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The saga of Rip Van Winkle comes to mind of late with a slightly different twist. If you recall Washington Irving's version has this fellow falling asleep for twenty years. Of course when he awakens the world has changed exponentially. It seems like the past year has had a similar effect on our society and culture as well. We've been tied down with self-imposed as well as state mandates from this pandemic. But at last we're in phase three and re-entering a semblance of normalcy so to speak. There are of course words of warning Vis a Vis variants that are possibly impending. I only point this out because it is worthy to keep yourself safe. There is of course the concept of choice but choice also comes with implicit risk. We have all been forced into a delicate balance of what to do and not what to do. It's all so perplexing. So, here is a humorous antidote to this confusion that sort of sums it up. A friend of mine saw a tee shirt that read as follows: 2019 Avoid Negative People. 2020 Avoid Positive People. 2021 Avoid all People. As funny as this shirt may be let's hope 2021 is not the case. It is time to come out of our respective rabbit holes and interact. Where better than at KENMORE Gun Range?

With that I want to remind all members that you should have received election ballots for prospective board of Trustees nominees. Please take the time to VOTE. The voting will be tallied at the upcoming members meeting on April 14th.

It should suffice to mention that we are working on a new more user friendly website design. We have been meeting regularly and making significant progress. I would like to also note that we have implemented a new point of sale system. It provides us with a slick way of combining sales and membership renewals as well as public clientele into a very efficient package. I would particularly like to thank John Woolley our board Treasurer who has put in a significant amount of time and effort getting this POS system up and running.

As most of you have noticed we are currently experiencing an ammunition shortage on a national level. Please be advised that we are doing our level best to rectify that situation. I have recently noted that we will be having an upcoming swap meet at the club on June 27th. Hopefully, by that time some of this shortage will have abated. Whatever the case we will be able to visit with each other a bit and renew old acquaintances.

Lastly, I am anticipating that with the onset of better weather coupled with lifting of the veil of restrictions we should see quite an uptick in our range use. This is a good thing but like all popular activities things can get hectic and the wait times for range use could be delayed. Please be patient. Also, I would note that we are still looking for good employees as range masters and trappers at shotgun. If you know someone that may be interested in working please have them contact Robert Haverstock our operations manager.

April comes from the word aperio, "to open (bud) because plants begin to grow during this month. That's an encouraging even optimistic yearly renewal.

Stay vigilant it enhances safe space for everyone.

WCW Board Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Mike Wichser (Vice President)
Robb Stack (2nd Vice President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jeff LeMoine (Chairman Trustees)
Jim Thompson (Chairman Elect)
Larry Mallory (Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (2yr Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary) via phone
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock (Range Manager)
Martin Morehouse (Rifle)
Ken Deleone (Archery)
Bob Pritchard (Shotgun)
Emylee Norgaard (Handgun)

Guests:

Dave Levinson
Lou Scharbau
Matt Daly
Jackie Stone via phone

Guest topics:

Lou Scharbau asked if we could have a swap meet this summer. Lou suggested we have one specifically for reloading. Joe asked Martin to look at a date in July. Martin said we will look at the 3rd Sunday in July.

Matt Daly shared they have landed on the club rules for the benchrest matches. They will try to have it implemented by the end of the month. Jeff asked if these were equivalent to the CMP rules. Matt said no.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were presented during the board meeting are below.

Archery report:

Mike Wichser presented.
We held an indoor National Championship at our club. There were 32 entries. Someone from California came up for the event. Ken Deleone said they ordered the 35 pieces for our 7 targets. The suppliers said it will take him a while to build them.

Handgun Report:

Emylee Norgaard presented.
We are close to starting the new Pistol Special Use process.
She had some questions for the board. Can we qualify with the rest? The reason for the question is because when Dale and Emylee met to work on this, they noticed there was no option for qualifying using bench rest. The board said yes, benchrest can be one of the qualifications. Second, can we hold the class at 9am to 10am on Saturdays? The board said yes.
The first Pistol Special Use following the new process will occur on March 20th. All new members applying for special use after April 1, 2021 will follow the new process.
Joe mentioned he really wants us to start up a Ladies' Night.
George Smith asked why we score for Pistol Special Use and not Rifle Special Use? A few board members said the reason was historical in nature. The Rifle Special Use process has a demonstration of proficiency, but it is not scored. Dale and Emylee will discuss this further with Martin.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.
The next Rifle Special Use range session is on March 28th.
Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on March 27th.
Rifle matches are still on the calendar, with Rimfire Rifle on March 6th and Benchrest on March 20th, CMP Games Highpower match on March 14th.
Our next joint Pistol and Rifle committee meeting is scheduled for March 8th.

Shotgun Report:

Bob Pritchard presented.

April 5th will be the first members night. We will have them on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. The committee meetings will be on the 3rd Monday.

