

## Minutes of the November 20, 2021 HVGC Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm on 11/20/2021 with directors George Martin, George Gaumer, Vince McCauley, Pam McCauley, Dave Merzel, Cory Hardman and Steve Zwicker present.

Member Appreciation Day/Turkey Shoot: By all accounts the day was a big success and it is hoped that everyone had a good time whether or not they shot well enough to harvest some meat. Judging by the smiles and good cheer it seems the event was well received. The decision to keep it a "Members Only" day was a good one and will be continued next year. Any notice put on the club website or posted flyers in the future will reference that it is a Members Appreciation Day for Members Only. There will be no mention of a Turkey Shoot in order to discourage the general public from learning of the event and crashing the party just to take home a bird. That being said we will still have our own in-house Turkey Shoot with various formats as desired by the membership. A special thanks to George Martin for arranging the purchase and pick-up of 40 Turkeys and Hams...no small feat.

Financials: George Martin submitted the financial summary to the officers earlier in the week and these are available on the website. His executive summary noted that our current bank account balance is over \$118,000 dollars and represents the highest balance the club has ever had. Of particular note is that this is after we've put back over \$155,000 dollars into improvements and additions to the club in the last 4 years. Well Done to all.

RSO/Safety: Vince McCauley reported that 4 new RSO's attended the class held on site on 11/13/2021. They are Tim Jones, Sterling Smith, John Varelman and Eric Cambria. As of this writing we're awaiting DWR background checks on them and will shortly begin their checkout on our procedures and peculiarities. A big thanks to all of them for stepping up to help us out. Additionally, Kevin Vest has volunteered to join the team as a trained helper accompanying the RSO's to provide much needed relief for the general duties of loading targets, emptying trash, etc. It is hoped that this will lead to implementation of the Board's plan to begin a trial of having only one RSO on duty with the help of a trained assistant, thus alleviating much of the scheduling strain that is currently borne by just a few of us. Perhaps his actions will encourage others to raise their hands as well. Jon McKeon also took the RSO course on his own initiative on that same Saturday. Jon had been an RSO for roughly 3 years at the club however, it was discovered that there was no record of any credentials on file. When Jon voluntarily left the board he also ceased to be an RSO and that resolved the credentialing issue without further action being necessary. There have been several instances of Jon being less than diligent in his duties while acting as RSO and these were related to the board in Vince's briefing. Of recent note was an incident where Jon was assisting a couple of very young shooters, small enough in stature to require a shooting stick to support a gun, and the boys were grounding the barrel of their guns in the gravel between shots. Jon failed to notice the safety hazard this presented and Vince had to intervene from a distance to ensure the barrels were clear and prevent what could have been a terrible accident. Vince's characterization is that Jon tends to go through the motions of being an RSO without being proactive and deliberate and decided that Jon should not be certified as an RSO at the HVGC. As Vince is in charge of RSO Safety and Scheduling and prefers to select the people he feels are best suited to the duties of RSO the board agreed to support his decision. The discussion concluded with an emphasis that Jon's activities as coach of the WCB team were unaffected by this decision.

Ammo: Cory Hardman reported that every supplier he had orders with notified him that those orders are cancelled and none will be accepted until next year. The club is officially out of ammo except for a

small quantity of 20 gauge that is earmarked for the First Shots program and can only be used for that purpose. We're investigating other sources but don't expect results for some time to come. Anyone seeing inventory available in retail settings are encouraged to buy what they can and share with those in dire need. This will definitely impact our ability to host special event groups who cannot find their own ammo and may over the long term affect our income as these private events are quite profitable.

Wasatch Clay Busters: Steve Zwicker discussed the arrangements that the club has made with the team to streamline their practice sessions and lessen the impact on the general membership when the team arrives en masse. There still exists problems with some of the kids not following proper club protocol on sign-in/sign-out and keeping accurate accounting of rounds that "some" kids have shot. Unfortunately, Bob Cortopossi is unavailable for the immediate future so discussions on resolution of this issue will be necessarily delayed until his return.

New Business: George Gaumer made a suggestion for future board consideration, referencing our financial position noted above, to investigate creating paid positions to administer the club's business. The idea was well received but it remains an issue that will require much further analysis and discussion. Expect to hear more about this after the new year.

The December meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 12/18/2021 at 2pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.