

Minutes of the Club Member's Meeting

April 6, 2022

Minutes of the LRPC Membership Meeting are submitted in "Draft Form Only" and shall not become part of the Club record until approval by the LRPC Membership at the next meeting.

Opening: President Joe Ruth called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: 31 Members and 2 Guests were in attendance. A quorum of 5% of the membership was established.

BOD Member Installation: Club Attorney John Mann administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the LRPC BOD: Pres. Joe Ruth, VP Bob Drake, Sec. Paul Thielen, Treas. David Griffiths, Dir. George Kloiber, Dir. Gene Hillman and Dir. Bob Kinsey.

President's Business: Pres. Ruth asked the group to observe a moment of silence to honor the memory of Life Member Lois Shultz who recently passed away.

Pres. Ruth read a statement he authored to clarify the Club's position relative to Bob Grimes's competitive youth program. The statement reflects an examination of both BOD and Membership Minutes from 2011 to the present. (See statement following minutes titled: "Statement of Florida Firearms & Shooting Foundation Inc. and LR&PC Concerns".)

Minutes: The Minutes for the March 2, 2022 membership meeting were presented by Pres. Ruth for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

Membership: Having completed the requirements of the Blue Card process, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Russell Bauer, Matthew Taylor, and Daniel Tillman for membership. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve provisional member Carl Valeri for membership.

Club's Business Reports

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Griffiths reviewed the Club's End of February Financial Report. Despite total Net Income being slightly in the red FYTD, the Club is in "good financial shape".

The Club's Trustco Bank CD reached maturity on Monday April 4th. The funds in the CD will be temporarily deposited into the Club's Range Checking Account until a more favorable investment option is determined. The January Gun Show realized a profit of 29 percent. The cost saving measures implemented in show preparation and execution contributed significantly to this outcome.

The details of the Treasurer's Financial Summary reports are posted for Membership viewing at the Clubhouse.

Advertising: Treas. Griffiths reported that he is working with our advertising agency on Gun Show billboard strategies and radio advertising. We may be able to get a reduced cost package deal on billboards by contracting for both our May and September show. New yard signs have been ordered.

Repairs and Maintenance: G.K. Coleman reported that the red lock combination has changed. Consult the Club's newsletter for the new combination. A Work Party is being scheduled for April 23 to replace a section of the metal cap on the 100-yard range wall which was destroyed in the berm fire several weeks ago, and to work on several additional projects requiring help. The batteries on the 5-Stand Range are being affected structurally by environmental elements. Battery housings will be obtained or fabricated. Many of the target placement PVC sleeves on the Training Range are being shot up. This careless and unsafe shooting needs to be stopped! The 50-yard Range will be closed from 8am until noon on Tuesdays while work progresses on the repairs to the turning target system. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to credit any Blue Card holder for two activities if they show up and participate in the April 23rd Work Party. Active members will receive the usual \$10 per hour dues credit.

Planning: No Report

Gun Show: Gun Show Chairman House reported that recent efforts have been in the area of improving our advertising. Efforts to locate an alternative location to hold our shows continue. A facility with at least 40,000 square feet is needed along with ample parking. Please contact the Club

if you know of such a facility. A group advertising themselves as The Lakeland Gun Show has been conducting gun shows at the Lakeland Armory causing some confusion with our show guests. Club attorney John Mann and Chmn. House will look into the situation to insure our advertised title as the Original Lakeland Gun Show is protected. There are still a few volunteer positions open on the signup sheet at the clubhouse for our May show.

Safety: Safety Chmn. Keefer reported that the Hot/Cold light control cord and switch is missing on the 50-yard Range. Please contact the Club if you know where it is. Club attorney Mann reminded the group that all members are Range Safety Officers and are required to stop, correct, and report any unsafe condition or behavior they observe.

Shooting Reports

Pistol: Dir. Keefer reported that the next scheduled match will be 5-target and 200-point Bullseye at 25 yards.

Shotgun: Shotgun Chairman Gantz reported that the shotgun program is wrapping up the 5-Stand competition, and that make up events are being scheduled for the event that was hampered by the weather.

Youth Program: Program Chairman Drake reported that the last event of the session was held on April 2nd. A BIG THANK YOU is extended to all the volunteers who showed up this season to help run the program.

Rifle Benchrest: Match Coordinator Ruth reported that the ASSRA and Syversen matches completed their events for the season in March, and that the Summer Fun matches will begin this month and run through September.

High Power: Match Coordinator Griffiths reported that the required paperwork from the NRA to resume the sanctioned matches has yet to arrive.