Bob asked for a status on trap 0. He believes there has been a proposal for this and it has been approved. Joe said they need to just get the volunteers to do the work. The plan was to do all the work with club volunteers. Bob said he would be talking with Andrew Goeff tomorrow.

Bob would like us to see lighting improvements. We told him we looked at lighting a couple years ago and it was too expensive. Jeff Lemoine said maybe we should revisit that because the costs may have come down.

Joe asked if there was a talk about any PITA events.

Dave said there is an event on October 6th. Also, there is an event on the PITA calendar for May 8th and 9th. But, it is not on our calendar. Bob will look into this and get it on our calendar or cancel it on the PITA calendar.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

The first quote for the automatic gate was \$100,000. So, we definitely need to get more quotes. We have two other companies identified to bid the automatic gate.

New keys are coming in. They will swap out the lock in the next week or so.

POS system is going well. Will be doing some training with the employees tomorrow (March 4th).

We recently had a Fire Department inspection and passed.

CPR training will be on March 18th.

Robert did receive ammo today for shotgun, rifle and pistol. Dave Levinson suggested we start limiting the number of boxes we sell to a customer. Jeff Lemoine suggested we post a sign that says customers should only what they are planning to shoot during that visit. Robert said he will post a sign.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

Our club is in the same financial condition this month as last month. Range fees are down. Renters are still renting.

John will work with Robert to roll out the new POS system on Sunday (3/7). John explained how the waivers will work in the new POS system.

We had a discussion about how long the waiver would last. We decided it would be 1 year. John said we also have special event forms to use for our special events.

We will have a budget for approval at the annual meeting in April. We are also planning for our taxes. We will need to do a firearm inventory.

We had a discussion about moving some of our money around to other institutions.

Trustees Report:

Jeff LeMoine presented.

At the last Trustee meeting, they discussed the automatic gate. We are still pursuing it.

John Sutton discussed refurbishing the pistol range.

John suggested we do a little more work on what we really want to do with the range. Some of the

potential options brought up were manual retractable targets, electrical retractable targets,

and new booths. We also discussed possibly splitting range 3. We also discussed moving the activity to range 4 while we work on range 3. Mike

Wichser said we need to make sure we do something that will make people want to come here.

Jeff Lemoine suggested we set a time to talk about this. John Sutton said he will do that.

Jeff Lemoine asked Mike Wichser if there was a timeframe planned for fixing the baffles in Range 1.

Mike W. would like to get his brother down and have him look at it. Jeff L. asked if we could have him come out next week. Mike W. said he would contact him.

Lastly, they wanted to institutionalize that any vendor who comes on our property has us as an additional named party on their insurance policy.

Old Business:

Jackie discussed status of the website. She is meeting weekly with several members of the board to work on the website.

The new Pistol Special Use process will be starting in March. All members applying for Pistol Special Use after April 1st must follow the new process.

Jeff Lemoine looked at the tractor that was discussed at the last meeting and it will not work for our needs. So, we will not be pursuing that tractor.

Jeff Gomes said we are finalizing the Shoop memorial proposal. Jackie will have a final proposal soon and Jeff will take it to the family. They will have an update at the April board meeting.

New Business:

We discussed the election. This year will be contested for the President and a Trustee. The following people will be running for board positions:

Joe Rinaldi (standing President) – President
 Brad Thomsen (contending President) – President
 Mike Wichser – 2nd Vice President
 John Woolley – Treasurer
 Jeff LeMoine – Trustee Elect
 Larry Mallory (standing Trustee) – Trustee
 John Sutton (standing Trustee) – Trustee
 Lou Scharbau (contending Trustee) – Trustee
 Matt Daly (contending Trustee) – Trustee
 Martin Morehouse – Corresponding Secretary
 Dale Sieg – Recording Secretary

At the annual meeting, we will need to pass a budget for next year. We discussed things that need to be added to the budget.

Joe suggested we suspend annual awards except for the Gerard Loop Award. Joe Rinaldi nominated Ken Deleone and Dan Barton.

For the Good of the Order:

Joe mentioned when we get in phase 3, there is going to be a rush on this place. We need to start thinking about that.

Larry Mallory brought up Michael Parent being a local presence for FFL transfers and certain types of gunsmithing. Joe suggested we bring this up at the membership meeting next month.

Ken Deleone asked if members can still check out our Garand rifles. We said yes.

Mike Wichser brought up there needs to be a door installed in the female's bathroom in the clubhouse. He will start working on that.

Lastly, Dale Sieg apologizes to everyone who called into the board meeting on March 3rd. Those people who were still on the call toward the end of the board meeting missed about 20 to 30 minutes of the end of the meeting. He had technical difficulties and did not have the ability to recover the call before the end of the meeting. Precautions will be taken in all upcoming meetings to prevent similar events in the future.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Larry Mallory seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.

