

# Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association

## Member & Board Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2019

- 1) Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
  
- 2) Read and approve Minutes from January 2018, June 14, 2018, August 6, 2018, September 10, 2018, October 1, 2018  
Minutes of March 4, 2019 were approved on April 1, 2019 at BOM meeting, Minutes of April 1, 2019 were approved via email by Mo Bratcher, Bill Bendl, Diane Ostrander and Peter Hoffmann
  
- 3) Treasurers Report-  
Checking -  
Savings -
  
- 4) Committee Reports
  
- 5) Old Business
  - a. Update on Logo design
  - b. Update on Shotgun Raffle/Drawing
  - c. Update Boy Scout maintenance project
  - d. Update on RFVSA Fundraiser for June 9
  - e. Announcements-Jon Hollinger Memorial June 2, St Regis RSVP
  
- 6) New Business
  - a. Trash Receptacles-Mixed Recyclables
  - b. Email from Roaring Fork Conservancy, Task Force
  - c. Clarification on Family Membership
  - d. 5 Stand-
    1. Guest lists
    2. Unpaid targets
    3. Repair protocol
    4. Staffing
  - e. RFVSA Safety Incidents

Motion to Adjourn

**MINUTES OF a May 13, 2019 MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE**  
**ROARING FORK VALLEY SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

A Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association ("RFVSA") was held at the Association's Clubhouse at the Shooting Range, Basalt, Colorado, on May 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Diane Ostrander at 6:01 pm

Those Board Members attending the Meeting in person were: Diane Ostrander, Bill Bendl, Peter Hoffmann, Mo Bratcher. Board members not in attendance were Tim Racke, Phil Eastley and Rick Neiley.

Also in attendance were Rob Krakovitz, Jim Perry, John Winter, Augie Natal, Rich Connor, Don Delise, Dean Wagner, Warwick Mowbray, Jan Haugen, Mike Bair, Bob Perigo.

Minutes of March and April 2019 have been approved. Audio recordings of minutes from June, August, September and October 2018 are incomplete and no minutes can be transcribed.

**Treasurers Report:**

Checking - \$ 2,684.00

Savings - \$ 25,793.00

Peter has written a check for \$16,004.00 for the clay delivery which is reflective of the checking account balance

**Committee Reports**

Maintenance Committee- Bart Chandler was not in attendance, so there is nothing to report.

Maureen Bratcher reported that she has hired a new Range Safety Officer, who is currently in training.

**Old Business**

Update on Logo Design - It was noted that Tim Racke has been working with a young man from Colorado Mountain College (CMC) to help design a logo. Board members had discussed in April of having the logo consist of 2 shotguns with a mountain in the background. There were varying opinions on the logo design from club members in attendance. Logo design will be discussed at a future meeting.

Update on Shotgun Raffle/Drawing -Diane explained the different guidelines and requirements by Colorado Secretary of State to obtain a Raffle License. Colorado Secretary of State requires a Gaming Manager for the organization that has a Raffle License. Some of the requirements include a separate

bank account for raffle proceeds, reporting of raffle items over \$1000 (singular or collectively), quarterly accounting for proceed amounts, as well as an accounting of all expenditures. Raffle proceeds have to have a purpose of what the money will be used for, and has to be used within one year of the raffle. Diane suggests that we come up with a other ideas to be able to conduct a drawing/raffle for a shotgun. Diane asked the board to approve a motion to extend the drawing dates for the Youth Shotgun to include all of the summer months. Any youth that shoots at the range is eligible to put their name in the drawing for a youth shotgun in September. Board approved.

Update on Boy Scout Maintenance Project - Mike Bair stated that Zach Jackson is working with Bob Kirk as per direction of Bart Chandler. Boy Scouts are in the process of putting together a work project for Memorial Day Weekend and do not have a cost on paint supplies yet. Zach and the Boy Scouts will be doing the prep work (power wash) prior to painting and staining. The paint and stain will be paid for by the Boy Scouts thru their fundraisers. Mike stated that RFVSA would be paid \$3 per round to cover the target costs. Board agreed that was acceptable.

Update on RFVSA Fundraiser - RFVSA fundraiser will be on the 5 stand field. Roaring Fork Club Shooters will sponsor the BBQ. 5 Stand Rounds will be \$10 for the fundraiser.

Announcement of the Jon Hollinger Memorial on June 2, 2019, 2 pm at the St. Regis Hotel in Aspen for anyone who wants to attend.

Member Warwick Mowbray proposed that members be allowed to book and shoot during week days with a paid RFVSA range officer when the range is available. (See Attached) Warwick suggested that the range officer would name their price to charge to the members for their time. Discussion ensued that in the past, this type of arrangement did not work and was abused and to do this, it would be considered the same as a commercial membership. Peter states that it was not an equitable deal before and not offered to everyone. It was suggested that the matter be brought back up at the next meeting with another proposal.

