

## **Cody Shooting Complex**

**March 22, 2022**

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 18:03 by President Otis Smith.

#### **New Business**

President Otis Smith recounted the amount of work that has gone on to move the range from a simple rifle range to what it is today. Then he stated that no board member should be going to the Park County Commissioners' office without an invitation. The broken chain of command is a problem. The president is the only one who officially represents the club. Other board members that make moves outside the chain of command does not represent the interests of the club.

The BLM survey and an independent survey company hired by Park County Commissioners were at odds. He stated that no one should contact fencing companies – that will go through the president. Commissioner Thiel and President Otis Smith came to an agreement last week. The Commissioners agreed with the Cody Shooting Complex.

President Otis Smith brought up an alternative bike path route to guarantee safety.

President Otis Smith recounted the history of when the bylaws for the Shooting Complex were proposed and approved by members. He reiterated the chain of command needs to be respected and followed. He stated those that do not follow this chain of command (and approved bylaws), will need to resign from the board.

President Otis Smith showed a map and the new border for the fencing marked with a dark blue line. He stated that all current and future conversations will not include the BLM, but only the county due to the land being deeded over to Park County.

Director Brent Marchant clarified that the entire Commission has seen and approved the new fence line. Director Jim Kindt asked about splitting the cost of moving the fence. President Otis Smith said the county was unwilling to let the club use the big equipment to move the fence. They declined in splitting the cost. Chief Range Safety Officer Rich Redovian asked if the club had a time-constraint on building the new fence. President Otis Smith stated there is not.

Director Josiah Bullock asked if the cease-and-desist letter from the county commissioners will go away once the fence is moved. President Otis Smith said yes.

Treasurer Mike Brodner offered to compile research to prove to the county commissioners that the range is safe. He has hard data to prove that the south sporting clay range is very safe and unable to have projectiles leave the club's property.

One member in the crowd asked if there was a particular reason for the waning financial and political support for the Shooting Complex from the Park County Commissioners. President Otis Smith said there has been a history since about 2013.

Chief Range Safety Officer Rich Redovian clarified that Outdoor Sports did not want to come out here due to the approved \$1000 per day fee and the new legal counsel for Outdoor Sports did not agree with our insurance policy.

Director Josiah Bullock brought up concerns with the letter to the commissioners. He liked the first half, and not the bottom half of the letter. President Otis Smith says he will put the Wyoming Recreation Act sign up on the ridge road.

Director Josiah Bullock brought up concerns about the safety of the pistol bays. President Otis Smith says that it has been fine for 30 years and will continue to be fine. Treasurer Mike Brodner made the point that it is far safer to have shooters come to the Complex with trained shooters and safety officers rather than shutting it down and releasing these shooters to create popup ranges on BLM land with no regard for safety.

President Otis Smith adjourned the meeting at 19:05. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Otis Smith

President CSC

Stephanie Bullock

Secretary CSC