Member's Quarterly Meeting

Don't forget, we will be holding our quarterly member's meeting on Wednesday, 14 April, at 7 PM in the clubhouse. The meeting will also be available on Zoom, if you can't attend in person. This will be our chance to catch up on what has been happening at the club, and this is also when the ballots are due for the election of club officers and board members.

Newsletter Reminder

Everything in our newsletter comes from us, the members of the club. If you or your group at the club is doing something interesting and wants to let others know about it, this is a way to get the word out.

The rifle shooters are very good at getting news about their matches into the newsletter. I'm sure the archers, the shotgunners, the pistol shooters, and others are getting back to normal as well. Tell us what's going on!

We even used to have fishing and hunting groups here at the Wildlife Committee - are any of you still active?

To get your news into the newsletter, send the information to secretary@wcwi.org or morehouse9@comcast.net before the 25th of each month.

Kenmore Rimfire Match Report

March 2021

There were a record 34 contestants in this month's match with fourteen competitors in the Match Division and twenty in the Sport Division with the addition of a fourth relay.

Welcome to newcomers Robert Blaylock, Eli Blaylock, and Jeff Ferrelli.

The weather conditions included breezy wind conditions.

Relay One Match Division Target One Emil Praslick scored a match high score 244 4X with Keith Wilson second at 221 6X and Rick McGuire finishing third at 240 7X. Match Division Target Two: Brian Lapinski placed first with a score of 242 2X. Keith Wilson repeated in second at 240 1X. There was a three way tie for third at 237 3X between Ted Larson, Stephen Goodwin, and Fred Zingleman.

Relay Two Sport Division Target One. Ryan Higginbotham finished first at 230 2X. H.H. Liao was second at 227 0X with Dan Callahan placing third at 225 4X. On Target Two Kevin Kellogg finished in first place with a score of 234 2X. Dan Callahan placed second at 230 1X with H.H. Liao placing third at 223 1X.

The Third relay was comprised of four Match and four Sport shooters. In the Match Division Target One Harvey Waldron won with a score of 234 2X. Joe Little placed second 232 3X and Brian Walker was third at 228 1X. On Target two Joe Little finished first with a score of 241 4X. Harvey Waldron was second at 228 6X with Brian Walker third at 227 1X. In the Sport Division target One Brian Lapinski was first with a score of 218 2X. Newcomer Jeff Ferrelli was second 203 1X with Newcomer Eli Blaylock third at 201 1X. On Target Two Brian Lapinski was first again at 227 2X. Jeff Ferrelli placed second at 218 3X and Robert Blaylock was third at 177 0X.

There were eight Sport contestants in the Fourth relay. On Target One David Konkle finished first with a score of 222 3X with Josh Ness placing second at 219 2X and Brian Hodgdon in third place at 217 0X. On Target Two, Josh Ness was first 228 4X. Rick Meade was second at 224 3X and David Konkle third at 213 2X.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

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Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

March 2021

There were nine contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with six in the Custom Class and three in the Factory Class.

The wind conditions were calm.

Match 1 Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 99 with a three-way tie for second at 98 between Bruce Teel, Bryan Zolnikov, and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 95. Brian Walker was second with 91 and newcomer Luka Treperinas in third at 85.

Match 2 Custom Class: Ted Larson was first with a score of 101 with Joshua Shaw in second at 100. Bruce Teel and Bryan Zolnikov tied for third with scores of 96. Factory Class: Brian Walker was first with a score of 94. Christian Eckhoff and Luka Treperinas tied for second at with scores of 92.

Match 3 Custom Class: Bryan Zolnikov was first with a score of 101. Ted Larson and Joshua Shaw tied for second at 99. Factory Class: Brian Walker matched the Custom Division high score of 101 for first place. Christian Eckhoff was second at 96 with Luka Treperinas in third at 91.

Match 4 Custom Class: Ted Larson and Joshua Shaw tied for first at 101. Bruce Teel was in third at with a score of 98. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 94. Brian Walker was second at 93 with Luka Treperinas in third with a score of 88.

The overall winner in the Custom Class was Ted Larson with a total score of 400 with Joshua Shaw in second at 398. Bryan Zolnikov was third at 390. The Factory Class winner was Brian Walker at 379. Christian Eckhoff was second at 373 and Luka Treperinas came in third with a score of 356.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly mattd5404@frontier.com

CMP Match Report

March 2021

Just 3 competitors for the March CMP Game.
All in the unlimited modern military class.

These fellows are good, in that each earned an achievement pin. Daniel Moy led the pack with a very hot 483-16X earning a Gold achievement pin. James Illson was close at hand with 478-18X, also Gold. And had it not been for 2 saved rounds on the rapid sitting string, there is no doubt that Bruz Marzolf would have been Gold as well, though for this outing, he had to settle for Silver, scoring 472-21X.

Next months high power match will be a CMP Game as well before we switch over to the NRA venue.

George Smith, Match Director