

**Redcliff Rifle & Pistol Association  
Special Board Meeting Minutes, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Meeting held at RCRPA Classroom**

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Dan Briggs, Ed Cook, Jack Culley, Bruce Furr, Bill Hagen and George Ghio

*Absent:* Larmar Nichols

*Others Present:* Dave Brader, Brent Chettle and Christine Fladrich

**Proceedings:**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order @ 1535 hours by Board President Ghio.

**Quorum Call**

Secretary Culley stated that a Quorum was present.

**Reason for Special Meeting**

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, during the Pistol Plate Match competition, Bruce Christensen discharged his 9mm handgun into the air after losing his match. Christensen is a newly minted RSO and should be intimately familiar with the rules of Firearm Safety. This infraction happened in the presence of Richard Falconer & Ron Majury who were supervising the match, and about 15 competitors, many of whom are RSO's themselves. Christensen was not disqualified, which should have been immediately enforced. No action was taken by the event supervising RSO's and no incident report was filed.

Dan Briggs, RCRPA Chief Range Safety Officer, did not learn of this incident until later that evening. He immediately suspended Christensen, Falconer & Majury from their RSO duties, pending the outcome of his investigation. Briggs got a list of all match participants and interviewed most of them regarding the events of that took place during the match. He was able to form a consensus opinion that the discharge was accidental, that Christensen raised his firearm in frustration at losing the match and accidentally engaged the trigger. Regardless, Christensen should have been DQ'ed and not allowed to continue competing, and an Incident Report should have been filed by the RSOIC (Falconer or Majury).

After hearing the above report from Briggs, the Board discussed what actions should be taken, including the possible discontinuation of the Pistol Plate Match competition. It was decided that the Pistol Plate Matches would be allowed to continue, with one caveat. In the future, there must be a third RSO, who's only duty is to observe the firing line. Motion to approve this action was made by Briggs and seconded by Culley. Motion passed unanimously, without further discussion.

Next, the Board addressed if there should be any disciplinary action taken against Falconer and Majury. After some debate, the Board decided that the only thing they were really at fault for was not disqualifying Christensen and filing an Incident Report after the accidental discharge. Since they were preoccupied with other match duties, they didn't react as they should have to the discharge.

The Board met individually with Falconer and Majury. We listened to their recollection of the events and asked what they should have done differently. Their stories were consistent with one another, and they both agreed that they should have disqualified Christensen and filed an Incident Report. Briggs, as CRSO, explained what action the Board was taking to make the match safer, and reinstated their RSO status.

Afterwards, the Board discussed what action to take against Christensen. We were also informed that later that same afternoon, Christensen was shooting in the 200 Yard Bowling Pin Match when he fired a round down range during Prep Time. Christine Fladrich told him it was dry-fire only. Apparently, he was having difficulty hearing her commands and said " sorry, I thought the command to commence fire with sighters was given". Talking all this into consideration, the Board decided to put him on a 6 month RSO probation. He can only volunteer to work as an RSO when he is the fourth RSO on the Range. Motion to approve this action was made by Hagen and seconded by Briggs. Motion passed unanimously, without further discussion.

### **Open Discussion**

There was a brief discussion on giving RSO's credit for working any match, that they are not participating in, and all outside organization events. This seems only fair, since they are volunteering their time and expertise. Motion to approve this action was made by Cook and seconded by Culley. Motion passed unanimously, without further discussion.

### **Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 1645. Motion to adjourn made by Hagen and seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously, without further discussion.

Minutes prepared by: Jack Culley, Secretary.