

SHARPSHOOTER

FHRPC NEWSLETTER, WINTER/SPRING 2010

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The annual meeting of the Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club (FHRPC) was held on Friday, February 19, 2010. The meeting was held at the Allegany County Career Center for Technical Education on McMullen Highway. The topics of interest were the possible purchase of land, 7.9 acres to be exact. To be used as a buffer zone from future infringement. The parcel of land is located at the top of the ridge behind the 100 yard impact berm at Range #1 to the north shoulder of Eastman Road. A motion was made and seconded that the officers search out and investigate possible purchase of said property for FHRPC, and report back to the membership.

8.7 Expenditures for New Construction

A motion made at the 2009 Annual Meeting and seconded concerning a by-law change for Expenditures for Improvements (example new construction, land purchase) was voted on and carried at last night's 2010 Annual Meeting. The completed by-law addition of the new section 8.7 to Article 8 will appear later in this newsletter.

Jim Soulsby opened for discussion the paving of the road at Morningside Range #1 from the end of Morningside Drive to the gate, this is for two reasons; 1) Control the dust created by dry conditions, driving too fast, etc. 2) Being able to plow snow so members may have access to the range in the winter. A motion was made and seconded to have the officers proceed in getting quotes from contractors and report back.

Dues increase was a topic that was raised by the officers to help with the rising cost of operations. Chuck Palmer brought up the fact that under the current expenses the dues amount per member was insufficient, he ask the officers if this was correct. John Dowell spoke for the officers that this was correct. Chuck Palmer made a motion to increase the dues amount to \$50.00 per year. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion. Vote was held on the motion. Motion passed, dues will be \$50.00 per year due December 31, 2010.

CLUB OFFICERS 2010

FHRPC officers for the year 2010 are;

1. President, Bill Lewis (301-777-8180)
2. Vice-President/Membership Secretary, Chris Bennett (301-268-1642)
3. Treasurer, John Dowell (301-724-5866)
4. Secretary, Marvin Smith (301-777-0358)
5. Executive Officer, Jim Soulsby (301-724-0724)
6. Executive Officer, Dave Thompson (304-788-1346)

The club officers welcome your feedback. If you have any questions, suggestions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact any of your club officers. Officer's meetings are the first Monday of each month at the club house at Morningside Range #1 at 7:00PM you our welcome to contact us there.

NEW BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Resolve, that the By-Laws of the Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol club is amended by the addition of the following new section 8.7 to Article 8, Duties of Officers;

8.7 Expenditures for New Construction. Any proposed expenditures of funds over \$10,000.00 (ten thousand) dollars for new construction to either range or the purchase of new property shall be submitted to the entire membership for their approval at the annual or special meeting called for that purpose before the funds can be expensed.

USA CITIZENSHIP

John Dowell brought up for discussion the requirement of U.S. citizenship to become a member of FHRPC, and questioned if U. S. citizenship was a necessary by-law. As it stands now Article 3. Membership, 3.1 Eligibility, of the FHRPC By-Laws sentence one prohibits membership to non U. S. citizens. Members talked about this subject for awhile, ideas coming forth from the body. Eventually, Chuck Palmer made a motion that we table this possible By-Law change to 2011's annual meeting. This was seconded by Bill Lewis. Vote taken to table, motion passed.

RANGE LIGHTS/SHOOTING HOURS

Kenny Fuller asked about Range Lights that were to be investigated by the Range Committee and to be reported on at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Secretary, Marvin Smith reported that he and Frank LaParle had inquired and received from the Allegany County Delegation an unofficial copy of House Bill 756. It stated: that under this Bill to allow certain target shooting between certain hours (9 A.M. thru 10 P.M.) by shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of January 1, 2001. That said, shooting sports clubs that the Environmental Matters Department

has determined have become compliant with certain standards, limits, or rules; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to sound level limits and noise controls at shooting sports clubs.

It is the strong suggestion of the Range Committee and the Officers "To leave well enough alone". Shooting times are to stay as they are.

VOLUNTEER KNIFE WINNER

The majority of the work done on the ranges is done by volunteers. Mike Carney as in years past has donated his beautiful custom made knives to the benefit of FHRPC, as reported by Jim Soulsby. This year the volunteer whose name was drawn at the annual meeting was Jeff McCullough. A big thanks and appreciation goes out to Mike Carney for sharing his craftsmanship and ability as a custom knife maker with the members of FHRPC.

LEAGUE NOTES

Muzzleloaders, Fred Kreiger reported 8-12 shooters, in-line shooters are welcome to come out and shoot. 2010 League will start first Monday, April 5th time varies between 4:00 and 6:00 P.M., whatever fits your schedule best. Shooting will be every Monday thru the 1st Monday in October.

Junior Small-bore, Chris Bennett reported that this league will start April 3rd 2010 at 0900 hours.

BR-50 League, Clayton Blume reported that BR-50 had an average of eleven shooters and doing well. Precision shooting is a hallmark of this league. League shooting starts the last Wednesday in April, which is the 28th at 6:00 P.M.

MOVE CABLE RANGE #2

Mike Winter made a motion to move the cable from the bottom of the ramp to the upper most part of the ramp by the grassy 300 yard line shooting area, so as to accommodate our handicap members. This is to be strictly an unloading and loading area, parking is still in the parking lot. No parking on ramp. Vic Merkel seconded the motion. Vote was taken, unanimous to move cable.