

October 2023 meeting of the Lancaster Pistol and Rifle Club

Officers present were:

Trent Stepp, Jim Tawney, Jeff Williamsen, Dan Turner, Christopher Chisolm, Clarke Lamkins, Bryan Cinelli, Caleb Huckins, Brian Geary

Guests applying for membership:

1st

2nd Stephanie Chipps

3rd Matthew Blair, Jason Chipps

Voted in as a full member – Matthew Blair, Jason Chipps

Of Members Present – 22

Secretary's Report –

The reading of last month's minutes was waived and approved.

Copies of the minutes are emailed and are on the website.

Treasurer's Report –

Report was given and approved.

Opening Balance	\$ 10,883.02	
Expenses	\$ 1,752.29	Rifle House, Picnic, Pest Control
Deposits	\$ 198.49	Dues, 50/50
Closing Balance	\$ 9,329.22	
Petty Cash	\$ 83.00	
Savings/Jr League	\$ 1,549.25	50/50 Donation: Tim Nead

October is the last month to get work party hours in for 2023 credit. Invoices for 2024 will be mailed mid-November and are due by December 31st.

Anyone wishing to audit the Club's books, please contact Jeff at **813-382-2625**

Vice President report –

Finished the rifle house siding, roof, gutters and door.

Executive Officer report –

The rubber backstops are getting torn up with the usage of staples. We have purchased some large push pins to use instead, these are on the shelves on the back wall. Please use these instead of staples or use either painter's tape or masking tape to hang your targets. There was \$55 collected for targets and drinks. The pistol house will be winterized near the end of the month, water and refrigerator to be turned off.

League Secretary report –

The monthly bullseye and benchrest matches are finished for the year.

The bullseye Thursday matches will continue until it becomes too cold.

The fall rimfire matches are running on Tuesdays, if you wish to compete the cost is \$5.

Technology Officers report –

Nothing to report

Chief Security & Safety Officer report –

Not present, no report.

Special Events Coordinator report–

Clarke wishes to thank all that attended and participated in the Family Picnic. The event came in \$116 under budget.

Membership Committee report –

Three prospective members attended, 2 were voted into the membership.

Old Business:

The VFW that allows us to use their facility is having a raffle for approximately 13 firearms. The drawing will be on Veterans Day November 11, cost is \$20. We encourage everyone to participate.

The October members meeting per the By Laws is when elections are held for Executive Officers for the following year. There were no additional candidates nominated for 2024 Executive positions, so a unanimous slate was cast to re-elect the current Executive Officers. The 2023 Executive committee will remain in place for 2024.

New Business:

The Treasurer has reviewed the annual finances as we prepare for 2024 and has recommended to the Executive Committee that an increase in the membership dues will be necessary to keep the club functioning as it is and to perform projects that are necessary such as berm maintenance, entrance improvements, and other projects. Also, the cost of everything is increasing such as insurance, porta-pot, taxes, electricity, and other necessities. It has been five years since the last increase in dues and the Committee believes that a \$25 increase to the Full Member fee is necessary and will likely accommodate all club needs for the next five years. This proposed increase will make the Full Member fee \$120 per year. The work party fee of \$16/hour (\$80) will not change, nor will any other member fee structure.

Most of the indoor and outdoor ranges near to us charge more and are usually crowded.

- BlackWing – \$429/yr Shotgun outdoor only, pistol indoor
- Bullet Ranch – \$329/yr Pistol, Rifle indoor
- Vance's – \$249/yr Pistol, Rifle indoor
- AimHi – \$329/yr Pistol indoor
- LEPD – \$350/yr Pistol indoor
- Cardinal – \$20/hr Pistol outdoor

Since the yearly fee is controlled by the By Laws it is necessary to have 3 readings before voting in the change, this month's reading is the first. The plan is to implement this increase with 2024 dues which will be due by December 31st, 2023.

Member Recognition:

Brad and Kay Soddors as well as Mike Pubal and Caleb Huckins worked to rebuild the 50 yard target frame and backer on the rifle range. As part of this rebuild, staples were removed and the frames were made visible to help shooters avoid placing targets over them.

Rule Update:

Several rules have been broken recently which will ultimately result in member discipline unless compliance occurs immediately.

- **Paper targets only;** not rocks, cans, fruit, nuts, backstop timbers, posts, etc.
- **Clean up after shooting;** brass swept, targets removed from backers and thrown away, etc.
- **Sign-In and Sign-Out** every visit; pistol and rifle. The sign-in sheet is in the pistol house.
- **Close all doors/windows** when leaving the range.
- **Close and lock the gate** when you're the last one on-site.
- **The brass buckets are not for trash,** leaves or other items.
 - We are replacing the current brass buckets with orange plastic buckets stenciled "BRASS ONLY" so they will be immediately visible as to their use.

When attending a meeting at the VFW we need to leave the room in the same condition as we found it. If you are one of the first to come in, please pay attention the condition of the room so it can be left the same.

50/50 Raffle:

Amount = \$46

Winner= \$24 Brad Soddors returned the money to the Youth League

Lancaster Pistol & Rifle Club Officers for 2023

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