

February 10, 2023, NYCRGC Board of Directors Meeting (*Note this meeting was a make-up meeting for the Feb 03 meeting, which was cancelled due to bad weather.)

***Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.** Board Attendees: Todd Corriveau, John Pratt, Ray Hill, Bruce Hill, Bruce Ballard

Old Business:

1. Range Rules – use of metal targets. A question was brought up as to whether we should limit the use of metal targets to just the Long Range. The concern is with the way the Pistol and Lower-Lot Ranges are laid out with the backstop berms and shots being fired in the direction of abutting property owners; so why risk agitating our neighbors? Discussions pointed out that metal targets per-se, did not add any additional safety hazards and we should allow these targets on all the open ranges. The wording on the use of metal targets on the ranges was therefore approved by the Board. The rule change will now be finalized and forwarded to the Club Officers for their approval and formal incorporation into the Range Rules for 2023.
2. Ice Fishing Derby – The derby is scheduled for Saturday, February 18. The hours are 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. So far, we have the state permit for the derby, trophies for the participating children, the porta-potty has been ordered and should be delivered to the public beach area the day before the derby. Remaining items are refreshments, equipment we need for the derby such as a fish scale, measuring tape, cash box for entry fees, table, chairs, and advertising signs. Because we sold hardly any food at last year's derby, it was decided that this year we would not bother with the grill, and we would not buy food for grilling. Bruce Hill volunteered to make a couple of cardboard signs and place them in the designated areas as previous years. Tom Cafferky said he had most of the equipment we needed. It was agreed that a couple of volunteers will meet at the club house on next Friday afternoon to pick up the tables and chairs, etc.
3. Club By-Laws – the current version of the By-laws (December 2019) needs to be reviewed by the Club Officers and Board of Directors to see if there are any necessary additions or deletions. The Officers and Board Members will each individually review the current document, and hand mark any changes they have, then turn it in for incorporation into an updated electronic document version. The new updated version will then be reviewed by the Officers and Board, and once approved it will be finalized and formally accepted in accordance with current policy.
4. John Pratt investigated a burn permit for the brush pile we want to burn. As it turns out the fire department only issues permits the day of the burn depending on favorable weather conditions.

New Business:

1. The Club secretary was asked if it would be possible to account for the member volunteer hours before sending out the membership renewal letters so that members who have earned a membership discount would only have to pay the net amount, instead of mailing in the full membership fee amount and then waiting to receive a rebate check later in the year. The response was yes that could be possible, but that the yearly tabulation would have to be completed and provided to secretary before the mail out date which is usually by the end of the year (late December). The Board agreed that this is a Club goal for this year.
2. We need to decide on the prizes for the club's 2023 Raffle. In the past we have raffled firearms, and for the past 2 years we have had cash money prizes. The first year we had cash prizes, it proved to be popular, and the Club did well on ticket sales. This past year, 2022, ticket sales were off by a significant amount, so the popularity of cash prizes seems to have waned. The current feeling of the Board is we should have firearms as raffle prizes this year. The Club Vice President, Shane Lamontagne, has been in contact with Sig Sauer Firearms in Portsmouth NH, and is waiting to hear back if they can possibly contribute a firearm or offer the Club a discount on the purchase of one. Club member Clint Staples, said he still had a few contacts in the firearms industry, and he will also check to see if anyone can help us out.
3. We have set a date for burning the brush pile; Saturday, February 25. If that date does not work out, we will try a week later on March 04. John Pratt will try to obtain a burn permit on the day we want to burn. The plan is for volunteers to show up at the club house around 9:00 am, we will light the brush pile and enjoy a bon fire until the brush has burned.
4. Inputs to the Club By-Laws can be submitted to the Board of Directors, Chairman, Bruce Ballard, for update into the master, document revision.
5. Club Auction. The Auction is scheduled for July 15. We currently do not have many donations, and are becoming concerned that we will not have much to offer for sale. Suggestions are to try to solicit additional donations and maybe have a work party at the Club to go and pick up items at the donor's residences to help them out.
6. We need to come to a decision on whether to keep the lower-lot range open and maintain it or transform that area into a trap and skeet range only. To help us reach a decision, a list of pros and cons will be prepared for review and discussion.
7. We need to decide on Romeo Fortin's suggestion to construct stationary platform shooting benches for the Long Range similar the one down on the lower-lot range. Romeo's suggestion was to have 2 shooting stations positioned at the 100 & 175 yd distance markers. A pro/con analysis will be prepared so we can weigh the merits of this proposal.

****Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.**