

## **Larimer County 4-H Shooting Sports**

### **Leader Meeting Minutes**

September 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.  
McKee Building at The Ranch

Submitted by Sharel Cameron.



### **Call to Order**

The meeting began at 6:38 p.m.

### **Introductions**

Leaders: Cindy Buckardt, Ian Webb, Rex Rogers, Sharel Cameron, Svetlana Koltun, Mike Adams, Lacey Adams, Rod Bergstrom, Rob Noyer, and Jody Masters.

Junior Leaders: Jessica Laffey.

Extension Agents: Bailey Schilling.

### **Shooting Sports Website**

The website will need to be updated with information for the upcoming year. Send updates to Sharel Cameron.

### **NRA Foundation Grant**

Requests from this year's grant still need to be fulfilled:

Storage Container - \$3,000

Shotgun Ammo - \$1,000

Western Heritage Shotgun Ammo - \$95.91

Orion System - \$500

Discipline superintendents should turn in all receipts for 2022 to Cindy Buckardt.

Email requests for the 2023 grant application to Cindy.

### **Key Leader Applications**

Bailey Schilling spoke about the livestock program's implementation of key leaders a few years ago. Superintendents work with The Ranch on county fair aspects, while key leaders work with the Extension office on programming. General projects and FCS had a similar transition this past year.

Shooting Sports key leaders will replace our current superintendent positions. Key leaders must be certified in the discipline for which they apply. Multiple leaders can apply per discipline.

Key leaders have a two-year contract. The contract is not legally binding—leaders can resign or withdraw if circumstances arise. Having written contracts keeps stability and a paper trail. Leaders will reapply every two years.

Bailey distributed copies of the application at the meeting and will also email them to all Shooting Sports leaders, along with an explanation. The explanation and application forms will also be posted on the lc4hss.org website.

### **Shooting Sports Council**

A Shooting Sports council will be formed with key leaders as members. The offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary will also be appointed. The council will answer questions, make program decisions, and handle minor problems, including Bailey in communications and escalating issues to him when necessary.

The President will report to Bailey, and will be a certified shooting sports leader, but **not** a discipline key leader. This will allow the President to be impartial and neutral among the disciplines.

The Vice President and Secretary **can** be discipline key leaders.

There will be three scheduled council meetings per year, and more if necessary.

The application for officer positions will be emailed to shooting sports leaders by Bailey, and the application will be posted on the lc4hss.org website.

### **State Meeting**

The date for the state shooting sports meeting is October 28. The state rule book will be updated this year.

Forward issues and recommendations to Bailey. Requests will then be submitted to Sam Lowry and the state board for discussion.

### **Review Schedule for Orientations**

Ian Webb started discussion about having more workshop opportunities in addition to what we've been doing for orientations. Is it feasible to have workshops scheduled and count as a practice if there is shooting included?

Ian also recommended having handouts for families, in addition to digital copies.

Zoom was discussed as a convenient option for members and families. But many times the kids and/or parents are not staying present throughout the presentation.

It was decided that we would continue using Zoom for the initial orientation for both new and returning members. Then disciplines have sufficient time early in the season to schedule multiple hands-on workshops for new members before beginning practices. Returning members could attend as well, but it would be mandatory for new members to participate for hands-on training.

Zoom will be offered three times: January, February, March. Specific dates will be set soon.

Dates that were reserved at the McKee Building for in-person orientations will remain scheduled to give disciplines the opportunity to use the building during those times. These include January 28, February 18, April 1.

### **County Shoots, State Shoots, County Fair Recap**

Ian Webb requested that multiple leaders per discipline be in attendance for the entire state competition. Having only one leader present means one person must try to coordinate all shooters on multiple ranges, plus help on the range.

### **Dress Code**

It seemed the dress code was followed more closely this year. Kids were receptive when leaders spoke to them about needing to wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

### **Shooting Sports Handbook**

The council and key leaders will meet and revise the handbook for 2023. Leaders should begin by looking over last year's version for changes.

A suggestion was made to have a shorter, simpler version. It's possible that we create a short version for handout and have a longer version that covers all rules and regulations for reference.

### **Inventory**

Each discipline should update and submit their inventory to Bailey by November 1, 2022.

### **Keys to Storage Room**

Only a few leaders currently have a key to the storage room at the McKee Building: Cindy and Easthouses. Bailey does not have one available.

### **Archery Backers for Sale**

There are two remaining archery backers, the blue/white kind, still available for sale for \$75 each.

### **Leader Trainings for 2023**

There will be a leader certification scheduled in Weld County. Dates and locations for the trainings have not been officially released.

### **Friends of the NRA Banquet**

There will be a banquet on October 22 at the Moose Lodge in Longmont. The deadline to RSVP is October 8. The menu will include prime rib. Leaders interested in attending should notify Cindy.

### **Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications**

Jessica Laffey spoke about Colorado state shooting sports ambassador applications. Senior 4-H members interested in applying can find the application on the Colorado State 4-H website, and they are due by October 15, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.