Minutes for JPL Gun Club Meeting, 4 March 2010

In attendance:

Kirk Fleming

Nelson Green

Judy Nelson

Jim Nolan

Rafi Some

Russell Sugimura

Tom Wolfe

Tom Wynne

[Guest: Albert Ryou, intern]

The meeting was brought to order by president Nelson Green.

OLD BUSINESS

The new treasurer, James Wincentsen, mailed in a report. We will have a full treasurer’s report upon completion of the transition from the previous treasurer.

Rich Rebele reported that the last CMP shoot was well attended in spite of possible rain. There were many high scores; all in attendance were experienced shooters. Worn barrels did not inhibit scoring. Scores and initials of shooters will be emailed. Next CMP shoot: Third weekend in April.

AMMO: The club needs 30-06, 150 grain ammunition; a possible source is WalMart. At present, this ammo is scarce and pricey.

WEBSITE: Nelson Green has not updated the club’s website. Tom Wolfe will assist in modifying the site.

Rafi Some and Dwight Gear are members of Firing Line Indoor Range, which can be an alternate venue in case of inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS

SECRETARY: Judy Nelson will serve as secretary in addition to serving as co-vice president.

PISTOL PROGRAM: Tom Wolfe will serve as pistol chair. Brief discussion followed on Oak Tree (steel and paper targets) and Piru (competition) as possible venues for a regular pistol program. Pistol program is an experiment.

SHOTGUN SHOOTS: The San Fernando Valley Sportman’s Club at Lopez Canyon hosts events that JPLGC members can attend on RDO Fridays as guests of Tom Wynne and Russ Sugimura. Scheduled: March 12, 6:00 p.m. skeet shoot.

2nd Saturdays, Bruce Anspaugh and a group of retirees hold shotgun shoots.

4th Saturdays monthly, Lopez Canyon hosts high powered matches, trap, skeet, large bore and four types of pistol shoots, per Nelson Green.

CCI #400primers: Possible sources are Gunrunners (on sale) or through our own FFL website.

PISTOL SHOOT: 3rdh Saturday (March 20th) at Angeles Range. Nelson Green suggested a free form competition with stationary or swinging targets, and various scoring methods. He will email an invitation to our membership list.

INSURANCE: Mike Young and Nelson Green had a telecon with Nancy Kapell HR, the director’s office, and Caltech’s Risk Management office to review the club’s insurance policy. The director’s office has paid this year’s insurance. Telecon attendees were very positive about the policy and made an adjustment to increase coverage.

SECOND AMENDMENT WATCH/DISCUSSION:

Tuesday, March 9, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case of McDonald v. City of Chicago.

The petitioners in this lawsuit seek to overturn a Chicago handgun ban and other aspects of gun registration as unconstitutional. This is the first such lawsuit since the landmark Supreme Court ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), which held that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protected an individual’s right to "keep and bear arms." The case is sponsored by the Second Amendment Foundation and the Illinois State Rifle Association on behalf of several Chicago residents, including retiree Otis McDonald.

McDonald is unique in that it is asking the court to overturn the 1873 Slaughter-House Cases that determined that the 14th Amendment's Privileges or Immunities Clause did not apply the Bill of Rights to the actions of states and local governments. The Court further held that the amendment was primarily intended to protect former slaves and could not be broadly applied.

If overturned, the entire Bill of Rights, including the 2nd Amendment, would be applied against the states, thereby invalidating ordinances prohibiting possession of handguns in the home.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nelson

Secretary