

Cody Shooting Complex

March 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 18:00 by President Otis Smith. The members reviewed the February minutes. A motion was made by Vice President Milt Allen and seconded by Director Mike Schnell to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

New Business

Report on the County Commissioner's Meeting:

President Otis Smith reported that one result of the recent meeting with the Park County Commissioner's was that the survey done by BLM and a separate survey done with an independent surveyor for Park County were unequal. According to the independent survey, the Cody Shooting Complex fence was off the mark by up to 200 ft in some areas. According to the most recent conversation with the BLM, the land belongs to the county.

BLM stated we could not block any public access to the ridge road. Park County does not want anyone to be in danger of any firing line while travelling that ridge road. Therefore, the pistol bays, south sporting clays course, and the newly acquired land may need to be shut down until safety measures are in place.

President Otis Smith stated that the new land is very clearly deeded to the Cody Shooting Complex Rifle Range. Also, the Cody Shooting Complex will not be shutting down the pistol bays or south sporting clay range. The Shooting Club will continue its current operations.

Treasurer Mike Brodner stated that the south sporting clay range should be limited to 7.5 or smaller for shot. That will prove to the county that the pellets will not get to the road, at maximum distance. He raised concerns about BLM land that starts 750 yds past the end of the rifle range. Director Pete Kneip warned against "kicking over a hornet's nest" with adding the rifle range concerns to the other venue concerns. He also stated that the pistol bays should be shut down and that the county owns the land.

Treasurer Mike Brodner stated that he, Director Josiah Bullock, and others can come up with a safety plan that will prove that the different venues are safe.

President Otis Smith stated that the final decisions are pending until they recall him to another Park County Commissioners' Meeting.

Director Pete Kneip stated that the fence should be moved now, without waiting for the next Park County Commissioners' Meeting. Also, that the Shooting Complex should move the fence onto the side of the road closest to the range, even if that means giving up part of the property to the BLM public access. Membership Coordinator Katie Brass, Director Dean Blackwell, Youth Director Tiger McNeil, Treasurer Mike Brodner, and others agreed that moving the fence (giving up the road) now would further comply with the Park County Commissioners and earn good will with them. President Otis Smith stated he would reach out to a fencing guy to get a quote about moving the fence.

Director Josiah Bullock suggested a review of the range from 2-5pm on March 19, 2022, after his Range Safety Officer training class. He invited all board members, regardless of participating in the training class, to attend the safety review. Others voiced consent.

Director Pete Kneip suggested having the fence moved in a straight line along the road to diminish cost of moving it. Director Josiah Bullock suggested making these changes before the next Park County Commissioners' Meeting to build good will and rebuild the Shooting Complex's reputation.

A water pipe broke in the NRA classroom, but it has been dried out, repaired, and cleaned. President Otis Smith requested that anyone using the NRA classroom to leave the heat on, to prevent burst pipes in the future.

Youth Director Tiger McNeil reported that he had 4H certification with 20-30 people at the range last week.

Treasurer Mike Brodner reported that Director Mike Schnell received a \$2000 grant to buy the new batteries for the machines.

As there was no further business, President Otis Smith called for an adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 18:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Otis Smith
President CSC

Stephanie Bullock
Secretary CSC