

Linea de Fuego
Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2008

Call to order:

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at the Pala Range by Paul Freitas at 1246.

Present:

Board members present were Paul Freitas, Dave Bridgman, Jeff Gross and Craig Bowles.

Absent:

Joe Bridgman

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from meeting September 29, 2007 were approved.

Old Business:

Number of Match Directors and Stage Setters

The current system of match fees and email request to provide for match directors and stage setters was discussed and deemed to be working better than in times past.

Fifth Saturday Steel Matches and Regular Matches:

The steel match on Saturday, December 29th was considered a complete success because of the planning, organization and advertising. There were about 75 shooters. It was decided that a tactical shotgun match on the following day would be a logical extension of the pistol match. Discussion was made of ways to improve the quality of the match so that squads would not become stopped because of a squads pace with too many novice shooters in one squad. A Certified Range Officer should be on each squad.

The match Director needs to evaluate each stage for design problems before the match. When possible it is requested that computer generated course of fire descriptions be used.

RO or CRO School:

Dave Bridgman is to look into how many members after the annual meeting may want to become Range Officers. Discussion was made about what facility may be used such as Pala, American Shooting Center or the Home Avenue Police Range. He will determine if it would be better to arrange a school locally in July or August or to offer people the opportunity to attend school out of town.

New Business:

Trophy Chase Rules and Classification Administration:

Discussion was made about the Trophy Chase rules and the administration of classifiers. It was determined to have a fair written standard for this element of our club. The following rules and responsibilities were approved for the administration of the Trophy Chase and the Classifier Coordinator.

Trophy Chase Rules

LdF maintains a formal Trophy Chase for members who compete from April 1 through March 31 of the following year. Awards are presented for pistol to the winner in each class (i.e. GM, M, A, B, C, D) and in their division (i.e. Limited, Limited 10, Open, Production, Single Stack 1911, and Revolver). Awards are presented for 3-Gun to the winner in each class (i.e. Limited, Tactical, Open and Heavy Metal).

The consideration for being a class and division winner is predicated on the following:

- Matches for Trophy Chase are valid only after USPSA classification is achieved.
- Classification at end of calendar year, December 31 will remain for the purpose of the Trophy Chase that ends with the LDF year, March 31. If a shooter has a classification change during the remaining months of the Trophy Chase the scores for the former classification will be computed with the adjusted scores in the new classification to determine a final average.
- A competitor must shoot in his classification and division the minimum number of one third of regular club matches, which is now 8 for pistol and 4 for 3-Gun.
- A competitor must have another competitor within their class and division who has shot the minimum number of matches to be considered as a class winner.
- An individual is only eligible to win one award for pistol and one award for 3-Gun in a division and class.
- The current award is a Club jacket with embroidered name and division or \$70.

Classifiers are stages within a match. Scores are sent to USPSA with fees to establish an active member of USPSA with a classification rating. It now takes only four classification scores on file for a new shooter to be classified. This is in response to those new members who have had difficulty getting a card so they can shoot for class trophies. Reclassification procedures are the best 6 of the most recent 8 scores being averaged to achieve the classification. All classifiers received at USPSA headquarters on or before the 10th of the month will be input that same month. Those received after the 10th will be input and reported the following month. A shooter can expect to receive their initial classification card by the end of the same month when they have 4 or more valid, different classifier scores within the same division input at Headquarters by the 10th of a month.

Classifier scores are sent to USPSA with fees paid by LDF to establish activity credits that are used to allot opportunities for club members who wish to shoot at larger national matches.

Your performance in larger matches and tournaments may also be used to help establish classification. Placement in a major event with a score above your assigned class rating may result in you being promoted to a higher class, even if your current rating is lower. However, the scores a shooter has in their former classification will be accredited and computed with the adjusted higher classification scores for the Trophy Chase final average.

More information about classifiers and divisions can be found at the USPSA and the LDF web sites. USPSA members and LDF members should know the classification, division and equipment information within the new 2008 Edition USPSA Handgun Rulebook. Please ask the Classifier Coordinator if you have any further questions.

Responsibilities of the Classifier Coordinator

1. Schedule a classifier for each pistol match. The minimum number of classifiers required by USPSA to be scheduled and shot is currently three per club.
2. Notify the stage builder, the match director and scorekeeper which classifier is to be shot to ensure everyone is informed. This can be accomplished via email, website or at the match.
3. Develop and ensure an updated classifier book is available on line and as a hard copy at the range.
4. Verify the classifier is shot and uploaded to USPSA. The Treasurer can provide credit card information to the scorekeeper for the classifier to be submitted electronically to USPSA with payment.
5. Discuss a special classifier match to the BOD when required for unclassified shooters. This match should be a component of a regular match with up to five classifier stages and the remaining stage or stages to be a field course of fire with a low or medium round count. This match should be scheduled with USPSA through the Sectional Coordinator.
6. Arrange that an unannounced chronograph check of shooters be done at least twice during the year of competition. The person who operates the chronograph will be credited with a free match.

