

Texas Concealed Handgun Association

Winter Board Meeting- Jan 8, 2011- Salado, Texas

The meeting opened at 9:00AM with a roll call of directors & officers present. Rick Mackey, Larry Feille, Ron Ryle, Dean McCormick, Larry Arnold, George Pena and Bill Titus were present. Minutes of the November 2010 teleconference were presented for discussion and correction. One spelling correction was noted and corrected, following which Dean McCormick moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Larry Arnold. Approved as corrected.

A discussion of moving toward an electronic version of the newsletter followed. Suggestions included deleting the paper version or requiring additional fees for the mailed copy. We discussed moving toward requiring members to actively opt-in to receive the paper version in future years. It was the consensus of the group that this move was best in a year or two, not right now. George reminded us that the newsletter will be coming out in a few weeks and we need to write articles/info for inclusion.

Ron Ryle presented a preliminary treasurer's report, after having met yesterday with the accountant that handles our books.. He and the accountant are working to correct misallocations of expenses from previous months and years, and get them moved to the correct categories.(ie. Board expenses, Traveller's Guides to cost of goods sold instead of travel, etc.) Our net income has trended down through October due primarily to higher overhead in sales and recruitment during the instructor schools. Ron will provide via email a more comprehensive report as soon as he and the accountant can correct the figures.

Frank & Merle Niemiec arrived in the meeting.

ACTION: We discussed glitches in the merchandise distribution process resulting from moving the inventory to Dallas for presentation at the instructor schools. It was agreed that we need to keep merchandise in a single location. We also need a uniform pricing of items being sold. Ron Ryle, Bill Titus, and Rick Mackey will work on setting up a uniform price list and getting the inventory where it needs to be, to be accomplished by the annual conference meeting in March. They will also analyze the sales records over the past year and determine what inventory should be kept on hand.

ACTON: George Pena reviewed the schedule for the upcoming conference. Once again, it will begin with the Fun Shoot. Dean McCormick will be setting up a learning presentation to begin the fun shoot. The presentation will demonstrate one way to introduce new shooters to the power and impact of a firearm. Larry Arnold will arrange targets (LET Zombie Targets?) for the shoot.

The banquet and speakers are all in place. Erwin Ballarta will be the main speaker. A panel of CHL instructors will be presenting various teaching methods regarding "use of force." We will have some tables for vendors at the conference. Larry Feille will be checking on options for the Hospitality Suite.

He also discussed location of vendor tables, registration and merchandise during the conference. He will be handling arrangements, rooms for speakers, etc. All requests for logistic should be made through him.

ACTION: Larry Arnold suggested that we recognize the 100th Birthday of the model 1911 during with lunch or at the banquet. It was the consensus of the group that we do this at the banquet. Larry may be able to arrange a brief speaker or a “re-enactor” from the museum in Fredricksburg. Larry will also arrange for a birthday cake at each table commemorating the birthday.

ACTION: Dean McCormick, 1st Vice President, will handle ballots and election details for the three open board seats this year. Persons interested in seeking a board seat should contact Dean to be placed on the ballot.

We discussed dates for our summer planning meeting. We selected the weekend of July 9-10(changed after the meeting to Aug 20 due to hotel availability). Bill Titus will lead us in reviewing and updating our work begun last July.

Rick Mackey presented a brief report from Chris Bird on preparation of a media packet for the conference in March.

ACTION: Merle Niemiec suggested a survey be prepared for members to respond to a list of questions regarding the association’s work. Merle, Dean, and Larry Feille will prepare a list of questions for Larry Arnold to edit. This will be sent to Rick and George prior to the conference.

Merle asked about final settlement on the membership sponsor promotion from last year. She is due about \$55 which she requested be applied to me life membership payout.

Larry Arnold reported briefly on upcoming legislative issues. He was commended by the board for the new look of the website.

Dean McCormick reported on post CHL training discussions and some forum possibilities. The board urged him to continue in the discussions of a TCHA presence on existing forums.

With no other business presented, President Rick Mackey declared the meeting adjourned.

Bill Titus,
Secretary