

Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee Meeting March 9, 2011...6:02pm

Committee Members attending were: Ron Huntington, Pete Mangum, Sandy Wallin, Rich Knight, Will Whitten, and Steve Schafer.

Absent Committee Members were: Vern Marion and Lori Leas

Guests attending were: Greg Wright (Carson City 4-H Leader), Mary Regan (Las Vegas 4-H Staff), Rick Highland (Elko County 4-H Leader), and Jessica Poole (State 4-H Office Staff), Bryce James (Storey County 4-H Member), Tim Syriac (Lyon County 4-H Member), and Mrs. Syriac (Lyon County 4-H Parent).

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Steve and he also served as recorder. There were technical difficulties with the UNR Interactive Video System (only had audio, no visual); but we proceeded with the meeting.

Due to common courtesy, the business of the meeting was postponed until completion of the 4-H Member Interviews for selection to represent Nevada 4-H at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Match in San Antonio, Texas (June 19-24, 2011). The first 4-H Club Member to be interviewed was Tim Syriac and he was followed by Bryce James. Both of the Club Members did an excellent job on their interviews and the committee recommended that both members represent Nevada 4-H at the National Contest and both will be competing in Shotgun.

Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting that were distributed with the announcement of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Sandy and it unanimously passed.

Sandy made the motion to approve the Shooting Sports Sales Account Financial Statement (March 2011) that was distributed with the announcement of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete and it unanimously passed.

Steve explained that he had completed the paperwork to receive \$200.00 from CMP and that the \$200.00 had already been received and deposited into the Shooting Sports Account. The funds were received to offset the costs associated with the Instructor Trainings/Certification and so he would be taking pictures of the upcoming training in Gardnerville to document things for CMP.

Rich asked the \$400.00 typically received from Federal Ammunition. Steve explained that this had always been handled by Vern; but given his health, maybe this should be looked into. Steve asked if Rick Highland would/could check into this. Rick agreed and will report back at the next meeting.

Steve provided an update on the April 8-9, 2011 Shooting Sports Instructor Training and Certification to be hosted by Douglas County. He said the Registration/Information Packet had already been distributed throughout Nevada. He also asked everyone if they would/would not be available to instruct at this training. Pete was the only person with a conflict. Steve said he would make contact about which instructors were needed after the entries were due; which is Friday, March 25th. Steve he would make the contacts on Sunday, March 27th and/or Monday, March 28th.

The next item of business was an update by Sandy about the 2011 State 4-H Shooting Match. She stated the both ranges in Carson City had been reserved and the date for the contest (as previous approved by this committee) is Saturday, September 17, 2011. She indicated some possible revisions for the 2011 Contest such as having an informal dinner (cookout) at the Shotgun Club after the competition ends and having the Awards Ceremony at the Shotgun Club. It was thought that these were good ideas.

The next business item was carried forward from the last meeting and it centered on the revised document concerning the Administration, Organization, & Operation of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the corresponding revision of the document called Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training/Certification Policies. These documents were approved at the January 12, 2011 Meeting contingent upon a couple of additional revisions that were requested of Steve to make. For this meeting the requested revisions had been made (in red font, for ease of locating and understanding) and they had been distributed before the meeting so everyone would have time to read, evaluate, and considered the verbiage.

Pete made the motion to approve the complete document (with all of the revisions) for the Administration, Organization, & Operation of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program document (in other words, the motion was to approve the document as distributed). The motion was seconded by Sandy and it unanimously passed.

Sandy made the motion to approve the complete document (with all of the revisions) called Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training/Certification Policies Administration, Organization, & Operation (in other words, the motion was to approve the document as distributed). The motion was seconded by Pete and it unanimously passed.

Rich brought up the thought of adding Skeet, Sporting Clays, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays back into the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program; but only making them available for Senior 4-H Members (meaning members who are at least 14 Yrs Old). There much discussion concerning this and the discussion included the reason for their removable (about a year ago) which was that not every county had access to facilities that could support these shooting events. The reasons for the re-inclusion of these portions of the Shotgun Discipline were the increased opportunity for Senior 4-H Club Members to shoot and due to these categories being part of the National 4-H Contest (thus the need for their re-inclusion due to the coaching these categories being required when preparing for the National 4-H Contest). There also discussion concerning one versus two shells being used for these events.

Eventually, the discussion concerning the re-inclusion of these shotgun categories led Steve to call for tabling this discussion until the next meeting in order to find out specific and exact details. (Since the meeting, Steve has learned that May 12, 2010 minutes already reflect the inclusion of Sporting Clays; see second paragraph on page of the attached May 12, 2010 minutes. The motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Lori, and unanimously passed by the committee).