## **New Business**

Trash Receptacles - Recyclable is for cardboard, soda, plastic. There is a label on the front of the dumpster to the types of material that may be disposed of in that bin.

Email from Roaring Fork Conservancy- Diane read an email from Rick Lafaro, Roaring Fork Conservancy about a community re-seeding project that will be happening on Basalt Mountain and the burn scar areas. The Shooting Range will be closed for the entire day on June 15th. Anyone interested in helping can sign up thru the website (email attached)

Gun Range Task Force Email - Charles Spickert from the Basalt Gun Range Task Force sent an email to Larry Emery and Larry forwarded it on to Diane Ostrander for response from Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Assn. as a stakeholder in the gun range. It was agreed that Diane would draft an email and send to the BOM for comments. Once approved it will be emailed to Charles Spickert with the Basalt Gun Range Task Force. (see attached email and response).

Clarification on Family Membership - Family Membership is defined as husband/wife and children under 18. Members may bring a guest from time to time and shoot for the current member cost of a round.

## 5 Stand -

Guest List - RFSC will not bring guests for their Tuesday 5 Shoot.

Unpaid Targets - Mo brought up that each Sunday, there were anywhere between 50 & 200 thrown targets that were either, view targets, broken targets and open and close targets for 5 Stand. It is a concern that over the course of a month, it could add up several hundred targets lost.

It was also discussed about keeping score for 5 Stand and how do so efficiently. Rich Connor stated that it takes approximately 35 minutes to go thru a round of shooters on 5 stand without score keeping. Mo and the Range Officers will get together and work on getting a system worked out with running the 5 Stand.

Repair Protocol - If there are any malfunctions of 5 Stand machines, that machine will be taken out of service for that day. A different machine can be used in replacement of that number on the menu board. Any troubleshooting or repairs can be made after the close of business. Diane requested that if any machines are down or broken, that she be notified immediately so that if any commercial operations are scheduled, she can notify them. Bart Chandler as Maintenance Chairman also needs to be notified.

Warwick brought up that someone took the bolts and plates off of the #2 machine receiver and pry a gasket free and it was shorting out due to possible condensation. Diane stated that no one had been at the range using any of the equipment, commercial or otherwise since Bill working on the #2 machine trouble shooting the wiring issue on Monday. It is unclear if the receiver was left uncovered when the machine was installed or during maintenance.

Staffing for 5 Stand - This topic has been discussed over the last several months at prior board meetings. The Roaring Fork Shooters have requested that Bill Bendl be appointed range officer for Tuesday morning 5 Stand shooting. Mo Bratcher, as RFVSA Range Safety Officer Supervisor spoke about staffing and that it would be provided by RFVSA paid range officers first and then be offered to volunteers if necessary to fill any vacancies as discussed at previous meetings. Diane Ostrander mentioned that when the 5 Stand was proposed to the BOM by Bill Bendl in 2018, that the paid RFVSA Range Officers (employees) would be the ones to staff the activity. Rich Connor concurred that it was presented as . There was again much discussion about whether Bill Bendl is considered a qualified, trained and paid RFVSA Range Officer vs a Volunteer who is required by RFVSA to serve under the direct supervision of an RFVSA Range Officer on duty and be exempt from benefiting financially. The wording on the contract with the RFS and RFVSA was discussed, stating that RFVSA would provide an RFVSA Range Officer. A vote was taken that RFVSA would provide the paid Range Officers for the 5 Stand. Mo Bratcher, Diane Ostrander, Peter Hoffmann and Phil Eastley (by proxy held by Peter) voted in favor. Bill Bendl abstained.

Club Members were asked to leave so that the Board Members could have an executive session to discuss two safety issue complaints against club members Bill Bendl and Jan Haugen. The board agreed that warning letters were to be drafted, approved by BOM and sent certified to the two parties involved. If safety issues subsequently arise again, suspensions would be warranted.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm

## Lake Christine Fire Restoration Volunteer Project - June 15th

Rick Lofaro (rick@roaringfork.org) [Add contact](#)

4/24/2019 2:09 PM

To: Diane Ostrander;

Cc: Peter Hoffmann;



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Diane,

I believe we have met, and Peter is my father-in-law. I wanted to alert you and the RFVSA to a volunteer project we are hosting with CPW and Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The signup link is live. I think it would be a great opportunity to get a crew from the RFVSA to show up, help with some seeding work, and put a good face on the shooting club and the range with some positive representation.

<https://rfov.salsalabs.org/lake-christine-fire-restoration-signup/index.html>

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Rick Lofaro  
Executive Director



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## Re: Hours of Operation

Larry Emery

5/1/2019 3:12 PM

To: Charles Spickert;

Cc: William Kane;

Mr. Spickert,

Hello there.

