ICRL Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2021

Location: Columbia Fish and Game

Attendees: Columbia – Ken Guffey, Bill Burkert; Palmyra – Dean Kreamer, Erin Gestl; Seitzland – Kathy Livingstone, Walt Zdon; York – Jeff Walters, Greg Livingston; North End – not represented

President Jeff Walters called the meeting to order at 2:03 and read the 2020 Minutes which were approved.

Dean Kreamer gave the Treasurers Report. We currently have a balance of $5363.93. This balance was recently augmented by a $1200 contribution from an anonymous donor. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Old Business:

1. Introduction of additional teams to the league – Jeff Walters had no contact with Mount Joy. Walt Zdon has had contact with Arlington. There is some interest. It is interesting to note that Arlington has a 100 firing point outdoor range. They shoot indoor air rifle and Scatt. That club will be encouraged to shoot some of our Friday night outdoor matches this summer. Bill Burkert reported that he recently had discussions and email communications with Upper Providence Rod and Gun located in Audubon, Pa. Jim Bartlett is involved in their junior program which doesn’t have a competitive outlet. Their program mainly encourages the Winchester NRA system of advancement.
2. Walt Zdon talked about the Orion scoring system at SRC and their experiences with the system. Accuracy when integer scoring is sometimes suspect on individual shots. Volume scoring during shoulder to shoulder matches hasn’t been a major issue this year because there has been no traveling and shoulder to shoulder shooting this year. Walt is looking at some new software being developed for that system.

New Business:

1. ICRL Scholarship – we have six applicants. Liz Cacase – North End/Ontelaunee; Carlene Curtis, Ryan Kauffman, Nikolas Schneider – Seitzland; Claudia Weber, Jack Obrien – Palmyra. With six shooters eligible, although this must be determined after match participation review, it was agreed to place $2400.00 into the pot for distribution in accordance to calculations using the scholarship distribution system. Erin Gestl described Palmyra’s scholarship Fun Match which will be a 40 shot 100 yard prone and a 40 shot 100 yard standing match, two separate matches, on Saturday May 8. Eight dollars ($8.00) of the $20.00 match fee for each match will be contributed to the ICRL Scholarship fund for each ICRL member who shoots in these matches. In addition, another anonymous donor has agreed to contribute $50.00 to the ICRL Scholarship Fund, up to a maximum of $1200.00, for each ICRL shooter who participates in these matches. We also discussed making the eligibility requirements more stringent. Various themes were discussed with the most promising being the inclusion of the shooter’s junior high school year match participation. This would start with the 2021 Outdoor Season for the graduating class of 2023. Bill Burkert will flesh this out and submit for approvals via email and conversations over the coming weeks.
2. Match Fees – Starting with the 2021 Outdoor Season, match fees will be a straight $5.00 per match. No separate voluntary scholarship contribution. Match fees have not increased in decades. Another important point is that the match fees generated will be reversed from the current $3.00 club / $2.00 league to $2.00 club / $3.00 league. Match fees are not an important part of any club’s finances.
3. 2021 Outdoor Schedule is final as presented and will be distributed to league participants. The first match is a day match on April 24 at Seitzland.
4. Outdoor Teams – the North vs South team system has been scrapped. Three teams will be established - Red, White and Blue. Three teams were selected because we generally have around 25 shooters at a match. Four scores from each team will be used allowing more scores to contribute to the team score. Teams will be selected based upon skill level (outdoor averages from last year) and participation from last year. The addition of new shooters, and those who shoot the odd match, will be addressed. Bill Burkert will create these teams and will distribute for discussion and finalization before the start of the outdoor season on April 24.
5. Indoor Season Playoffs – In an attempt to create greater interest and competition in the league championship, indoor season playoffs were discussed. Ken Guffey will put together some ideas on this.
6. ICRL Awards Banquet – North End is holding the banquet. Dean Kreamer will send $600.00 to Eric Gestl to defray costs. Eric Gestl is putting together the awards banquet and it will be on Saturday, June 5 which coincides with their 3200 that weekend. Eric mentioned the following benefits of having it on this day – the range and club is available that day. Save a drive for those shooting in 3200 match. The 3200 may gain a few additional entries. The non-league shooters who would be paying for their dinner will help to defray costs of the meal. Perhaps will encourage some of those outside the league shooters to shoot in the ICRL.
7. Indoor Season Flexibility – because we sometimes run into scheduling issues with large numbers of junior shooters shooting in major competitions such as JORCS, it has been decided to schedule two off weeks in January or February, depending on when JORCS preliminaries are scheduled. Team leaders for those teams who participate in those matches are encouraged to schedule their teams for JORC competition during one of those two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Burkert

Inter-County Rifle League Secretary.