Minutes for JPL Gun Club Meeting, 5 June 2011

In attendance:

Don Cheney

Ted Iskenderian (new)

Scott McGinley

Judy Nelson

Jim Nolan

Bruce Parham

Rich Rebele

Richard Redden (new)

Russell Sugimura

Carlos Villalpando

Tom Wolfe

Tom Wynne

Absent:

President on vacation

Treasurer on medical leave

12:10 p.m. general discussions began in lieu of a structured meeting. Rich Rebele reported on behalf of the treasurer. He also gave a status and description of the repairs initiated by President Nelson Green.

Friday evening trap shooting: Please alert Sugimura or Wynne if you wish to attend.

Guests introduced selves and members welcomed them.

Old Business

Rifle Shoot

18 people attended, 17 were shooters, three of them newbies. Everyone shot well. Rebele emphasized that we cannot use personal ammunition in the Garands; we must use club ammo. This advisory is contained in the standard email but people do not read it thoroughly.

Preparation for the shoot was somewhat difficult (setting up targets, distributing and collection forms and collecting money). By 10:00 a.m. the range was very crowded and people were vying for space. However, the club was able to shoot in one long line as a single squad.

One person attended Raahauge’s Sport Shooting Fair and reported on it. Lines were long after late morning. Must arrive early and wear ear protection while near line.

June 22, 2011: The ACW in conjunction with NASA presented a panel discussion, “JPL Workplace Violence: Identification and Prevention,” with Dr. Steve Degelsmith, Cynthia Cooper, Jim Chaffee, Ben Palmer and Ed Ochotorena. Another such presentation is planned. Rich Rebele attended and was impressed with the caliber of information.

NASA is sponsoring these panels in response to the January 8, 2011, mass shooting (six dead 14 wounded) in Arizona of which Congresswoman Gifford (D-AZ) was the target. The handgun awareness and heroism of Patricia Maisch, age 61, prevented further tragedy when she grabbed the emptied 9mm handgun and the loaded magazine as the gunman took it from his pocket, thus allowing two men to tackle the him.

New Business/Upcoming

Pistol Shoot (USPSA) 16 July 2011:

See link on JPLGC website. Range opens at 8:00 a.m. Suggest arriving early as the weather will be hot. The 405 freeway will be closed 16-17 July due to the Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. The detour may be long. For detour suggestions visit <http://www.metro.net/projects/I-405/>.

Ted Iskenderian is interested in pistol shooting. Mentioned: another defensive handgun class in fall after October.

Richard Redden wants private lessons for himself and his 11-year old daughter. Tom Wolfe volunteered his handgun safety class. Other youth suggestions were the Pasadena Junior Rifle Club

Upcoming gun shows: Ontario at end of July, Glendale 15 August.

Look for another NASA/ACW panel on workplace violence identification and prevention in the fall.

Ojai first Sunday 600 yard rifle shoots. Request information if interested.

Discussions ended at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nelson, Secretary