I appreciate you reaching out to me for input on future range hours.

Your e-mail will be forwarded to the Board of RFVSA for a formal response from that body.

I am happy to provide you with my input as a member of the Gun Range Task Force, a member of RFVSA and the Manager of Basalt Firearms, LLC.

One point that all stakeholders seem to agree upon, is that concentrating shooting into the controlled and mitigated environment of a range is in the best interests of all parties from a standpoint of safety.

In following that logic, we need to encourage local shooters to utilize the Range as opposed to local private and public land as much as possible.

My experience in operating Basalt Firearms has been that many requests are made by shooters on where they may shoot on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We (Basalt Firearms, LLC) do inform shooters on where they may legally shoot on public ground in the Basalt area.

While I feel it necessary to inform shooters on legal public options, I would be much happier to direct these people to the Range in terms of safety and eliminating possible conflicts with other public activities.

The Range was closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the range re-opened not for safety reasons but due to easing local tensions due to the fire.

Having the Range closed 104 days per year is counter to the shared goal of encouraging the concentration of shooting activity at the Range.

The longer the period of time shooters are encouraged to shoot at locations other than the Range, the harder it will be to get them to break the habit.

Also, shooting at the Range should be curtailed at dusk during the winter season rather than a set time.

Continuing closure on Tuesday and Thursday encourages the exact behavior we all wish to discourage and we all agree is in the best interests of the public as a whole.

You are correct in that RFVSA commercial activity does take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at RFVSA.

My personal recommendation is that the public Range activities should be available seven days per week from the standpoint of encouraging the shooting activity to take place in the safest possible location.

Closure of the Range on Tuesdays and Thursdays simply moves the shooting activity to impact those who did not willingly choose to live next to a gun range and encourages the activity to take place in an uncontrolled environment.

I am speaking for myself and not the Range Task Force.

Thank you.

Larry Emery

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 11:06 AM Charles Spickert <[cspickert@touchstonebiz.com](mailto:cspickert@touchstonebiz.com)> wrote:  
Hi Larry and Bill,

I completing a survey of stakeholders for the next Gun Range Task Force meeting on the future hours of operation of the Basalt Gun Range. I wanted to reach out to you as representatives of the RFVSA. I have talked with Ryan Mahoney, and am in the process of talking to others.

At our last meeting, Chief Knott expressed some confusion over the current "enforceable" hours. CPW stated the current enforceable hours are M-F 7am-7pm and Sat-Sun 9am-5pm. After the fire, CPW agreed to cut the hours back, but those hours are not set in stone. It was stated at the meeting that the RFVSA, which operates the shotgun side of the range, sets their own hours based upon supervision in place.

Since the time of the fire, the range has been closed Tuesday and Thursday. The confusion comes when town folks report hearing shooting on Tuesday or Thursday (which may be a private shoot at RFVSA).

The RFVSA website lists the hours of operation of the shotgun shooting range as: Wednesday 5-7pm and Saturday/Sunday 12-5pm, but there might be private shooting any day.

CPW acknowledges that 7am - 7pm does not work at certain times of the year. Ryan Mahoney suggested making permanent the Tuesday and Thursday closure. What is the RFSVA's input on what the hours of their operation and that of the public shooting range should be going forward?

Thanks!

Charlie

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## Re: Hours of Operation

Diane Ostrander

5/15/2019 12:25 PM

To: Larry Emery (basaltguns@gmail.com); Charles Spickert;

Cc: William Kane;

Good Afternoon

This is in response to a letter forwarded by Larry Emery, in reference to RFVSA hours of operation at the Basalt Shooting Range. I wanted to wait on response until we had our monthly board meeting on May 13, 2019.

Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association (RFVSA) supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the long range goal to keep Basalt Shooting Range open to the public seven days a week.

As has been noted before, the Basalt Shooting Range provides a safe environment for shooting enthusiasts to safely practice their skills. When there are no venues to do this, or it is limited to certain days of the week, shooters will inevitably find a location on public land to shoot. By doing this, it is putting other outdoor enthusiasts who may be hiking, biking, camping, etc. at unnecessary danger and risk.

By CPW providing a venue open to the public 7 days a week, it encourages shooters to shoot in one location and not dispersed throughout our valley.

The same holds true for our shotgun shooters on the RFVSA side of the Basalt Shooting Range. We are open to the public Saturday/Sundays, and Wednesday evenings to the public along with special events held on various evenings of the week ie. 4-H programs, Ladies Only Shooting, etc. We also allow private shooting instruction and training by reservation only 7 days a week.

