

Oil Capitol Rod & Gun Club

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4/14/2025

2025		2026		2027	
Bob Williams	Present	Gary Kruse	Present	Ian Zacher	Present
Don Akin	Absent	Alan Hart	Absent	Gary Killingsworth	Present
Jack Ostendorf	Present	Jack Killingsworth	Present	Larry Bahler	Present

Agenda:

A motion was made by Larry Bahler and seconded by Jack Killingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

A motion by Larry Bahler to and seconded by Gary Killingsworth to approve minutes held for March 10, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

Guests:

Robert Scott was present to discuss concerns he previously stated in an email sent to all the board members on March 23, 2025. Also requested email be shown in the next target and on the April 14, 2025 minutes.

Treasurer Report:

The financials for March 2025 were presented by treasurer Gary Kruse for approval. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Jack Ostendorf and seconded by Larry Bahler. Motion was approved unanimously.

Skeet event for May 3 &4:

Gary Kruse reported new siding is complete and new air-conditioning system has been installed in Skeet Ops building. Popcorn machine will be working by March 20, 2025 and will be ready for skeet event.

Building and Grounds:

- Patched hole on west wall of all weather building
- No trespassing signs on all fences
- New oil capitol sign
- Cleaned area north of 200 yard berm
- Rebuilt 50 yard backers
- Scheduled ceiling tile replacement for April 19 & 20, 2025 of Main Club House
- Plan to install frost free hydrants at RV parking
- In need of volunteers to help Bob Williams with Building and grounds

Safety & Security:

- Jack Ostendorf has been monitoring compliance issues with new gate policy. As a result of bypassing closed Y gate by driving around it by member Ted Zufelt member#428 has damaged grounds next to the gate.
- Motion made by Gary Killingsworth to close and lock 305th gate be tabled until next meeting and seconded by Gary Kruse. Motion approved unanimously

Insurance:

Rotary Cutter 72" BB72.30 and quick hitch have been added

Membership:

There were 2 transfers and 7 scheduled for new member orientation.

A motion was made to eliminate 1 steel challenge a month by Jack Killingsworth and seconded by Gary Killingsworth. Unanimously decided to table until next board meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Williams and seconded by Ian Zacher to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Subject: Concerns Regarding 5-Stand Shotgun Sports Funding and Facility Access

Dear OCR&GC Board, Event Chairmen, and Membership,

I recently received an email proposing that OCR&GC members contribute to the purchase and installation of a 5-stand shotgun shooting sports facility. While this would certainly be a valuable addition for those involved in shotgun sports, I have several concerns and suggestions that I believe deserve careful consideration. I would appreciate a written response shared with all OCR&GC members, either through The Target Newsletter or individual emails, addressing the following points.

Proposed Funding for 5-Stand Shotgun Equipment

The proposal suggests raising \$25,000 through donations from OCR&GC members to fund the purchase and installation of the 5-stand shotgun sports equipment.

I find it curious that the club is asking shotgun sports members to fund their own equipment installation, particularly when this practice does not seem to be applied consistently across all shooting venues. For example:

1. Inconsistent Funding Practices

- **Berm Clearing for Pistol and Rifle Areas:** Last year, we were told that the berms in areas used for pistol and rifle shooting needed to be cleared of trees, grasses, and other foliage at a cost of approximately \$20,000. (Please confirm the exact expenditure for this work in your response.)

- **Pistol Bay Wall Repairs:** The lengthy process of repairing the 25-yard pistol bay walls was supposed to be completed by volunteers. However, the project dragged on for years, with materials left exposed to the elements. Ultimately, the club had to hire an outside contractor to finish the job, which went over budget due to insufficient materials, weather-damaged items, and the need to purchase additional materials. This project incurred significant costs for OCR&GC members.

These examples raise questions about why the same funding approach isn't applied consistently for all shooting disciplines. Why is the shotgun equipment being funded solely by voluntary donations, while other areas, like pistol sports, are funded by the club?

2. Proposed Expansion of Shooting Areas

There are reports that a large mound of earth north of the club road and south of the 25-yard pistol bays may be modified to create additional pistol and rifle shooting areas. Will this also be funded by donation or confirm this project has been reviewed and approved by the OCR&GC Board and club membership?

3. Facility Access and Overcrowding

I am also concerned that OCR&GC, a private members-only facility, is increasingly occupied by non-members for events. Aside from the one 25-yard bay, the weather building, and the 100/200-yard rifle ranges, the club is filled with events every weekend, including shotgun sports, and often during weekdays as well. This leaves limited time for OCR&GC members to access the facility for their own use.

4. Equity in Funding for Pistol vs. Shotgun Sports

It seems that many more OCR&GC members actively participate in shotgun sports than in pistol or short-range rifle sports. Yet, pistol sports—including action pistol, IDPA, and top gun events—are funded entirely by the club, while shotgun members are asked to fund their own improvements. This disparity in funding is troubling and should be addressed to ensure fair treatment of all members.

5. Policy on Facility Usage

The current policy, which often refers to an event being scheduled simply because it is "posted on the calendar," must be updated. OCR&GC is a private, member-owned facility, and it should be open for use by members and their families at least three weekends per month. It is unacceptable that non-members are given priority access to our facility, often leaving OCR&GC members with little to no time to use the club for personal enjoyment. This situation has gone unchecked for far too long.

In Conclusion: I urge the OCR&GC Board to review the concerns raised in this letter and ensure that future decisions regarding funding, facility access, and event scheduling are made in the best interest of all members. The current imbalance in how funds are allocated across different shooting disciplines should be addressed, and the club should prioritize greater access for OCR&GC members to our private facility.

Please review and share this letter with the OCR&GC membership, as I believe many members will agree that it is time to reassess the club's priorities and spending practices.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully, Rob Scott