

Call to Order: 1902 by Jay Jacobsmeyer

Quorum verified by tally as 25 or greater members attending.

Meeting Agenda

Bill Howell 1st

David Bruce 2nd

None Against

2023 Minutes Approval

Bill Howell 1st

Steve Ferrante 2nd

None Against

John Feyen Speaker

John Feyen introduced his wife Cheryl, then covered the history of the LC Sheriff Office. 1861 established, constitutionally based, protect rights. Interesting dynamic of urban and suburban and rural areas. Colorado is only 1 of 3 states where County Sheriffs become Fire Wardens. LCSO has 550 Full Time, 275 uniformed officers. Requires min 24hrs training per year, 12hr physical skills, 12hrs other. LCSO employs 150 Part time wildland firefighters. 85mil year budget. Special events as critical to their work and training. Switched SWAT team to an All-Hazards team to be better prepared for fire/emergencies. The jail has 12,000 bookings annually. Have nearly every shift covered in the crime lab, to ensure better support for the field. Berthoud and Wellington are two "contract" towns. First year priorities for John are understanding WHY LCSO does what they do, being data driven. Focus on Data & Transparency, Mental health both internal and external. Finally, outreach and controlling narrative by being honest and upfront before other entities create the narrative for them. Challenges are hiring, LCSO refuses to lower standards. Budget for expected outcomes.

Q&A

Can we renew CCW in Loveland? Yes.

Citizen Academy still running? Yes, Spring & Fall.

Citizen Ride Alongs? Yes, 970 498 2101

3day firearms waiting period? Yes, this has started.

Where does LCSO train? They have their own range. *LCSO gave the club \$15,000 in 1979 and in return allows LCSO to use the range as individuals.

Jay J presented an award of appreciation from the Gun Club.

In Memorial – The club shared a moment of silence for members Bob Shipman and Rob Conland who passed away this year.

Elections

Jay covered officer terms and the slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor.

Steve Ferrante – President (New 3 yr Term)

Steve Clark – 1st VP (New 3 yr Term)

Dennis Hoshiko – 2nd VP (Existing, starting his 3rd year)

Nikki Gassman – Treasurer (New, 3yr Term)

Pete Maxwell – Secretary (Existing, starting his 2nd year)

Dave Jiles – Director (New, starting his 1st year)

Motion to Accept Slate

Dana Maxwell

Second

Bill Howell

None Opposed

Existing, non-voted positions for 2024:

Jim Morse – Director (Existing, starting his 2nd year)

David Bruce – Director (Existing, starting his 3rd year)

Kurt Pennington – Director (Existing, starting his 3rd year)

Range Reports - Dave Jiles covered the shooting events the club held this year, including the Mountain Markswomen as well as Kurt Pennington's shooting competitions. Kurts's competitions allow 6 shots per shooter, scored, and as time went on, the challenges grew and changed each time they were ran. Excellent feedback from members. Winners of awards were Neil Hanawalt, Ken Rihanek, Ed Maynard. The Mountain Markswomen focus on shooting skills and networking for our female shooters. During the fall/winter, these will be held the first Monday of the month at the indoor range. Information to be posted on the website and emailed out by Martha Clark.

The outdoor range saw mostly maintenance this year. We have discussed a new pistol range next year. Signage was fixed for the tactical/long range area. Range use continues to increase year over year. Upcoming projects are more shooting events, roadway work, pistol range improvements and expansion, and starlink access for 911 safety at the range.

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The indoor range improvements are largely complete. A nice surprise was the restarting of hunter's safety courses and the credit given to the Gun Club for those classes (156 students across 12 classes). Range use increased this year.

Western Aluminum is the company we used for range recycling, but they are closing this year, so we will need to find a new recycling source/partner.

Cleanup days focused on upkeep projects and are vital to keeping our ranges beautiful. Thank you to the members for this hard work!!!! Overall, we had 87 members participate, for a total of 260 hours.

Outdoor Public Days are 9a-12p Saturdays June – Oct. Indoor is Sun 2-3 Nov-May, Thurs 630-730 year-round, Fri 630-730 year-round. Our RSOs offered more than 200 hours of service to the club. We couldn't operate without them. THANK YOU!!!!

Financial Reports – Covered via slides shows the club is healthy financially and continues to grow and can create new projects and keep the facilities updated. Dana discussed the donation line where former member Bob Shipman's family asked for donations to the club in lieu of flowers at his funeral. An incredible gesture. Financial Review committee was appointed as members:

Membership growth 2% year over year, same as last year's increase. We saw a large increase after the floor once the range was operational again, however that has tapered off. We finished 2023 at 485 members.

The membership portal will be available starting January 1, 2024. Codes will be sent out for range credit prior to that date. Gate code will not change until late January.

Awards were presented for Andrew Johnson (outgoing President), Jay Jacobsmeyer (outgoing 1st VP), and Dana Maxwell (outgoing Treasurer). Thank you for your volunteer service and dedication!

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:10pm