

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Meeting

Aug 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Call to Order by the President – Julie Wagoner

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Roll Call of Board Members – Rob Lowery

Quorum: 35/49

Secretary's Report – July Minutes – Rob Lowery
Second (Jim Shickles) **Voted and Approved**

Motion to approve (Chuck Beeler)

Treasurer's Report – June & July Reports - Charlie E. Brown
Whitt) Second (Dennis Munn) **Voted and Approved**

Motion to approve June (Harley

Sauber) Second (Brad Mueller) **Voted and Approved**

Motion to approve July (Chuck

Board Member Reports

Archery – Ben Remer

week for the archery league. Motion to have another raffle for a blind. (Ben Remer)

Second (Ed Lange). Discussion. **Voted and Approved**

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn

August 14th is next shoot.

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Paul Schuler

NO REPORT

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt

June Sgt York Shoot. Had 11

Shooters. After expenses, sent donation to Sgt York Memorial. July had Buffalo shoot, 21 shooters. Fees turned in. Ordered targets in July. Next shoot is August 15th, sanctioned squirrel shoot. Muzzle loading shotgun trap match this Saturday. Always can use help.

Black Powder Cartridge – Don Rotzoll

Small Bore shoot had 13 shooters.

Large Bore had 8-9 shooters. N-SSA shoot last weekend had a good turn-out. Another N-SSA shoot at end of August. Next Small Bore shoot this Sunday.

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson

Things are going well. There have

been complaints of people not cleaning up after themselves.

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis

June match had 8 shooters. No shoot

in July. August 21st is next shoot. Fees turned in.

Conservation – Jim Shickles

NO REPORT

Cowboy Action – Bruce Nygren

NO REPORT

Defense Range – Tim Kienbaum

Shooting steel challenge tomorrow.

Grounds Keeper – Roger Hager
on other projects.

Glass is slowing down and working

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino

NO REPORT

Historian – Harley Whitt
the club newsletter.

Article on the Sgt York shoot was in

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Jeff Stevens

NO REPORT (online courses only)

Membership – Jon Nortemann

There are 1082 members, we lost

106 members. Nine new applications in.

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem

NO REPORT

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette 34 kids signed up for the Sportsfest.
 Title changed to the “Brownells/ NRA Youth Sportsfest.”

Pistol – Don Halpern Summer league has had a good turnout so far. Motion made to hold summer league banquet on Sept 9 from 5pm to 8pm in the indoor range (Don Halpern) Second (Don Rotzoll). Discussion. **Voted and Approved.** State match will be held in August.

Publicity – Johanna Oksnevad Fall raffle tickets ready at the end of month.

Range Construction – Brad Mueller Been busy. Had two work days and two special work days for electrical (new Parking light). Low attendance for June work day. Put in electrical conduit in June out back. Motion made to add Vince Porter and Bob Sobucki to the Range Construction crew. (Brad Mueller) Second. (Ed Lange) Discussion. **Voted and Approved.** Rodney Johnson taking over as Co-Director. August work day.

Rules – Jon Nortemann Been working

Silhouette – Steve Schmalz Thursday nights have been going well. 6-9 shooters. July 24th had 80 round match, Greg Stevens high score 59/80 and 53/80. August 21st next mach. Need help. Thank you to Larry Abbott and Jon Flora for helping in July.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey Reminder club website email is webedits@beloitrifleclub.org. Website registration and setting up a PayPal. Online youth signup has had good results (34). Be sure to verify your discipline events are on the calendar.

Trap – Jeff Goode Participation has been down about 30% on Mondays. The 4H group has not paid for their Targets.

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber Shooting Trap.

Women’s Shooting Group – Julie Wagoner Some of the ladies have been shooting precision Pistol. Thank you to the precision pistol guys for helping out. Start back up in September. One of the ladies shot 287 out of 300 in her first match.

Youth Air Rifle – Larry Abbott Things moving along. The older kids are now aging out. (8-18 yrs.). Building back up with new kids. Donation received for new Air Rifle.

