
ELY-WINTON ROD AND GUN CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 04.30.2025

Attendees

Dave Gruba - President

Dusty Moravitz- VP #1

Kurt Mattila- VP #2

Kayci Zorman-Muhvich- Secretary/Treasurer

Sarah Nyman- Bar Manager

Sheila Weisinger- Gambling Manager

EWRC Members: DeDe Ernest, Neil Wesinger, Sue Meskill, Mick Shusta, Mike Meskill, Josh Day, Mark Zupiec, Jenn Cole, Haley Bogdau, Sam Dobbins, Jake Mather, Joanne Rhodes, Kaitlyn Shober.

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order at 5:32pm.

Robert's Rules of Order

1. Short explanation of the procedure if someone interrupts and uses profanity during the meeting.

Comments from President Dave Gruba:

2. Mike Banavetz resigned as Treasurer.
 3. Kayci Zorman- Muhvich has been appointed interim Treasurer by Dave Gruba.
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Approval of Memberships as of before the meeting on 4/30/25

4. Charles Peterson and Douglas Ketchmark. Lifetime Members include: Ed Marsolek Jr. Dave Gruba, Sheila Weisinger, Dustin Moravitz, Kurt Mattila, Mike Meskill, DeDe Lekatz/Ernest, and Brain Johnson.
 - a. Dave made a motion to approve, Dusty seconded it. All in favor.

Approval of last meetings minutes/ any changes to be made:


5. Kurt motioned to approve, Sheila seconded.

Additions/Deletions to the agenda: N/A

Requests to appear: N/A

Gambling Report:

6. Sheila apologized for leaving the last meeting. She stated that she was following the attorney's advice. She wanted to clear the air.
7. Checking: \$10,946.83
8. Savings: \$4,601.99
9. Payroll: \$5,893.10
10. Inventory: \$136.92
11. Office: \$0
12. Milage: \$0
13. Utilities: \$125.00
14. Misc. (Bank Transfers): \$105.00
15. Pull Tabs: \$58,802
16. E-Tabs: \$89,628.00
17. Link Bingo: \$421.00
18. Possible Donations:
 - a. VCC Golf Scramble: \$100.00 from EWRGC and SAMZ Place baskets donated by the bar. All in favor.
 - b. Peter Mitchell Days- Walleye Whamma: Previous donations of \$350. This year the club decided to donate \$500.00. All in favor.
 - c. Sheila proposed an ongoing donation to the EWRGC from anywhere between \$1,000-\$4,000 depending on what is available at that time.- Motion made by Dave- Kurt seconded.
 - i. Any donations to a 5013C do not require any forms to be filled out.
 - ii. The Club may do whatever they want to with this donated money.

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- iii. The club may decide to use this donated money for the flooring.
19. Donations were made from the previous meeting towards the Kids fishing contest and to Mossberg Gun Safety.
 20. As discussed with her supervisor, Sheila is an active voting board member. She can participate in the hiring/firing of people and disciplining employees.
 21. 2 signers are required on the gambling account checks- she is one and Dave or Dusty are another.
 22. The gambling audit is still active with hopes that it will be finished sometime by the end of this week or the end of next. (4/30-5/7/25)
 - a. We have 45 days to fix anything if need be.
 23. The board did receive and review last month's gambling report.
 24. The gambling account can pay for the flooring in the hallway and the banquet room.
 25. There are 3 different entities tied together.
 - a. Gambling
 - b. 5013C
 - c. The Bar. SAMZ' Place
 26. The EWRGC can do goodwill donations.
 27. There is no yearly cap on how much gambling can donate. This Club strives to donate to the youth in the community.
 28. Children under 21 donations require the A-7 form.
 29. Donating to things such as Morse Fire, Ely Police Department, ETC. forms need to be filed.
 30. The meeting minutes are included in the LG608.
 31. Whatever gambling information that is given to the board is open to the public. The packet used to be so thick that years ago the board had Sheila condense it. We are now getting back to the thick packets of information.
 32. All of the gambling reports can be found and are available online on the Gambling Control Board website.
 33. Gambling Manager Report was approved: All in favor.

Bar Report:

34. April 2024: \$32,852.65
 - a. April 2025: \$40, 918.75
 - b. \$8,066.10 up in sales since last year.
35. Increasing pricing on everything by \$0.25, some items may go up more based on what we pay for them.
 - a. Possibly marking up our specialty shots- depending on the liquor in them.
36. Downloading an app to help figure out the price of liquor.

- 37. Changing the water filters has been doing wonders.
 - a. Kevin Peterson is no longer in charge of changing filters.
 - b. Discussion on how often to change the various filters in the bar. Conclusion was to have Sarah N watch/check them and change when needed.
 - c. Looking into cheaper places to buy the filters.
 - d. J & L will give a discount if we buy by the case.
- 38. Sarah N has been looking into Uline for cheaper product pricing.
 - a. Can get cups, paper products, cleaning supplies, etc. from them.
- 39. Rags and mats have been going well between Sarah, Kaitlyn, and Kayci washing them.
- 40. Vespa never came back for their rags- they are ours now.
- 41. Begin the slushies again. One side for now until it gets busier.
- 42. Firewood is empty. Sarah N will contact Bialiks about getting bundled wood.
- 43. Job descriptions for everyone are being worked on.
 - a. The bartender meeting is TBD based on the job descriptions.
- 44. Few events lined up for the summer.
 - a. Hog Contest idea brought up. A few concerns were space for boats, how to monitor, and permits. Possible shuttle running back and forth.
 - b. Kids event again?
 - c. Conceal and Carry- Dusty is looking into it.
 - i. Utilize the Gun Range.
 - ii. How does the Gun Range support the Club?
 - 1. The Vermillion Trap Club uses the Range now.
 - d. Turkey Shoot?
 - e. Adult Prom?
 - f. Kayci, Kaitlyn, and Sarah will continue to work together to get more summer events lined up. Will have some ready to present by the next meeting.
- 45. ATV advertising. We are on the main trail.
- 46. The bar will be closed over the 4th of July this year. All in favor. Discussion of the pros and cons.
- 47. Bad urine smell in the mens bathroom.
 - a. Discussion about how to attack the smell.
 - b. Consensus was to pull the flooring up and see how bad it is underneath.
 - c. Get the bathroom done first before it gets busy.
 - d. Main flooring was also discussed during this time.
 - i. Discussion about possible ways to fix the floor: epoxy, linoleum, and vinyl were all mentioned. Get estimates on which route to go.
- 48. Randy got a verbal warning. He was informed that if it keeps happening there will be more of a consequence.
- 49. Discussion on when to close the bar.
 - a. 5 or more people drinking at the bar stays open.

