus the Rifle/Pistol Center, as shown by the handout. The number of shotgun shooters and revenues will increase dramatically with the opening of the Sporting Clays course this fall. The average transaction amounts at both areas increased during the year as we added ammunition to both centers. We also removed the vending machines that the State of NV (Blind Industries) had placed outside of the Rifle-Pistol range. This will impact the money those shooters will spend inside and add to our profits. We are currently running at capacity on weekends at Rifle/Pistol.
- Glenn Trowbridge made a comment on how much more revenues were recovered on RV Campers for the Nevada State shoot. Steve agreed that we filled the 80 sites that we currently rent. Glenn adds that the Pro Shop hasn't broken out as of yet and we still need to add the retail transactions once that comes on board.
- Ron Lurie questioned if we are making money during our league nights at the Shotgun Center. Steve comments that we may eventually want to add another league night on Thursday evenings once we reach capacity on Wednesdays. This could still be 2-3 years. We currently have over 40 shooters (8 teams) in the new skeet league, while 140 shooters (28 teams) compete in the trap league. Ron adds that we need to look into offering more leagues to User groups based on these numbers.
- Steve comments that once Sporting Clays opens in late Fall, we may host 2-3 tournaments for this venue, drawing a whole new group of clay shooters. The real numbers, however, are in the casual, not tournament shooters. The dynamics of the Shotgun Center will continue to change when it opens. Trap and skeet shooting will continue to grow. Casual shooting at Rifle-Pistol is already going very well. With two major trap-shooting events, we draw on the same crowds during the spring and fall shoots. In May, we have a User Group, Las Vegas 1000, bringing in a week of shotgun shooters with a different twist, charging one inclusive price for the week. It is great that we have 3 tournaments per year and these can grow every year. This July 19,20 & 21, we have the California Youth Trap Association bringing 400-500 junior shooters, which will be a huge event for the range. This is during a normally very slow time for shotgun activity due to the heat.
- Glenn comments, with the number of shooters at the shotgun center seem to spend more money verses shooters at the Rifle-Pistol range. Is there a way to attach the cost shotgun verses rifle-pistol?
- Ed Finger comments to pass on to the range staff his compliments for the revenue numbers that are coming in. Steve and his staff and volunteers, deserve a lot of credit and his bosses are impressed.

VII COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Ron comments that when Action Items are to be considered, try to deliver the Agendas to the committee members a little earlier to allow more review before meeting.

VIII ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Education Center to be named after NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW) for possible action – Chuck Musser suggests naming the Education Center, the NDOW Education Center. They have contributed over \$300,000 to construct the building and places ads for the range in their wildlife manuals.
- Martin Olson comments that the education center had changed the idea of the “hunter education” building and shares the range and classrooms with other User Groups. We have since removed the “hunter” name, as it became evident that training included more than hunting and in relation to education of different types of shooting. We received \$240,000 grant from Southern NV Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)

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Section 10 to develop the building and ranges. An additional \$80,000 grant for chairs and sound equipment in each of the classrooms, which we cannot loan out and make money by renting, and \$20,000 grant for portable bleachers that the range can use if they need to move them around the centers. We lost our Archery coordinator and are currently in the process of hiring to keep the program active. We have 40 schools that are active in this program, that take place indoors at school gyms, possibly around 400 shooters. Archery is big in the schools and will take off within the next two years. We are working on another grant \$4000 for boy scouts to finish the shotgun area at the education center to build a small training area utilizing the wobble trap, a campground for tents, with a picnic table and a place for a camp fire. Martin will abstain from voting because he is employed with NDOW.

- Chuck added there is a local 17-yr old girl that is a Regional Archery Champion in the Schools (NASP). It is an indication how much NDOW has done for us. He motions that NDOW receives naming rights for 5-years on the Education Center building.
- Glenn refers to the Roberts Rules of Order and notes the motion. Glenn agrees that a great portion of thanks goes to NDOW to make this available to the range and we are making progress, although to win friends with the Commissioners, he hesitates to share with other successes. Giving the naming rights to a State agency takes away the credit to the county. Two comments: 1. Soft sell the idea at the Commissioner's level, 2. Propose naming rights without potentially asking politicians to share credit.
- Linda asks if we can use "sponsored by" instead of using NDOW in the name of the building.
- Martin notes that our success is there already with the successful muzzleloader classes, beginning shotgun levels, beginning rifle and archery classes. Do we need the name? The goal is for the wildlife division.
- Brandy notes that none of the other buildings are named and the publicity will bring more to the range. Chuck agrees that is the purpose of this action.
- Ron suggests forwarding to the commissioners and to acquire their comments on the naming rights of the building. Ron is in favor to recognize NDOW and believes naming rights will be an easy sell once this happens. It will lead to more naming rights. The county is already credited by the name, Clark County Shooting Complex.
- Ed suggests it will not harm anything. The committee can recommend and give to the commissioners a chance to discuss and bring it back to the committee.
- Chuck repeats that naming the NDOW Education Center is the right thing to do.
- Ron recommends a motion to vote by the committee. Art Dixon seconds the motion. Martin Olson abstains from voting. A unanimous vote was approved.

IX CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. The secretary announced a few corrections on the committee contact list. Glenn noted the committee list is confidential and to be used internally, not for public use.

X PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Chuck commented that he volunteered his time at the State County Fair in Logandale last weekend. His friend Richard Ivy, a vendor for Great Basin BBQ, should be on the vendor list so when we have events, he can be called to bring up his bbq business. He adds that we should plan a Fall Community Challenge for the range staff, maybe a shoot during the first weekend of October, 2012. We could incorporate prizes, donations, and food vendors and show off the range. Let's add this to next month's agenda.

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- B. Chuck brought in a handbook from Desert Sportsman reading a statement that every bullet must pass through the target and hit the berm. No shooting into the side berm. Ricochet bullets behind the backstops are errant bullets. Steve responds that we have now 7ft target frames to help impact the backstop. We need to re-educate the public to place their targets in such a way to impact the backstops and place a reminder sign at every table. We are worried about ricochet bullets causing an injury, as well as leaving the range, and we take it seriously.
- C. James Borchers, part-time range safety officer at the range, adds his comments that the revenues look great and business has picked up since opening. On Mon/Tue, when the public has regular days off, why can't the range be open to the public? We can take a survey to see if the response is to allow the public to shoot on those days. Being a 24-hr town, why can't we do that?
 - Chuck responds that we need to do maintenance on Mon/Tue and it is one of our biggest issues, to clean up shells, trash, wads and buildings. Steve adds that Mon/Tue is open to User Group Law Enforcement and Security agencies to use the Education Center. We also need the time for maintenance and during the summer months when we don't have enough volunteer hosts, it takes more time to clean up the range. We cannot justify the public hours.
 - Scott Lofgren questions the Wed night league hours opened until 10pm. Steve responds that it is open to the public as well as league until 10pm. We will be extending shooting hours through the summer months to 10pm for both Rifle-Pistol as well.
 - Steve adds that only special events will be reserving the range on Mon/Tue. Casual shooting will not fly.
 - Chuck asked about the possibility of the Maintenance Supervisor position. No comment.
 - James Borchers suggests adding a survey on the Website for public response to shoot on Mon/Tue.
 - Scott adds that we could close early on those days (Mon/Tue) and/or open late during the week. Steve responds that this is a staff issue and we would need a minimum of 4 people on the range. Will need time to research this.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 6:30pm at the Government Center Training Room 3.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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