Minutes for JPL Gun Club Meeting, 4 February 2010

In attendance:

Bruce Anspaugh

Dwight Geer

Nelson Green

Judy Nelson

Jim Nolan

Bruce Parham

Richard Rebele

Raphael Somé

Russell Sugimura

James Wincentsen

Mike Young

The meeting was brought to order by president Mike Young.

1. Election of officers

(Tom Wolfe and Judy Nelson will continue as co-vice presidents per meeting 7 January 2010. Tom Wolfe will continue to hold office during retirement, as he is still able to attend meetings.)

Elected:

James Wincentsen, Treasurer

Nelson Green, President

TBD, Secretary

1. Insurance

Possibility: Our (additional) insurance may not be renewed.

Discussion: Much discussion followed on this topic. Highlights follow.

* This is not a problem because we are self-insured.
* The directors’ fund has been reduced; our insurance was cut to save costs.
* Our need for insurance has changed because the conditions have changed.
* We need to discuss our current insurance requirements with Caltech’s risk management person.
* Insurance covers employees injured during a JPL event. The policy was established when we had use of the range (which now only the guards use) and we had a federal firearms license (FFL).
* Rich Rebele chooses to await a decision regarding insurance before scheduling future events.

1. Membership

Persons present completed membership renewal forms and paid $20 for the 2010 year to Jim Nolan.

1. Pistol (Nelson Green speaking)

The club needs to organize recurring pistol events and create a real pistol program with a consistent group of participants.

Discussion/Suggestions:

* Both Piru and Angeles offer silhouette ranges. Oak Tree has a pistol range and will soon open a new range formerly used exclusively by law enforcement.
* There is a silhouette club next to Angeles Shooting Range.
* The JPL GC could create a game/competition.
* Gary Bivens, in conversation with Nelson Green, stated that the NRA has a pistol program akin to the Junior Rifle Program.
* Oak Tree offers discounts for groups of 15+, a difficult number to reach at present for the JPL GC. We might request a temporary discount for a fledgling (pistol) group.

1. Shotgun

The shotgun group is composed exclusively of retirees, most of whom have not renewed their (free) membership. The second Saturday monthly event is no longer a JPL event.

Tom Wynne (photo lab) chairs the shotgun shoots.

1. Miscellanea

A crowding problem has arisen at Angeles Shooting Range. Managers are considering moving the Golden Bears and LARC to a private range. They will run this as an experiment in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nelson

Secretary ProTem