

SLMC Aug. 19

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. – Vice President Michael Raign presiding.

Prayer before meals: Nat Chavez

Recessed for dinner.

Reconvened: 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Quiroga Jr.

Cooking team: Leader – Anthony Paniagua. Members: Matt Mora, Larry Fuentes, Rudy Martinez, Augie, Steve

New members and guests: Vince Ramirez introduced. Warden Robert Figueroa introduced.

Birthdays: both July and August recognized. July, Senior: Joe Cunningham, 82; Junior: Steve Dupnik, 62. August, Senior: John Donnelan, 84; Junior: James Benavides, 35.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: New fiscal year begins Sept. 1. This year ended with a deficit, but that's because of certain expenses that only arise once every few years, such as new software, website registration and hosting,

Correspondence: Secretary James Benavides has begun including correspondence as an addendum to the minutes. James summarized the report as including a number of thank-yous from Sharing of Gifts, bank statements and other materials.

Chaplain: Nat Chavez provided a brief report and request for prayer on St. Luke men participating in the Deaconate program. He requests prayers for Roger Macias, Denis Lopez, Robert Torres and Richard Gonzalez. Nat extended thanks to those who participated in memorial services for Guillermo Gonzalez. Nat also mentioned the passing of a lifetime member who had moved away some years ago, Peter Shelley.

Inventory: Rico reports we are ready to pick up new pop-up tents, wireless mic, first aid supplies – this week. Russell mentioned that some of the pits will be inspected. We may need to do dome repair or replacement.

Membership: Todd Shannon reports, it's time to begin renewals. Current membership: 252 members, 44 lifetime, 44 mailout, 28 birthdays. Because of the renewal cycle, for the purposes of this report, Todd did not classify all members as unpaid. An updated report will be prepared in the future.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields has continued to e-mail reports on his activities to President Everett Elstak, who in turn, forwards to the membership. Vice President

Raign offered an addendum – communications officer Henry Gacia had bypass surgery. Mike also added, his mother has been diagnosed as cancer-free.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses reported one out-of-cycle request: Visitation Outreach, a branch of Baptist Family Services. The organization asked for \$1,200; \$300 was granted (max for out-of-cycle). Ralf has received some thank-yous from Sharing of Gifts and all were very complimentary. Ralf offered compliments to Mat Mora and RC Contreras for stepping up at Sharing of Gifts in his absence.

Wild Game Dinner: The organizing committee for 2014 is being assembled. 194 days. RC Contreras reporting. This will be the 40th anniversary of the event. The 2014 WGD is March 1. RC offered a thank-you to Rico. New leadership and a succession program are in development.

Dove Hunt: 11th annual. Saturday, Sept. 7. Same place as last year, a 30-minute drive. It's the second weekend in the season. Duffy will scout the location, Henze Ranch, ahead of time. Check-in begins 1 p.m. Skeet shoot is 2-3 p.m., hunt at 4 p.m. Admission: \$50 member hunter, \$60 non-member hunter, \$20 member non-hunter, \$25 non-member non-hunter. Raffle tickets now available for Yildiz 20 ga. Shotgun. We need members to sign up so we can plan for proper food and drink.

Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora offering a final report. Matt apologized to 12 individuals who did not get utensils. He offered a thank-you to committee members, Patsy Bauman, Eddie, Joey, Ralf, RC, Henrietta Grey, Duffy and Wallie who manned check-in. Matt is working on a lessons learned.

Dinner-Dance: Matt Mora reports, Dec. 14 reserved. Band secured. Hall secured. Outback is unavailable, but we're working on alternatives.

Matt would like to initiate a year-round donation process for events such as DinDan and Wild Game Dinner. He calls upon the membership to assist. A marketing folder is ready for anyone who would like to solicit a significant client.

