

Club Membership Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018

President Jack Schubert opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Note: All attendees were informed that the meeting would be voice recorded.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 32 members and two guests.

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the club meeting of January 3, 2018 as published.

Membership: Candidates Sean McMicken, Walter Payne and Jonathan Turbeville were introduced as having completed all requirements for membership. After they left the room, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to induct them into the club.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Bill Campbell said there was no report because certain entries necessary to generate the reports had not been made. He said he expected to have reports ready for the March membership meeting.

Advertising: No report.

Nominating Committee: In the absence of committee chairman, Joe Ruth, the nominations by the committee were delivered by George Kloiber. The nominees are, for President, Jack Schubert, for Vice-president, Ken Jardine, for Secretary, Rick Roach, for Treasurer, Bill Campbell. Three year director nominees were David Griffiths, Bev Lyon, Lash McCall, and Jim Swartz. After these candidates were placed in nomination, the committee was dissolved. Nominations from the floor were called for and Rick Korcsog was nominated for three year director and Bill Monts de Oca was nominated for Gun Show Chairman. The hall was sounded three times for additional nominees and there being none the nominations were closed. The floor will be opened for nominations at the March meeting.

Repairs and Maintenance: Groundskeeper Gary Coleman said he was unable to get work parties together this month but expects to have work parties in March especially to work on the baffles on the short line. He said the lead mining will not be completed by Friday.

Shooting: High power rifle: The February match drew eight shooters and \$69.00 were paid to the club and \$36.00 were paid to the NRA. .22 caliber bench rest: There were 15 members, two juniors and two guests. Shotgun: The shotgun league is shooting five stand. Pistol: The next pistol match will be shot using five spot targets. Junior shooting: There were 29 shooters and 16 volunteers at the Thursday afternoon event, 22 shooters and 22 volunteers at the Saturday morning event and 30 shooters and 25 volunteers at the Saturday afternoon event.

Planning: No report. Work on covering the roof of the five-stand is progressing. Stringers to support roofing material have been installed using bolts or hurricane straps as appropriate. What material to use for roofing is still being explored.

Gun show: Table sale orders for the April show have begun to be received.

Old Business: Don Sharp rose to present a motion. He was reminded that his previous motion had been tabled and should be dealt with before a new motion essentially dealing with the same issue could be considered. A motion was then made, seconded and passed unanimously to take the previous motion off the table. When the motion was taken off the table Sharp said he withdrew it. The member who had seconded it then was asked if he agreed to the withdrawal and he said he did. Sharp then offered the following motion which was seconded. "No person(s) on election night, shall, by the use of printed material attempt to influence the outcome of any election held within the property of the Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. Person(s) doing so will be told immediately to cease and desist by the sitting President and will be ejected from the premises prior to the election." Sec. Rick Roach asked to speak first. He said, "I cannot see any harm in written materials being passed out at the election. Substantial security measures are being put in effect to insure the election is honest and it will be virtually impossible for anyone to come to the meeting with already prepared ballots. Speaking one's views at a public meeting is the most sacred right we have. I am not afraid to hear someone speak. Are you? What I do fear is censorship. Taking away someone's right to speak is one of the first steps to taking away all his other rights. And then what do you have? You have the choice of docilely accepting the rule of a tyrant, or taking up arms. This is of course a ridiculous extension of the debate here, but the idea is the same, who gets to tell me when I can speak and what I can say? Our club is in far greater danger from telling someone he cannot speak than we are from allowing him to speak. Freedom of speech means freedom for someone to say things you don't want to hear. But it also means that you have the right to say things that someone else may not want to hear. So let us put into action what the founders of this nation put into the Constitution as the second most important personal right and what the population of the time agreed with- the right to speak our minds being ever mindful that we might wind up hearing something we don't want to hear." The next speaker on the motion expressed the concern that, as a relatively new member, he does not really know the candidates and wondered if there could be some way that information about the candidates could be circulated. A general discussion followed often with several people speaking at the same time. The final consensus seemed to be that a small sketch could be provided concerning each candidate. A show of hands vote was taken on the motion and three hands were raised when the vote in favor was called. When the vote against was called the raised hands were so numerous, Sec. Roach asked the President to declare the vote and the President declared that the motion had failed to pass.

New business: A drawing was held for the one year dues excusal. Jim Thralls' ticket was drawn. Jeff Karr won the second prize, a small tool kit. The door prize drawing was held and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted;

Rick Roach, Secretary