Old Business: No Old Business was on the agenda or discussed.

New Business: No New Business was on the agenda or discussed.

Pres. Ruth reminded the group that the Installation Banquet is scheduled for May 7th and that invitations will be emailed to the membership.

Meeting Adjournment:

With no additional agenda items to cover or topics introduced, a motion was made, seconded, and passed with one vote in opposition at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Thielen / Secretary

STATEMENT OF FLORIDA FIREARMS & SHOOTING FOUNDATION INC. AND LR&PC CONCERNS

This is a statement only. It is not a statement of wrongdoing. It does not allow rebuttal, discussion, or questions at this meeting!

The Florida Firearms & Shooting Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization separate from the LR&PC. They are separate from us due to legal and liability issues. The Foundation has two reasons to exist, to own and oversee the property that adjoins our Club on the north and east sides. This gives the Club a buffer from encroachment, protecting our use of firearms on our ranges. They also donate the funds and/or equipment for the LR&PC Junior Program only. Donations of Foundation funds or equipment to any other entity would be breaking the Foundation's By-laws.

The LR&PC Youth Program has been in place for many years. It was formed with the intention of introducing youngsters to the shooting sports and firearm safety. A few years ago (2019) Director Bob Grimes, who was the chairman of the program at the time, indicated that he wanted to expand the program to include training and preparation for youth to participate in formal competition, including the Jr. Olympics. This vision and concept met with disapproval from members Rick Roach and Ron Shultz who both had a long history with the program. Both Ron and Rick offered their objections during the May 2019 BOD meeting. To facilitate his vision of a competitive youth program, Director Grimes established his own program and training facility independent from the LR&PC program.

On his own, on one occasion in the past, Director Grimes solicited a donation for his program from the Foundation. Assuming that Director Grimes program was an extension of the LR&PC program, the donation request was approved. Director Grimes has recently approached the Foundation on his own for another donation. A few Foundation members became concerned and questioned the official association status of Bob's program with the LR&PC program.

Foundation member Mike Pitsikoulis came to LR&PC Director Peter Gantz with concerns about Foundation donations being made to Bob Grimes's organization. Foundation Secretary Roger Statzer came to LR&PC Secretary Paul Thielen with the same concerns and questions for clarification.

The Foundation's concerns were subsequently brought to me, and I spoke with Foundation Secretary Roger Statzer. Mr. Statzer requested that I, the Club President, look into this matter and report back directly to Foundation President Rick Brown.

After learning of these concerns, Secretary Paul Thielen and I, LR&PC President Joe Ruth, researched to find out if the LR&PC ever had any formal or written agreement with Bob Grimes's organization.

Paul researched back to 2011. I, Joe, researched back to 2017. The Club Member and Director's Minutes do not mention any formal or written agreement that Bob Grimes's organization is part of the LR&PC or its Junior Program. I, Joe Ruth, contacted Foundation President Rick Brown with the fact that according to our records, Bob Grimes's organization is not part of the LR&PC or the LR&PC Junior Program, and that it is up to the Foundation as to how they address their broken By-laws.

As the Club President, I make this statement. Bob Grimes's competitive youth program, or organization, is not a part of, or recognized as associated with, the LR&PC or the LR&PC Junior Program. Additionally, LR&PC is not considered a sponsor of Bob Grimes's program as described in Article XI of the LR&PC By-laws dated December 4th, 2019:

"The LR&PC By-laws do not allow the LR&PC to take on the liability, financial or legal issues of another entity's non-profit organization."

We may have a conflict of interest with LR&PC Directors Bob Grimes, Jennifer Stanton and VP Bob Drake serving on Bob Grimes's Board of Directors. Even if they resign from Bob Grimes's Board of Directors. I caution them not to bring up any association with his organization as it would be seen as a conflict of interest. I quote from Legal Adviser Rick Roach's Conflict-of-Interest paper:

"Directors shall not act as a director of another organization or company, as their duties would then conflict with each other"

Finally. Bob Grimes's organization may seek use of our facility, under our By-laws, Article V, Section 3, Paragraph F, and G:

"Non-member commercial or profit-making individuals or organizations will not be allowed use of the facilities unless they have:

- 1, Made a personal appearance before the Board.*
- 2, Submitted a written outline of the proposed use.*
- 3, Submitted proof of adequate insurance.*
- 4, Obtained an agreement on a use fee (to be paid to LR&PC).*
- 5, Obtained Board approval."*

Should the LR&PC seek to enhance or add to their Junior Program, we will do this through our BOD, with planning, insurance, legal and financial consideration. And with the blessing of the Foundation.