

20071018 C.A.A January meeting reminder

In attendance were Alan Bock, Tim Hennessy, Charley Langreder, Rick Lanhan, Miles Tanner, Jim Wiseman, and Jim Loveless as our guest speaker.

Jim Loveless talked briefly about his (30+ years) job with MDC and is retiring in a few months. The majority of the meeting pertained to the proposed Rocky Forks Archery Range. He gave his recommendations on proceeding with it. The project got permission to be (further

persued) by the RTC, (MDC). In other words they didn't say no. (Probable additional costs) were discussed regarding a range. An additional or ,add on, parking lot closer to the facility, putting in paths, and mowing of the grass.

- > Maintenance such as mowing is a major concern.
- > I believe it was mentioned that maintenance at the Boise D Arc range
- > costs 300/month. Charley L. suggested looking into costs at the
- > James A. Reed archery range. Vandalism is also a concern as well.

Jim suggested taking one step at a time proceeding with the range, quoting Ray Beck (prev. city manager) as saying not to hit the public with a large totally new idea, but to (phase it in). He mentioned that ranges can be successful! He claimed that firearm ranges are one of the most publicly used facilities MDC has.

He felt that implementing a sort of basic walk-thru course and getting a feel of usage, before moving on. (Track what use it has). He said that from experience, 1st hand, he has seen MDC left holding the bag (so to speak) if and when interest diminishes.

From here he suggested writing letters to the various people that may include:

- >John Hoskins
- >Div. Cheif
- >RCT ?

He suggested

- >Offering help laying out and designing it
- >Physical assistance initially clearing shooting lanes
- >Offering each year an annual cleanup day
- >Maintain the butts
- >Offer what the club is willing to do for the range, basically.
- >and getting as many groups involved as possible

The minimal number of target butts were discussed among members with possibly targets at 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 static field range and a side area that can accomodate other activity. This and other suggestions were thrown back and forth. If anyone would like to have input, feel free to voice your suggestions at the next meeting.

Also: Bass Pro added a Redhead Block Target to the already large list of prizes for the Big Game Contest. Check out the Bulletin Board at the Powder Horn.

Good luck hunting and see you at the next meeting Thur. Nov. 1

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hennessy