- b. Summer hours will be Sun-Thurs nights 12:00 am the earliest the bartender can close. Friday/Saturday will be 1:00 am. Beginning May 1st.
- 50. Inventory is being worked on.
 - a. Discussion on how to figure out how much to order. Limiting our booze orders to only things we need right now.
 - b. Ordering can be done weekly.
 - c. \$3,500 liquor budget for May.
 - i. \$500.00 for mics.
 - ii. \$3,000.00 for liquor only.
 - iii. Using square to more of its potential to help with ordering/inventory.
- 51. Promotions will be worked on to get more people out to the bar.

Event Report:

- 52. There are a few weddings lined up for summer.
- 53. Discussion about dropping the current Mud Dry price of \$1,500.00 down to \$1,000.00.
 - a. Kayci compared the local venues and what they charge to bartend a wedding.
 - b. Discussion on membership perks for a cheaper price at Mud Dry.
 - c. DeDe motioned that people with a EWRGC membership pay \$1,000.00 while no-members pay \$1,500.00. Jenn seconded- All in favor.

Financials:

- 54. Longbranch account: \$4,894.91
- 55. Samz' checking: \$15,942.16
- 56. Half of Samz' payroll comes from gambling.
- 57. D & D does our payroll.
- 58. Sheila will bring her and Brianna's payroll information to the next meeting.


Budget Meeting:

- 59. The budget committee met last Wednesday for their first meeting.
- 60. They need the actual numbers to get a solidified budget.
- 61. Need a supply list.
- 62. Looking into an Amazon/Sam's Club business account
- 63. Frontier will be sending a refund for what they charged us after we canceled.
- 64. We are still being charged for Fubo- That needs to be canceled.
- 65. Projected budget date is May 28th, 2025.
- 66. Next budget meeting is May 7th, 2025 at 5:30
- 67. Apparel needs to be included in the budget.
- 68. Need to look into Sams as a cigarette vendor.

69. Mentioned in the bar report upping pricing \$0.25 on all beer/liquor products.
Certain items may need to be raised more due to tariffs.

New/Old Business:

70. Tom Nemanich payment progress:
- a. Discussion of paying Tom off before purchasing anything else big.
 - b. Discussion about paying Tom \$5,000.00m right now- Can the bar afford it.
 - i. Efforts being made now- limiting ordering to get our checking up enough to make bigger lump sum payments.
 - c. Our \$6,280.00 refund check went to Tom in the month of April 2025.
 - d. The total amount still owed as of today (4/30/25) is \$35,050.00
 - e. Money donated by gambling may be used to help with these payments.
 - f. Current bi-weekly payment is \$250.00
 - i. Kurt motioned that we up that by \$100.00 for a total of \$350.00 bi-weekly. All in favor.
 - g. Kurt motioned that we give Tom \$3,000.00 now on top of the \$350 bi-weekly for a total of \$3,700.00 payment by the end of May. Dusty seconded- All in favor.
 - h. Using the Longbranch account for a "piggy bank"
71. As of now Sarah Foster's duties will remain the same until the job descriptions are finalized.
72. Job descriptions are currently being worked on as mentioned in the bar report.
- a. There has been some confusion on who is incharge of what events. Sarah N and Kayci need to come to an agreement about who is doing what.
 - b. Conclusion is Kayci, Kaitlyn, and Sarah N will work together on coming up with events and Kayci will finalize it and advertise it.
 - c. Kayci needs to do more advertising for our current events.
73. Getting rid of the automatic Happy Hour on the till and going back to how it was before it got changed- All in favor.
- a. May 10th all prices will be increased including pizza by \$1.00.
74. Outdoor Maintenance:
- a. Clean up outside.
 - b. Picnic tables being redone:
 - i. Picnic tables need to be sanded and restained.
 - ii. People have offered to help for a couple free drinks.
 - iii. Discussion about Club members getting their volunteer hours by helping with this project.
 - 1. There will be a sign up sheet behind the bar for members to write down their yearly volunteer hours. If this is done an agreement needs to be made.

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- 2. Our current bylaws state that members need 20 volunteer hours a year.
 - iv. Dave Gruba will donate one of his sanders to Samz.
75. Misc.
- a. Our bylaws are being reviewed by Trenin Law.
 - i. Possibility they will be done being reviewed by the next meeting.
 - b. Club/ Board members are coming in to hammer out our inventory and get a system going.
 - c. Discussion of vacation pay, salaries, hourly pay, and contracts- Where to find them?
 - i. Mention of incentives for bartenders.
 - d. The EWRGC needs to be held accountable with complete transparency.
 - e. Discussion on why Mike M. resigned a couple of years ago.

Adjournment: 8:27 pm

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 28th 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by email 5/1/25- Kayci Zorman-Muhvich

