

Minutes of the Itasca Gun Club Annual Meeting

January 18th, 2020

The IGC 2020 Annual Banquet/Meeting was held at the Rutgers Sugar Lake Lodge, south of Grand Rapids, MN, January 18, 2020. 111 persons signed up for the IGC event. Social hour ran from 4:30-5:30 PM, Dinner 5:30-6:30 P.M. Introductions 6:30 P.M., League Report & Awards by TJ Russell-Pistol Chairman at 6:45 PM.

7:00 PM In honor of Vinnie Rittmiller, the “Almost as Valuable as the Most Valuable Member Awards,” will from now on be known as “The Vinnie Rittmiller Almost as Valuable as the Most Valuable Member Awards”. This year’s award goes to Bob Hanson, Richard Karpik, Roger Morrill, Bob Mrowiec and Dave Samuelson for their work in member services and managing ranges and programs.

7:15 PM IGC Business meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Phyllis Anderson.

President Joe Oliver opened with a brief report of the challenges faced in 2019, including the frustrations of trying to get grants written that met the requirements of granting agencies.

Vice-President Report: Resigned... No report.

Secretary’s Report: Phyllis Anderson e-mailed to board members. President Joe requested Steve Benson to read hi-lighted version. M/2nd Conley Janssen/TJ Russell. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Bob Ross intended to show the treasurers report; however there was a tech problem with the video projector, so he gave a brief rundown & answered questions. M/2nd. Conley Janssen/Nate Mahoney. Carried.

Membership Chairman: TJ Russell passed out a printed breakdown of the 20% membership increase from the 2018 total of 963 through 2019’s total of 1,157.

Range Report: Roger Morrill: Thanked all those for helping when needed. Touched on some of the accomplishments.

Chief Instructor’s Report: Conley Janssen: Instructors for DNR Youth Firearm Safety will be using the range while instructing the youth. We need more volunteer instructors and we need to keep our teaching current by re-certifying instructors with the DNR. Annual Permit to Carry Instructor recertification will happen in February. We need people interested in applying for grants to improve the walking trails for youth firearm safety.

Youth Development Officer: Nate Mahoney stated that they had 14 students show up to shoot 22 smallbore 4 position Rifle practice the first day and 7 the next evening of practice. Mark Bonasera is helping instruct.

IT Officer Steve Benson: Would like members' help with ideas for improving the web site. He is trying to inform members of happenings, programs and activities at the IGC ranges. He is our IT man and does our web page, tries to keep current the various club events. So please help him by getting info to him.

Itasca Action Pistol program: Mark Bonasera said they will continue to compete on Thursdays in the summer.

President Joe Oliver & Bob Ross intended to give a slide report on the 2019 construction of the range. Due to the malfunction of the projector system, a verbal description was given.

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By-Laws update and vote to Accept: M/2nd. Joel Adamson/Bob Pittack. Carried

Regarding the Arrowhead Smallbore Rifle League: The Hibbing, Grand Rapids and Virginia teams now compete at just two ranges - only G.R. & Virginia have ranges for winter smallbore shooting. Virginia shoots at the Eveleth Range.

IGC Armorer Richard Karpik discussed care, conditioning, repair of rifles & shooting equipment for IGC property. Gun rules and gun safety are always stressed, and the positive result shows.

This year Richard individually checked all rifles that were brought by hunters for Sight In Days. He checked bores for obstructions, checked for loose sights and scopes, and made sure each shooter had the correct ammo for their rifle - some people brought the wrong caliber for the rifle they intended to shoot. Thanks Richard, many hazards were prevented.

Election of 2020 Officers: Dave Andrews, Election Judge called for a verbal reply from all officers indicating a willingness to serve if elected for 2020.

100% of those present replied yes.

President	Joe Oliver	M/2 nd .
Vice President	Mike Silvis	M/2 nd .
Secretary	Joel Adamson	M/2 nd .
Treasurer	Bob Ross	M/2 nd .
Membership Secretary	T.J. Russell	M/2 nd .
Chief Instructor	Conley Janssen	M/2 nd .
Chief Range Officer	Roger Morrill	M/2 nd .
IGC Youth Development Officer	Nate Mahoney	M/2 nd .
Information Technology (IT) Officer	Steve Benson	M/2 nd .

A call was made for nominations from the floor. Having received none, a request was made that a white ballot be Cast. M/2nd. Randy Godfrey/Nate Mahoney. Carried.

Motion to adjourn: M/2nd Conley Janssen/Patty Janssen. Carried 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting of IGC: - February 18, 2020 at the Club House.

Recording Secretary,

Phyllis Anderson