Committee Updates

- Long Term Planning / Capital Improvements – Presentation in New Business
- Financial Oversight Committee – NO REPORT

Unfinished Business

- New Member Orientation August 15, 2021 12-4pm

New Business

- 2022 Dates for Calendar/ Boundaries
 - Jan 5, 2022 Annual meeting: Boundaries? Motion to hold it at Boundaries. (Jeff Stevens) Second (?) Discussion. **Voted and Approved**
 - Online Election again? Motion (Larry Abbott) Second (Don Rotzoll) Discussion. **Voted and Approved.**
 - Feb 5, 2022 Swap Meet at Club House. Motion to not have it this year. (Jon Nortemann) Second (Larry Abbott). Discussion. **Voted and Approved.**
 - Feb 6, 2022 Annual Dues Renewal: hold at the Club House on Feb 6th Motion made (Chuck Beeler). Second (Jeff Stevens) Discussion. **Voted and Approved.** (20-10)

- Mar 9, 2022 New Members: Boundaries Motion made (Jeff Stevens) Second (Chuck Beeler) Discussion. **Voted and Approved.**
- March Gun Show? Motion to table until next month (Gregg Davis) Second (Ed Lange) Discussion. **Voted and Approved.**
- Wellness fair at Fairbanks Morse Sep 9, 2021
- New Member potentials: Gary and Nancy Laborde (sp?) and Mike (?)
- Ed Lange would like to borrow club tables August 14th and 15th
- Used Action Target 20 Lane Range & Building plan – Long Range Planning Committee Presentation: (See Presentation attachment) Presentation was made by Julie Wagoner.

Long Term Planning Committee Presentation:

As most of you know the Long-Range Planning Committee has been talking about building a new indoor range for several years. Estimated costs vs what we have in savings was always the primary reason for not moving forward. We have recently come across a way and a plan that if we all work together, we could have the building and indoor range built next year (2022) and functioning in 2023.

We ask that you hear the plan out, pay attention to the steps in how we could proceed and participate in the discussion at the end of this presentation.

We would like to remind you that this is for the club as a whole. In the 2018 survey, the indoor range was the 2nd most used range on the property. With the new indoor range, we could see it being the most utilized range on the property. A new indoor range was also a very high priority for members in this survey.

I would like to introduce the committee to you so you know when I say we, who is on the team. Kyle Schliem, Rob Lowery, Charlie Brown, Chuck Sauber, Norm Larsen, Lee Thompson, John Kittleson, Wayne Mitchell, Dave Fatino and me. We are in 100% agreement in moving forward as a committee.

Our reasons for a new range / building:

- The next generation and the future of the shooting sports in the club.
- National match distance of 75 feet.
- Up to code ventilation system.
- Upgraded back stop:
 - Easier lead collection and removal.
 - AR500 plate
 - Higher calibers/velocities used.
 - No splatter back with Action Target bullet trap.
 - Any distance can be shot at with this back stop design.
- Shoot higher calibers:
 - Rifles
 - Magnums
 - Pistol caliber carbines.
- More lanes:

- Two story range would always provide lanes to members when discipline shoot is in use.
- Two story has smaller footprint so cheaper construction cost per square foot.
- Turn current range into:
 - Larger meeting space.
 - Air rifle
 - Indoor archery
- Future office space and gun safe room

We were recently made aware of a used Action Targets indoor range guts for 20 lanes for sale at a price that is too good to not look further into and how to make it happen. We have been meeting for the last month gathering as much information as we possibly can and problem solving.

Advertisement for range reads as follows: “Action Target 20 lane indoor shooting range. This is a total containment trap which lets you recycle all the lead. It includes everything you see on the photos, traps, stalls, target retrievers, baffles, two 40-ton air condition units and even 20 thousand dollars in Bullet proof glass for the viewing area. It’s a matter of coming to pick it up and installing it somewhere else and you are operating an indoor range. Range is rated for 50 Cal sustain fire. Range has been uninstalled and put in a warehouse ready to ship to a new range owner. I paid 1.2 million for this equipment, selling it for pennies on the dollar. Asking 400k.” His post did show a requesting price of \$360,000. when we viewed it and it has been for sale for 1 year. We feel this gives us some negotiation room.

Pros:

- Cost savings.
- It matches exactly what we really want to build from the very beginning.

Considerations:

- Shipping from Brownsville TX
 - Looking at possibly 4-5 semi-truck loads
- Between \$3,500 to \$4,000.00 each load
- Storage
 - Ventilation units could be stored outside at the club
 - Purchase more of the shipping containers to store material in on current club grounds would be the most economical way to proceed to store until installed.
- Install
 - Per seller, his contractor who installed and uninstalled the guts would charge \$25,000 to reinstall range. Further information is needed.
 - We received original blue prints and packing list of all material from Action Targets.
- Ventilation system (two 40-ton units)

- Could be retrofitted?
- Does not have heat.
- Not designed by Action Targets (we feel this is a good thing)
- Will work with some local companies on this.
- Trip to inspect before offer made:
 - We would like to send Kyle Schliem and Wayne Mitchell down to inspect material before offer is made. Kyle has been point of contact with the seller up to this point and Wayne is an electrical engineer, business owner/negotiator and both have the understanding of the Action Target ranges and what they are looking for.
- Offer: Figure out a cap to offer once inspected and start low.
 - Can always go up, can't go down.