As a non-profit organization, RFVSA would be greatly impacted financially by any loss of days of operation due to closure and depend on the income from our Commercial Operators, as well as the loss of income to the independent Commercial Operators themselves. Without the financial support, we would not be able to teach safe and responsible gun handling, which is of most importance, or to help maintain, manage and provide for capital improvements at the RFVSA trap and skeet ranges for members and the general public.

Thank you,

Diane Ostrander  
President  
Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Assn.



## Proposal for members of RFVSA to use Range.

This submission is prepared at the request of the Board at a meeting Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

In essence it is a proposal to permit members of RFVSA to be able to shoot at the range at any time that the range is not open for the public and not booked by the outfitters.

### Proposal.

The RFVSA is a non-profit club conducted for the benefit of the members.

As part of the club operations and in order to augment the club finances, RFVSA has 4 private outfitters who use the club from time to time for commercial purposes.

According to usages I previously disclosed in a February memorandum to the Board, the range is largely underutilized by the outfitters. As I have previously indicated the highest rate of use is 50% of possible slots out of a total of 104 on average per month.

I have reproduced that table below. Please note it could be updated with later figures, but in this form it demonstrates my point..

		Blocks available	Use in 2017	% Use	Use in 2018	% Use
January		106	9	8%	29	27%
Feb		96	13	14%	4	4%
Mar		108	30	28%	12	11%
Apr		100	7	7%	11	11%
May		106	8	8%	7	7%
June		104	29	28%	30	29%
July		104	52	50%	9	9%

Aug		108	52	48%	0	0%
Sept		102	26	25%	9	9%
Oct		106	21	20%	21	20%
Nov		104	28	27%	12	12%
Dec		106	16	15%		

It will be noted that in the 23 months reviewed only once did usage reach 50% and got close in one other month ( August 48%). July, August and September of 2018 were adversely affected by the fire closure so really only 2017 is relevant for those months.

My point is that there is a significant opportunity for members to utilize the club facilities which would not impose on the outfitters. Consequently, I am proposing that the club resurrect a practice which persisted in the past.

Essentially, a group of club members could book the range for a session and provided they engage one of the club range officers to run the range, they can shoot paying the \$40 opening fee and then club rates for the targets that they shoot.

The hours for each slot will be the same as the time the outfitters would use the same time slot.

A range form will be designed to accommodate these shoots and retain all records necessary for the club to track clays.

The cost paid to the range officer will be the recommended current rate, but that can be varied by negotiation between the range officer and the members. That will be a private arrangement and will not involve any additional bookkeeping by the club in relation to wages paid.

This will benefit club finances as well as enable members who might otherwise have difficulty getting to the range on Wednesday evening or the

weekend, to be able to shoot with a small group at a time more convenient to them.

Matters to note.

There are several matters to take into account in offering this to members.

1. Competing with outfitters.

The outfitters provide an essential source of funds to the club. Therefore, the outfitters should always be given preference. Consequently the manner in which outfitters book their use of the range should be considered. However, it is a club with 150 members, therefore the interests of 4 outfitters should not have the power of veto over the interests of the members.

Three months ago it was agreed at the club that the outfitters booking practice, cancellation fee and period for cancellation be examined as it was agreed that the present practice of 24 hours notice and \$40 for non-use without cancellation was not satisfactory. I have not seen anything where this was in fact carried out. I suggest that the period for cancellation be 48 hours and the fee for failing to cancel within that time bear a charge of \$100.

This would give preference to the outfitters to be able to book the range, but in the event that the range is not being used and is available, a group of members would have a reasonable period to book the range and have a range officer available.

I have also asked in the past for statistics on the number of times the range has been booked and then cancelled 24 hours before. I do not have an answer. However, it would be illuminating because if there is a practice of booking the range weeks in advance and then cancelling the day before, this would work against the interests of other outfitters as well as members. I have no idea whether this is occurring. However, if it is it would need to be

examined and a protocol proposed which would penalize anyone if this practice became abusive. This information should be available to all members.

## 2. Actual usage.

Several times during my attempts to increase usage of the range, I was met with the objection that it would not be good to have more shooting up there. Given that I have not seen any attempt to limit how much shooting the current outfitters can use the range I don't see this as a serious objection. In particular, if the slot used by the members would have been a slot used by an existing outfitter, I don't detect any difference in the sounds of guns fired by members and those fired by outfitters clients.

As a general observation, I have no idea whatsoever how much extra use the range would have if members were able to shoot on this basis. I cannot imagine it would be more than once or twice a week during the summer. It would be a matter of the Board resolving to start out carefully and maybe limiting possible use to begin with to protect the outfitters and see what demand exists. I suspect that there will be a small group of club members who would take advantage of this and would organize themselves efficiently and quickly.

Finally, I have circulated this proposal among a number of members for input so this is a collective effort with input from quite a number of interested members.

Warwick Mowbray