

March 2025 meeting of the Lancaster Pistol and Rifle Club

Officers present were:

Trent Stepp, Jim Tawney, Jeff Williamsen, Dan Turner, Christopher Chisolm, Clarke Lamkins, Frank Vantresca, Brian Cinelli, Brian Geary

Guests applying for membership:

1st Mike Robinson, John McClure, Larry

2nd Mike Rose

3rd Clinton Nichols

Voted in as a full member- Clinton Nichols

Of Members Present – 28

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

Was read and approved, with no objections, by voice vote.

Opening Balance	\$ 30,411.48
Expenses	\$ 417.70
Deposits	\$ 238.50
Closing Balance	\$ 30,232.28
Petty Cash	\$ 65.00
Savings/Jr League	\$ 1,712.92

Vice President report –

There will be no April work party, it will be moved to May.

The work party in May will entail, grading the berm in-between ranges, fixing the corner of the personal defense backstop, putting rubber mulch in the 50yd rifle backstop.

Future projects include providing some kind of protection for the card reader at the gate, and possibly paving the entrance.

Executive Officer report –

Removing the winterizing from the water supply.

\$5 collected for targets.

League Secretary report –

Will announce at next month's meeting the start date for the Thursday Bullseye matches due to weather concerns.

Brad Soddors covered the new 22 Rimfire competition, they are going now and will end by July 4th.

The new rules are on the website (LPRCOHIO.COM) under the Match Info Tab.

Technical Officers report –

Not Present – No report

Chief Security & Safety Officer report –

1 Safety Orientation given on 2/15 with 1 prospect present, another was a no-show.

Special Events Coordinator –

Reminder the Family Picnic will be held at the range on September 27th from 12 to 3. There will be prizes awarded and a raffle for a Bullpup 12ga shotgun.

Membership Committee report –

3 first time prospects, 1 2nd time and 1 voted into the club.

Old Business:

The 50yd rifle backstop is now open to all permitted calibers.

Club hats are still available for \$20 from Jim Williamsen.

The CMP has opened up the acquisition of 1911 pistols, it is 1st come 1st served. To get in line for the pistols go to their website <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/1911-information/>. The CMP requires that you be a current member of a CMP sponsoring organization. If you need a letter stating your current membership in LPRC contact the Secretary for a signed statement to be emailed to you.

Last month an addition was made to the meeting, a trading post section where anyone with firearm items that they wish to sell can bring them to the attention of the club members. This was held at the end of the new business section.

New Business:

There was a concern brought up by Mike Masten about smoking in the pistol house, his email follows:

I researched the bylaws & range rules and unless I missed it, cannot find anything about smoking at the range. I bring this up because people sometimes shoot black powder at the range. Obviously, this could create a hazard that we would want to avoid.

We also have a lot of loose cardboard and paper laying around for targets. Don't forget the kerosene.

The pistol and rifle houses are primarily wooden structures and it would not take long for them to go up in flames. I doubt the fire department could make it in time.

Is there anything in the insurance policy which requires no smoking at our facility?

Unless I'm going really blind, I could not find any no smoking signs prominently displayed at the range.

With that said, I would like to make the following suggestions:

1 - Add a no smoking rule to the bylaws for inclusion at the end of the year.

2 - Immediately add a no smoking rule to the range safety rules. If people must smoke, then establish a designated smoking area, outside of the both shooting houses. If I recall correctly, 25 feet from the building is considered a safe distance. Perhaps someone with expertise in this subject can clarify that. Or establish a rule that people can only smoke inside their motor vehicles.

3 - Add a few more fire extinguishers. I don't think this is considered too unreasonable because of all the paper products and kerosene.

4 - Speaking of kerosene; maybe we should construct or purchase a prefabricated storage shed to place the kerosene cans in. I know that sounds like a huge inconvenience to retrieve the fuel for the heater but think about this for a minute. Having all that kerosene in one central location with only a couple of exits, few fire extinguishers, and lack of no smoking signs could spell disaster. Also consider what the insurance policy has to say about this. If we add a storage shed for the kerosene then suggestion #2 should be amended so that smoking only be permitted in motor vehicles as it would be difficult to find a designated smoking area with a storage shed.

5 - Do we have or know of any certified fire safety inspectors that could look at our facility if and after the aforementioned recommendations have been implemented? The reason that I bring this up is if we do have a fire related mishap later, we can say to the insurance investigator that we did everything to prevent this. An official sign-off from a certified fire safety inspector would go a long way to bolster our case and any claims. This is especially true should there be any claims against us for injuries or loss of life resulting from a fire. END

The Executive Team will discuss this at our next meeting.

If there are any comments, please send them to one of the Executive Team.

Member Recognition:

Kudos given to our membership committee, Brian and Lynn for the great job they do in processing all of our prospective members.

Rule Update:

Only paper targets are to be used at the ranges.

The portable stands in the pistol house are only to be used at the Personal Defense section of the pistol range. They are not to be taken south of the concrete walkway or to the rifle house.

50/50 Raffle:

Amount = \$108

Winner= \$54 to Don Legg

Lancaster Pistol & Rifle Club

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