

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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