

**MINUTES**  
**CVOA Range Committee**  
**Dec. 14, 2010**

The range committee met at the Town Office at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010. Attending were Chairman Neal Trask, Secretary John McCatherin, Jim Heichel, Harvey Packard and Alan Burnell.

Income from the annual CVOA raffle, which is an important revenue source to the range, has not yet exceeded raffle expenses, due in part to the increase in the costs for the outstanding prizes this year. We fully expect to more than break even but the committee discussed ways in which we can improve the revenue flow.

Committee members took raffle promotional posters and tickets to place with area businesses in the hopes that they can sell tickets for us. Those dropping off the tickets will be responsible for collecting the ticket sale proceeds and getting them into Peter Weston, CVOA secretary, prior to the raffle drawing at the Winter Social Jan. 15.

McCatherin said he will put together raffle sale reminders to be used in the next couple of CVOA newsletters and on the web (completed 12-16).

Trask had arranged for more bark mulch fill to be delivered from Stratton Lumber to the range but noted that many of the loads had been dumped in the wrong location within the range. He said he would e-mail his contact, Pete Silver, to determine how to fix the delivery location (completed 12-15: Silver said they will not be delivering any more until spring and will discuss where to dump it then).

McCatherin said he will contact Jeff Beauregard of the Border Patrol to discuss how to assess dues for the federal organization's members. Jeff has notified us that his organization will continue to use the range but will have to change the basis for billing. McCatherin will also check to see if the Border Patrol plans to use the range during the winter for qualification training and if they can assist in the cost of plowing.

Eagle Scout Candidates Matt Beauregard and Ian Wilson, members of the CVOA-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #525, have each proposed Eagle projects involving the range. Matt wants to build a canopy for the rifle range firing line, similar to the one on the pistol range. And Ian wants to build an archery range with both stationary positions and a walking course. Both Scouts have been asked by John McCatherin to provide cost estimates and determine what cost items might be donated. The committee endorsed the projects, pending review of their cost estimates.

Neal discussed the possibility of running a First Shots Program sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. NSSF support could include the donation to CVOA of small-caliber rifles to be used for youth training. The First Shots Program is designed to develop interest in the shooting sports by both young and old alike. The committee voted to conduct such a program August 6 & 7.

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The First Shots Program will require the involvement of certified instructors and the range committee would like to have one or more CVOA members trained to help conduct these and other programs. Several candidates have been identified and Neal will be checking on training for these instructors and the costs CVOA will incur for the training and the First Shots Program. Neal will contact NSSF about support they can provide and to see if we can obtain guns for the club at no cost.

The Range Committee voted not to conduct an open house and barbecue as part of Homecoming weekend next year but to conduct a separate open house Sept. 11, 2011. The Homecoming events have been plagued by cold weather and competition from the many other Homecoming activities that are conducted that weekend.

Neal has been looking into an electronic gate lock system but research to date has proven to be too expensive. Plans now are to set a new combination for the gate lock in the spring and disseminate it through the mail to range members with a new range membership card.

Harvey Packard initiated a discussion about the need for a new building at the range. It's needed for additional storage requirements and to provide space for small meetings and a heated place to get in out of the cold in the spring and fall months of range operations. It would be relatively low cost, estimated around \$5,000, as opposed to the major clubhouse proposals discussed previously. The committee plans on continuing discussion about the building and preliminary planning for it.

John P. McCatherin, Secretary  
CVOA Range Committee  
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