Sandy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th (6pm-8pm).

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Schafer
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Nevada 4-H Youth Development Coordinator

Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting May 12, 2010...6:00 pm

Committee Members attending were: Ron Huntington, William Whitten, Sandy Wallin, Pete Mangum, Lori Leas, Vern Marion, and Steve Schafer.

Absent: Rich Knight (attending National Training in Colorado).

Guests attending were: Mary Regan (Las Vegas 4-H) & Joe Payne (Elko County).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Steve and he also served as recorder.

Sandy made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting that were distributed with the announcement of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron and it unanimously passed.

Will (William Whitten) made the motion to approve the Shooting Sports Sales Account Financial Statements that were distributed with the announcement of this meeting (April 2010 and May 2010). The motion was seconded by Sandy and it unanimously passed.

Steve provided an update on the National Shooting Match to be held in Texas. Nevada will have two participants: Bryce James and Ryan Thompson. They will be accompanied by Ron Huntington and Terry James (and maybe Vern Marion). Steve has provided the contestants and the chaperones with Nevada 4-H T-Shirts and he has purchased a Nevada Flag for use at the National Contest Ceremonies. The flag has been given to Sandy Wallin so she can attach it to a pole and then give this to Bryce to take to the National Contest. Sandy is also contacting the Nevada Tourism Bureau to obtain Nevada Pins for Bryce and Ryan to share at the National Contest.

A review and update on the Instructor Training held in Winnemucca (April 16-18, 2010) was the next item of discussion. Steve, Ron, and Vern reported that they had received many positive inputs from the participants. It was also reported that this was the largest training conducted (thirty-eight were certified). Steve asked if the committee felt it was necessary to have a written evaluation form. Mary Regan and Sandy Wallin thought this was needed and Steve agreed to develop a one-page form that was easy-to-use. Vern said that he had heard from the participants that it might be a good idea to evaluate instructors during their presentations. These would be conducted by one or two committee members and the thoughts would be shared with each instructor on an individual basis.

The 2010 State 4-H Shooting Match is rapidly approaching, so Steve distributed a copy of the 2009 Registration Packet and asked if there were any changes that needed to be made. The only recommendation was to make sure the entry form was updated to include *Unlimited Pistol*. Steve reported that this change has already been made and will be included in the 2010 Registration Packet.

The revision of the *Instructor Policies* (distributed with the meeting announcement) was the discussion item. Steve explained that the verbiage had not changed (other than a few typos in the old version) and that only the layout had been changed to include the UNCE Logo and the 4-H Clover; and to reflect a more modern font. Lori made the motion to accept the revision (with the inclusion/correction of a couple typos and minor word changes). The motion was seconded by Will and it unanimously passed.

The next item of business was the review of the revision of the *4-H Shooting Sports Rules* (distributed with the meeting announcement). Steve again explained that the verbiage had not changed (other than a few typos in the old version and the exclusion of Sporting Clays in the Shotgun Section). The committee had unearthed some typos in the new version and requested the Sporting Clays be re-inserted in the new version. The committee also wanted another statement (for clarification purposes) in the Pistol Section concerning hand usage and the statement should read, “Junior and Intermediate Contestants may use a two-hand hold on the pistol, but Senior Contestants must use the one-hand hold on the pistol.” The other aspect of discussion centered on the need to clarify the rule concerning the use of binoculars. Binoculars may be used by a parent or coach to check shot placement by contestants, but this information cannot be shared with the contestant during the contest because this is considered “coaching” and “coaching” is not allowed during competition (local, county, state, regional, or national). Sandy made the motion to accept the revision (with the previously stated changes/corrections). The motion was seconded by Lori and it unanimously passed.

Over the past month, Steve had mailed or hand delivered the revisions to the five instructor manuals (archery, pistol, rifle, muzzleloader, and shotgun) and a revised copy of the student manual to committee members. The inclusion of Nevada Pictures, UNCE Logo, 4-H Clover, and the “cleaning-up” of the pages was much appreciated by the committee members. They indicated that each of the manuals was much improved and much more appealing. Steve said he appreciated the positive comments and indicated that none of the verbiage had changed in any of the manuals; but he wonder if maybe some of it needed to be changed. Ron and Will agreed with Steve and pointed out a few examples. After some discussion, it was decided to have a face-to-face meeting to “iron out” what changes should be made. It was agreed to have the meeting in Lovelock, NV on Monday, July 12th (10am-2pm). Steve said he would make necessary arrangements (and the arrangements have been made; the committee will meet in a room in the Perishing County Extension Office).

Sandy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12th (10am-2pm).

Respectfully submitted by,
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