

# **Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Meeting**

## **March 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Call to Order by the President – Julie Wagoner

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Roll Call of Board Members – Rob Lowery

Quorum: 37 /48

Secretary's Report – January Minutes – Rob Lowery  
Second (Chuck Sauber) **Voted and Approved**

Motion to accept (Charlie Brown)

Treasurer's Report – Charlie E. Brown  
Second (Lee Thompson) **Voted and Approved**

Motion to accept (Jeff Stevens)

### **Board Member Reports:**

Archery – Ed Lange

NO REPORT

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn  
at the Cowboy Action Lodge.

11<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am preseason meeting

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Paul Schuler

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is first match.

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt

Had a shoot on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. There were

12 shooters. Fees turned in. Next shoot is Mar 15<sup>th</sup>. Work hours available. Damage on the back stop. Someone is shooting at something that is destroying the 50-yard back stop. Motion (Harley Whitt) to use the club house for awards in case of bad weather. Second (Todd Ryan).

Discussion. **Voted and Approved.**

Black Powder Cartridge – Don Rotzoll  
was held. Next shoots are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

Small bore had 5 shooters. 26<sup>th</sup> shoot

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson  
reminder. Invite new members to shoot with you.

No complaints. Mentor Programs

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis  
by a match. Non-members can attend the clinic.

April 25<sup>th</sup> is a CMP clinic followed

Conservation – Jim Shickles  
plantings let Jim know.

If there is a need for trees or other

Cowboy Action – Bruce Nygren  
permitting.

April 4<sup>th</sup> season starts. Weather

Defense Range – Tim Keinbaum

NO REPORT

Grounds Keeper – Roger Hager  
next 2 weeks, need help.

Spring services for equipment in

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino

NO REPORT

Historian – Al Wendorf

NO REPORT

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Jeff Stevens

NO REPORT

Membership – Jon Nortemann

NO REPORT

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem

NO REPORT

NRA Instruction / Youth – Tom Helbig  
youth shoot.

Seven kids signed up to date for

Pistol – John Kittleson

NO REPORT

Publicity – Johanna Oksnevad	NO REPORT
Range Construction – Wally Marshall	First work day is Saturday April 4 <sup>th</sup> . Changing out Styrofoam for target stands for front and back ranges. Working on the 200 and 300-meter ranges. Fire Dept inspection, no violations noted. Don't leave extension cords plugged in.
Rules – Larry Abbott	NO REPORT
Silhouette – Steve Schmalz	Shooting in door on Monday nights until April 27 <sup>th</sup> . Got some new shooters. From 5 to 6:30 pm. Detail on the web.
Technical Director – Todd Ryan	NO REPORT
Trap – Jeff Goode	Trap shoots starts May 4 <sup>th</sup> .
Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber	NO REPORT
Youth Air Rifle – Larry Abbott	Received grant from Friends of the NRA. Scoring system is purchased with this. Thank you to Cliff Jensen and his son for helping out. State shoot in Eau Claire in April. Held a Wednesday morning adult match, Bruce Nygren won the standing and bench rest. Don Halpren was place winner in Bench Rest as well. Fees purchased a new air rifle.

## **Committee Updates**

- Long Term Planning / Capital Improvements – Committee consists of Rob Lowery, Norm Larson, Jon Nortemann, Kyle Schliem, Dave Fatino, Carl Lang, John Kittleson, Wally Marshall, Lee Thompson, Chuck Sauber, Robert McCormick, Julie Wagner, and Bill Ruck (Chairmen). We have met twice since getting preliminary costs from contractor bids. Consensus that we need to down scale the project and simplify the plans and design. Meeting will be held for plan be after board meeting.
- Financial Oversight Committee – NO REPORT
- By-Laws – NO REPORT

## **Unfinished Business**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 Dates
  - March 11 – New Member at Boundaries (table setup at 6:15 pm for disciplines)
  - March 28th & 29th – Annual BRC Gun Show (Send out email and post on social media promoting show)
  - April 11 – First Aid Training 9 AM start in the club house.

## **New Business**

- IGOLD in Illinois – Pinetree Pistol Club – Buses to Springfield.
- Illinois Carry Conceal Class – Motion made by Don Miller to conduct Illinois Carry Conceal class May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday). Second (Larry Abbott). Discussion: The cost is \$100 per person. Club is paid \$50 per person. Time of class will be from 9am to 5pm in club house. Qualification shoot will be on the defense range, back-up would be the indoor range due to weather conditions. **Voted and Approved.**
- North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA.org)- Kevin Herrick (Member of BRC) gave a presentation about their organization.  
Kevin Herrick made a motion to hold a match at the end of August. 25-30 people. Second (Charlie J Brown). Discussion: Black Powder to be used. Camping out there as well. There will be one safety per 5 people shooting. **Voted and Approved**

- Motion to add Exception to Rule Five (pg. 6 of rule book under A. Black Powder Rifle) (Kevin Herrick) Second (Don Rotzoll)
  - Muzzle Loading firearms with percussion ignition only may be loaded at the firing line if the following conditions are adhered to:
    - a. Ammunition charges must be pre-measured charges no loose powder or bulk powder will be brought to the firing line.
    - b. All ammunition components must be carried in a cartridge box attached to the shooter.
    - c. On the line all covers of the cartridge box must cover the cartridges at all time, except when the shooter is reaching into the box to retrieve a round.
    - d. Loading shall commence with the butt of the rifle on the ground and the hammer down on the last cap fired.
    - e. The ramrod shall not be placed back into the piece. Ramrods may be placed on the table or leaned up against an appropriate holder.
    - f. The arm shall not be capped until the loading procedure has been completed.
    - g. Muzzle pointed down range at the backstop before capped.

Discussion: **Voted and Approved**

- Update on indoor range build – \$1.5 to \$1.6 million is the cost to put up a new building to house the indoor range. This includes the building, black topping the parking area, ventilation. The two quotes for the actual indoor range from first bid was approximately \$700,000 and the second bid was approximately \$900,000. Total cost would range from \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million to complete the project. Discussed current finances in achieve this. With current savings plans, we could meet this by 2030. As of this moment this is not a plan, we believe we could do and grow our disciplines. We cancelled the trip to the Smoking Gun Worx. Working priorities, we want for the indoor range was longer range, upgraded back stop. One that can house a match and still allow members to shoot as well.
 

We would like to do this with in house membership to achieve this goal. Plan B would be to do a single level building with 14 lanes. Split into two seven lane ranges. We could keep the current design for the back stop with upgrading to AR500 steel. This back stop is consistent with current NRA indoor range back stops. The hand crack system works and with some modifications would be fine. Changing or upgrading the stall partitions. The building cost post frame structure costs would be approximately \$100,000 for the shell. Interior cost would be approximately \$10,000. The HVAC system would be set up into 3 components: Heating and cooling for the common area, Make up air for the range and exhaust with appropriate lead removal filtration approximate cost \$140,000 (two quotes). Concrete and labor approximately \$40,000. The steel ceiling baffles for the range approximately \$2,000. Total cost at this point: \$292,000. The costs not included at this time: the bullet trap, the shooting stalls, Concrete block for the walls, center wall separating the two ranges, target retrieval, plumbing, electrical and contractor fees. Final thoughts if these costs were to come to \$500,000 the final cost would be approximately \$800,000. Still more discussion and planning to be done. Also plans for paving the parking lot would be added to the project when ready to do. The thought is not to damage the new pavement when doing this building.

Meeting Adjourned