LDF and Pala Range Rules:

It was determined that a set of range rules be posted and made known to match shooters. The following rules were approved.

LDF and Pala Range Rules

All shooters must sign the LDF RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, and ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT before using the PALA Range.

Eye and ear protection is mandated for shooters and visitors at all times during matches.

All Federal, state, and local firearm laws must be obeyed.

All USPSA Handbook rules are to be followed for matches. Shooters are to pay strict attention to avoid unsafe gun handling:

- 10.5.9 Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during loading, reloading, or unloading.
- 10.5.10 Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during movement in accordance with Section 8.5.1

8.5.1 Except when the competitor is actually aiming or shooting at targets, all movement (see Appendix A3) must be accomplished with the fingers visibly outside the trigger guard and the safety should be engaged. The handgun must be pointed in a safe direction.

10.5.2 If at any time during the course of fire, a competitor allows the muzzle of his handgun to point rearwards, that is further than 90 degrees from the median intercept of the backstop, or in the case of no backstop, allows the muzzle to point up range, whether the handgun is loaded or not.

Tracer, armor piercing, and steel core ammunition are prohibited.

Range Officers and Match Directors are to adhere to the USPSA Handgun Competition Rulebook for competitors.

All firearms not on the firing line must be holstered or unloaded with their action open and the magazine removed, or unloaded and encased.

Firearms may only be handled with RO supervision or in designated safe areas.

The Pala Range is unique because miners traverse the firing line downrange. The command "Cease Fire" will be given when they are observed.

When the command "CEASE FIRE" is heard, all firearms shall immediately be unloaded and detachable magazines removed. The actions shall be fixed open and the firearms holstered or benched for the duration of the "CEASE FIRE". Each squad must verbally and visually acknowledge the range condition when a "CEASE FIRE" is called. During a "CEASE FIRE" no firearms may be handled. Shooters competing when a "CEASE FIRE" is heard will be allowed a re-shoot after the "ALL CLEAR" is called.

No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or illegal substances are permitted at the Range. Persons under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants are not permitted on Range property.

Shooting other than function firing of your match weapon during a match requires the Match Director's approval. No recreational shooting before, during or after the match until all the stages are broken down and equipment is put away. NO EXCEPTIONS

Please clean up your shooting area of casings and dispose of trash in cans.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN A REPRIMAND OR DISMISSAL FROM THE PALA RANGE

Criteria for Election of Board Members:

The BOD discussed the annual election process and the following are key elements were thought to be needed criteria for inclusion in the voting protocol. It was decided to revisit these criteria after this years election for possible inclusion in the bylaws.

- Registration is usual and standard for in any election. Members that have renewed and paid their dues for the coming year by March 31st will be considered registered to vote. Any member that renews after March 31st would not be registered to vote in the election which would be held in mid-April.
- All candidates for the BOD must have been a member in good standing for the prior year and declare their candidacy in writing to the LDF Secretary by March 1st. This allows the electorate a chance to discuss the issues with each candidate.

- All candidates must publish a short bio and a statement of why they are running, their qualifications and what they hope to accomplish.
- Write in candidates would not be allowed as this does not allow the electorate time to evaluate the candidate's platform and participation.
- All BOD members must be active in service as an officer of the club. The BOD member is held to a higher standard than how a regular club member participates.

Membership Application:

A discussion was made about how to distribute the Membership Application. It was determined to use email, regular mail and shooter meetings at matches to distribute applications. It was decided to incorporate a late fee of \$20 for existing members who have not renewed on time.

Discord within the Club:

The thought is that some people from time to time will have some grievance and it is thought best for the parties involved to settle issues face to face so that disharmony and gossip does not grow. The expectations for members are that they are to contribute to the club in a positive ways from their participation at all levels within the club. It is thought to let the membership know at matches and other meetings what is expected from the membership.

Compensation:

A discussion was made about labor intensive tasks for the club such as the Trophy Chase and what compensation could be made to club members who undertake special tasks. It was decided to revisit this subject at a future meeting.

Club Apparel:

Discussion was made about the sale of existing stock of LDF shirts and the possibility of generating new merchandise for sale. Paul will look into the cost analysis for such a venture. It was agreed the members who may wish to have direct personal purchase of items could do so at the business that provides LDF embroidery.

New Purchases:

Discussion was made about what additional purchases may be needed for the club at the upcoming SHOT show. Timers are needed. Timers have been lost to the club so that in the future they are to be checked out with a squad person's driver's license securing the use of the timer.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved at 1439.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Bowles

Secretary