Speaker: Joe Pina introduced Warden Johnny Jones. A club tradition for nearly 20 years, we have welcomed a game warden to our meeting shortly before the beginning of the fall hunting season. Warden Jones grew up hunting and fishing with his dad, decided to go into the profession. He's been a warden for 11 years. First assignment was East Texas/San Augustine County.

Warden Jones offered advice for the coming dove hunt. Most common violations include game type violations by zone (know what birds you're shooting) and unplugged shotguns (not all shotguns have a plug when sold; the weapon must be limited to one shell chambered and two in the magazine).

You need a license to hunt your own property, except for nuisance animals. You may be restricted by city ordinance, county law or neighborhood covenant as to whether

you can discharge firearms in your area. Pistol hunting is now approved, but the pistol must be center-fire. Wild hogs are open season. If you trap in city limits, you need to find another way to dispatch the animal – firearms prohibited.

Question arose about hung-up animals (caught in a fence). Jones says contact either the Sheriff or Warden; you are not authorized to dispatch the animal. Wardens often have these animals processed and the meat given to a charity kitchen.

Can you shoot a dove on a wire? “Law of fair chase” may apply. Experienced hunters should not; excusable for lesser experienced hunters/youth. It’s an ethical question, not necessarily a legal question.

Your hunting license must be on your person. You may get cited and have to appear in court, in which case, you’d be excused if you have a license dated as issued prior to your citation.

As of Aug. 15, the licenses for the season beginning Sept. 1 wet on sale.

Jones reminded the membership about Operation Game Thief, a hotline to report poaching. There is a charity shoot coming up to benefit the program. See the warden for details.

As a thank-you from the club, Mike Raign mentioned, we will have a book dedicated in his honor to the St. Luke school library.

Announcements for the good of the club:

Fr. Joseph visited, arriving later in the meeting. He wanted to extend thanks to the club for the generosity he experienced at the Sharing of Gifts Banquet. Thank-you for hospitality, prayers and generosity.

Ricardo Riojas is working for a Rey Feo campaign and has a skeet shoot coming up. Good marketing and friend-making opportunity. Also, if you have a Rey Feo visit request, see him. The Rey Feo visits some 80 schools during Fiesta Week.

Joe Pina followed up on Chaplain Nat Chavez’s report, mentioning how the club is a major donor to ACTS. Roger and Dennis, who are deaconate candidates, are heavily involved in the ACTS program. The candidates are all members or are closely connected to the club. Continue to support and pray for them.

Rico Silvas reminded the membership, Todd Shannon will send out the order form for October’s steak dinner. Mail your order in or pay now (Rick Hite managing). It’s \$8 advance, \$15 at the door (limited quantities). Oct. 14 deadline. The form will go to the website.

James Benavides invited members to visit the Institute of Texan Cultures where he works. The museum is currently hosting the Texas Vietnam Heroes traveling exhibit,

which includes 3,714 dogtags, denoting the Texans killed in Vietnam. The exhibit is at the museum through Sept. 8, and in support of the exhibit, the museum is offering free Sunday admission. Visit TexanCultures.com for more information.

Raffle Winners:

Ricardo Riojas, Joe Mayorga, Amadeo Ortiz

Motion to adjourn: Loren Brown

Second: Rudy Martinez

Closing prayer: Nat Chavez

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Addendum: Correspondence

Ralf Meneses reported receiving a Marine Corps League Auxiliary thank-you at his private residence.

George Walling – Steak reservation – Rico

Charlie Rockwood – Steak reservation – Rico

Sam's Club – Renewal notice – Rico

Catholic Charities - Thank-you on behalf of Guadalupe Home - Ralf

Catholic Charities – ATTN: Duffy Bowen

Richard Juarez – Steak reservation – Rico

Robert Martinez – returned meeting notice – Todd

World Library Publications – Invoice – Greg

Notice – Large item

Notice – Rent lapsed

San Fernando Health Fair – Benevolence request – Ralf

Trinity Publications – Invoice – Greg

TSYS – Account statement – Joey