

TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF PHOENIX ROD AND GUN CLUB:

Message from the Corresponding Secretary:

To give the members an idea of the timeline of events I have included the two excerpts from the BOD Meetings from March and April. These BOD Minutes are in the Office for your review. They are also available on the Club Home page.

Corresponding Secretary, Phillip R. Meyers

RE embezzlement of Club funds.

From; The Minutes of 3/14/2018 BOD:

“Practical by Erick VanHaaster: We had 538 shooters attending matches last month. Ending balance of \$62,187.01. No deposits for the last few months. The person that takes care of the funds has been remiss in making the deposits. He works full time plus so it can be difficult to get to the bank. I’ve mentioned it and have been assured he will be taking care of it shortly. We generally have more deposited than the receipts show so I’m not worried.”

From; The Minutes of 4/11/2018 BOD:

“Erick VanHaaster: Practical finances. Report about the missing deposits. Erick will explore what is going on. There is a problem.”

Message from the President:

Immediately after the April 2018 BOD Meeting the embezzlement from The Practical Division was discussed in the amount of approximately \$24,000. On April 12 2018 our attorney was notified and a emergency committee was appointed by myself to handle this issue.

On our attorneys advice we decided to pursue a path of getting our money returned with interest. This is to be accomplished by filing a lawsuit **OR** having the individual who took the money agree to pay us back in 48 months of payments. We have agreed not to file this judgment with the county and make it a public record as long as the payments are made on time. Should Mr. Bonham fail to make the agreed payments on time we have the option of filing with the County and making this judgment a public record. The BOD decided to hold off on any punitive action against the embezzler until legal action was complete.

During the 5/9/2018 BOD the Board passed two Motions creating financial policies to Hopefully prevent this from ever happening in the Future:

MOTION: By Robert Metzger, Seconded by Phillip Meyers, Match directors for each scheduled match, will drop an envelope with the proceeds from the match and sign-in sheet in the slot in the pistol office door. The bookkeeper will check the envelope against the match schedule and make the deposits into the appropriate accounts. Any discrepancies will be reported to the treasurer and the BOD at the next meeting. Passed Unanimously

MOTION: By Robert Metzger, Seconded by Phillip Meyers, Division directors are responsible for managing matches and affairs pertaining to their respective divisions. Monies in the division sub-accounts may be accumulated to a total of \$20,000.00. Money over this amount must be transferred to the club reserve account, with a ledger entry detailing the sums from each division that are in the account. Money may be transferred back to the sub- accounts as approved by the board of directors.

Division directors must receive board approval for any purchase greater than \$2500.00.
Discussion of Motion pros and cons.
Passed. 6 yes votes, 1 no vote, 4 abstentions

There have been 2 embezzlement cases under the last three Practical Division Directors. The first embezzlement was not pursued as the Division Director was replaced at the next Division election and the individual then left the State of Arizona. The BOD made no policy changes at this time. The BOD took no action to recover funds as there simply was insufficient evidence to pursue legal action, either civil or criminal. This is the second embezzlement that I am aware of.

We have had 3 other incidents in the past Club history that I am aware of. Two paid the money back and one fled the State to the best of my knowledge. To the best of my knowledge every incident of embezzlement so far were in the form of cash prior to being deposited in our bank account.

On May 19th there was a Meeting held at the club with the following in attendance: Tom Stoops, the attorney for the club, Bryan Golf, the Attorney Of Record with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission, Willie Hall, Vice President, Robert Metzger, Treasurer and John Bombardier, President.

Discussed was the following:

- 1) Article 11.3 of the Clubs By Laws
- 2) Recent Motions passed in May Meeting of the BOD
- 3) The exposing of the recent embezzlement to the members at large and how it had been handled by the BOD

After lengthy discussion it was decided to call a special BOD Meeting on 5/31/2018.

As of this date, June 22, 2018, our attorney has all the necessary signatures for a agreement for Thomas Bonham to repay the funds over the next four years. The BOD had an electronic motion made and passed unanimously to revoke the membership of and ban from the Club Mr. Thomas Bonham.

On June 21, 2018 an electronic motion and vote was made.

MOTION: By Mick Walker, Second by Bruce McKinstry, To repeal Thomas Bonham from membership and to ban him from the club property indefinitely. Passed Unanimously

Please see BOD MINUTES OF 3/14/2018, 4/11/2018, 5/9/2018 & 5/31/2018. They are posted on the Club web site, as well as in the office for your review:

If any Member feels the Board has not acted in good faith and in a proper manner or wishes to discuss this matter please E-mail PRGC. The E-mail is prgcstaff@gmail.com and if 10% of the members express their wishes to, we can have a special meeting to cover these issues.

If anyone has further Questions you may contact President, John Bombardier at bombardierjc@gmail.com or by phone at 602-820-4053