

There is a lot going on in the club right now and an incomplete update might be better than waiting a couple of weeks to give a 'report'. So let me give a few comments on issues that seem to be swirling around at the moment. Before I start though, keep in mind that we have a lot on our plate, that would be all of us, folks, all the time; this week isn't anything new.

First, the EB (Executive Board) had an off-site planning meeting to discuss plans, budgets, strengths, weaknesses, threats and so forth that we see on our horizon. There was nothing secret about the meeting but we are keeping private the issues that we have in the hopper. The point there is not to roll out a bunch of un-cooked ideas; all we have is a start. I will certainly abide by that and I presume that the other members of the meeting group, four invited non-officer members and the EB, will as well. I'll tell you this though; if you have been to a meeting or two or read the minutes you won't find any surprises when we get done. And yes, the next EB meeting is closed except to the four members invited so we can get it done in a non-structured meeting.

A recent event, Russ Hubbard has resigned from the EB and his duties as the volunteer that builds and maintains targets and range facilities. Russ and I have had a long conversation and there is no exploding huge event, at least no more than happens in any given range day, that forced him. He has been a board member for four years and has taken on one of the most demanding jobs in our club as range maintenance boss. He needs to cut back for personal reasons and doesn't see how those jobs can be cut so they need to go to someone else. Russ is a friend and I respect his decision. Nobody gets drafted to do the work we need to get done at our club and Russ has contributed in unmeasurable amounts.

The range office has a printer in it, contributed by a member, for the simple purpose of making a copy of the daily range sheets so the Range Manager, Warren Polensky has a better idea of what the work load is especially as it impacts range Safety Officers. Nothing more than that and a good idea in my estimation.

Last Tuesday the Kitsap Range Ordinance Committee met and if you read the article in the Sun you may share my opinion that it did not go well. After months of work, more months of delays, the Dept. of Community Development's position is now public that, with advice of counsel, the County Prosecutor's office, they can ignore the exemptions that are specific in state law as to shooting facilities. We disagree and my Roloids bill is going up again. We aren't done, but again, we are in mid-process and I can't tell you with any precision what our next step will be. That doesn't mean we are clueless, it means we have choices; I'll get back to you.

Way down the list there seems to be some panic about fees, charges and what not. Again, there are no secrets here; it has been discussed in member and EB meetings. It should be clear to everyone that we need to work on some of our infrastructure and if you hear the echo of a cash register there you've got it right. However, the conversation is not done. It's not complicated but it takes some thinking, which is where we are. In order, we need to:

- 1) Decide what we need to do
- 2) Decide on a priority of work
- 3) Determine how much it will cost
- 4) Determine how we are going to pay for it.

There is a lot to work on and this list doesn't even come close to being complete. But it's too early to panic. I'll let you know when it's time.

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