Cost break downs for current quotes and older quotes for comparison:

For 2 story shell: (20 lanes)	\$1,100,000.00 (average cost)
Need electrical, plumbing. (\$150,000. estimate)	
For 1 story shell: (10 lanes)	\$700,000- \$750,000.00
With design allowing us the ability to grow up with 2 nd story down the road.	
Estimated cost for 2 story down the road	\$550,000.00 & 790,000.00
Action Target guts if we buy used (20 lanes)	\$400,000.00: \$20,000.00 per lane
Install, shipping, storage 50 cal rated	
Action Target if we buy new (16 lanes)	\$715,000.00 (no ventilation) \$44,690. Per
lane Install, shipping 50 cal rated	(20 lanes would be \$893,800.00)
D5 Ranges (16 lanes) .308 rated	\$925,000.00: \$57,813 per lane
Does not include shipping	(20 lanes would be \$1,155,260.00)
Spire Ranges (12 lanes)	\$540,000.00 (no ventilation) \$45,000 per
lane	(20 lanes would be \$900,000.00)

Building quotes from: CCI, JP Cullen, Mike Eggleston & Gilbanks

We have been advised to have plans drawn for the range for quoting to be done in February for the year. It is when they are gearing up for the year and are hungry for work. We have found an engineer/designer that can draw them up and has an architect that can stamp them once approved. We also have received from Action Targets the Install Set Range Plans and an inventory list of everything purchased for this range from them. If purchased it will simplify the design immensely and we have what is required for a ventilation system from OSHA. We are in talks with a HVAC company about how to modify the used units for the northern climate vs southern and we have reached out to

a Constitutional attorney in Loves Park who is pro-1st and 2nd Amendment who has his Wisconsin license also and can help us write up a contract and facilitate the deal.

If all goes according to plan, we could purchase this used range this year, build the two-story building with 20 lanes next year and start installing the range components and mechanical systems. In 2023 we could then open the new range for use and start transforming the current range space for a meeting room and air rifle range.

The financial plan breaks down as shown below:

1-to-2-year plan

Current cash in MM	1,050,620.00
Cash to be kept in savings	-200,000.00
Current available	850,620.00
Budgeted expense for Action	-400,000.00
Balance moving forward	450,620.00
\$200,000. into savings 2022	200,000.00
\$500. pledge or more per member	541,500.00
	1,192,120.00
\$200,000. into savings 2023	200,000.00
**based off 1083 members	1,392,120.00

If we do a fundraiser to raise \$541,500.00 by March / April next year we can build this range. Broken down per member that is an additional \$500.00, or \$42.00 a month. We know that not all our members are able to do this which is why we are wanting to do a donation/pledge fund so that nothing is mandatory. We won't need to raise dues or implement special assessments this way. Those that can give more than the \$500 would obviously be greatly appreciated. We can also raise money in other ways with raffles and other fund-raising events. If we start this fundraising as soon as we get the green light on the indoor range guts, we believe we will meet this goal.

How about you? Are you willing to donate to get a state of the art 20 lane indoor range at the Beloit Rifle Club?

The Long-Range Planning committee would like to make the following motions:

1) To proceed further with this plan as presented and the 1st step being to send Kyle Schliem and Wayne Mitchell to Texas to check out this range. Pay airfare, car rental, hotel (not to exceed \$650 per person) and food allowance of \$50.00 per day for a three-day trip. Also to have HVAC consultant to assess the HVAC system.

Once they return, we will have a special meeting and based off their findings and recommendations make the motion to purchase the used range for a maximum agreed upon price and fundraise for a 2022 build as presented.

****Please note that timing may have to be re-evaluated if financial goals are not being met. We will never promote taking out a loan to make this happen. Option to not include the HVAC if it's not needed or doesn't meet requirements. Voted and Passed**

2) We hire a designer / architect for professional drawings of the building.

****Motion amended to find a couple different architects or engineers to work with us and bring cost to the board when we have a report from guys going to look at range. Voted and Passed**

Meeting Adjourned