



**HEIDELBERG ROD AND GUN CLUB
ADVISORY COUNCIL
OFTERSHEIM, GERMANY**



I. CALL TO ORDER: President, COL Armon Cioppa, called the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club Advisory Council meeting to order at 1906 hours, December 2nd, 2009.

II. ATTENDEES:

COL Armon Cioppa	President
Rich Ecsodi	Vice President
Bob Owen	Acting Rod and Gun Club Manager
Jennifer King	Marketing and Advertising
Laurel Cioppa	Secretary
David Oakland	Outdoor Rec Director
Chuck Gordon	Board of Directors, MWR
Reiner Kramer	HD Archers
Thorsten Ries	Paintball
Mike Sinnema	Member
Brian Demski	Member
Tim Adams	Member
Dom Knoll	Member
Dennis Delhaie	Member
Tanja Taylor	Member
Larry Taylor	Member
Stefan Butz	HD Archers

III. REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES AND REPORTS: COL Armon Cioppa, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes for the month of November were read, approved and seconded as written. Motion made by Jennifer King and seconded by Rich Ecsodi.

IV. REPORTS:

- 1. Financial/Manager's Update:** Bob Owen stated that the club is in the plus YTD by \$2,000. The gross for the month of November at this point is 15,100. The club has consistently been operating in the black since June 2009. COL Cioppa addressed this improvement and wanted to make sure that it was recorded and recognized. The club will start off 2010 in the black over \$2,000.
- 2. Shooter's Bar and Grill:** Rich Ecsodi introduced the new contractor, Regina from CCS – Catering Concepts Schwetzingen. Mr. Ecsodi stated that 75 to 80 percent of the recent e-mail traffic feedback was excellent and stated that 75 to 80 percent of the recent e-mail traffic was favorable in light of the recent change. COL Cioppa thanked the members for their continued patience as the new contractor settles in and stated how pleased he was with the cleanliness, food choices and willingness of the new contractor to please the members. He also addressed that hours of operation will be tested as the new contractor meets the needs of the members and, as any business operation, must remain solvent and decide where their breakeven point is. Regina announced several new additions to the menu to include Friday night schnitzel special with different gravies and steaks dinners for Saturday and Sunday starting a 1700. The new brunch buffet will be served until 1230 on Saturday and Sunday with made to order eggs. Hours for Shooters Bar and Grill will be from 1600 to 2100 on Wednesday through Friday, Saturday 0930 to 2100, and Sunday from 0930 until 1700. Regina will hold a special Nicklaus Party for children with a visit from Santa Claus on 6 DEC. Parents can reserve special bags for their children from Santa Claus. Special luncheon hours will be arranged when units are using the ranges with a two to three day coordination period to give the

restaurant advanced notice. New Year's Eve was addressed and the contractor needs at least 70 to 80 in attendance to host a New Year's Party. It was agreed that there is no time to plan and advertise such an event at this time. Reiner Kramer invited all to the Archer's New Year's party. Further coordination will take place to make this event possible. COL Cioppa commended Regina for the excellent job that she is doing at the restaurant and thanked her again for the cleanliness and overall improvements.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Fall Hunting Course:** Bob Owen informed the club that the only item outstanding for the minutes in reference to the Fall Hunting Course was that the date for the graduation had been decided upon. The graduation will be held on 16 JAN 2010. The cocktail hour will start at 1800 and the ceremony will begin at 1900. Members requested that the Hunting Course book still be produced instead of going only to the CD for the students. Several members stated that the book is a useful study tool and should not be eliminated. Instructor pay was also discussed as instructors have generously volunteered their time in the past. Larry Taylor said that several members volunteered their time for the Fall Hunting Course and were not contacted. Since the issue of paid instructors versus volunteers was addressed, COL Cioppa stated that he will review and check the regulation on this before the next course.
2. **Fishing Course:** Dave Oakland announced that FMWR has lowered the price for the Fishing Course. Jennifer King stated that the price of the course must be lowered according to USAREUR regulations. COL Cioppa said that this will be researched before the price for the course is advertised so that all legalities regarding the announcement are met and that there is no conflict.
3. **Awards Night:** The Awards Ceremony New Year's Reception on January 9th, 2010 will be held from 1500 to 1900 at the Rod and Gun Club. Rich Ecsodi stated that the club is still missing five addresses for recipients. Laurel Cioppa said that she will contact Frank Soares for the addresses and that she is working on the invitations. Bob Owen said that he will locate the awards that were processed and signed for the archers.
4. **St. Hubertus Mass:** The Saint Hubertus Mass was held at MTV Chapel on November 21, 2009. The event was well attended by the USAREUR community even though the date conflicted with several of the drive hunts and many of the hunters could not attend. Rich Ecsodi thanked Bob Owen from the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Pro Shop for paying for the delicious, traditional Hunter's Soup that was served at the club for the reception after the Mass. Father Betz is working on next year's Mass so that it will be planned for whoever will be officiating. He stated that next year's Mass must follow ecclesiastical law. Rich Ecsodi is already coordinating with the Blasers for next year's Mass. The date of the 2010 St. Hubertus Mass will be scheduled for some time in mid-October so that it does not compete with scheduled drive hunts. The offering at the Mass collected \$668.50 and 251.60 EURO for the Mobile Hospice Service.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Marketing and Advertising:** Jennifer King announced that she already has two work orders in reference to the restaurant and the current changes. She said that she will work with Chuck Gordon and Regina and submit the new menu changes and the changes in the hours of operation. Jennifer King also asked for frames to post specials in the restaurant. COL Cioppa, and Bob Owen felt that this was an excellent idea.
2. **Calendar Update:** Bob Owen informed the council that the 25 meter range and Trap will be closed 12 December. Jennifer King announced that there will be no Fishing Stammtisch in December. December 6th Nicklaus Day Celebration in Shooters Bar and Grill will be added to the calendar.

3. **Children's Christmas Program:** The Annual Children's Christmas Program in support of leukemia patients from the Mannheim Children's Hospital will be held on December 19th, 2009 at 1500. Rich Ecsodi announced that there will be children from Turkey, Macedonia, Bosnia and Germany in attendance. Laurel Cioppa is working on the VIP invitations to the USAREUR community. Several USAREUR community organizations have already made donations in support of the event. Volunteers will gather at the club at 1800 on 16 December to wrap the gifts for the children. Several volunteers will be baking cupcakes for the event. The Mannheim Children's Hospital will be providing the transportation to the event this year. The club is expecting 6 patients and 12 siblings. Regina from CCS (Shooters Bar and Grill) will be providing the dessert and the American Legion and Girl Scouts will be providing the labor. The children will arrive from the hospital at 1500.
4. **Reloading Course:** Jennifer King announced that there are 14 people who have expressed interest in the reloading course. She is scheduling the course for January 27, 28, 29, 2010 with testing on 30 January 2010.
5. **SSV Rot Competition:** Jennifer King stated that we still need to schedule the invitational shoot with SSV Rot. Tanja Taylor was asked to help coordinate a date on the calendar since she is a member of SSV Rot. COL Armon Cioppa asked that the event be scheduled for sometime in February or March.
6. **New Awards:** Jennifer King made a motion that Father Betz be recognized for his involvement in continuing the tradition of the Saint Hubertus Mass. COL Armon Cioppa seconded this motion and suggested that Father Betz be given the Scroll of Appreciation.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **DAF:** Nothing at this time.
2. **IPSIC:** Nothing at this time.
3. **Fishing:** Covered under New Business.
4. **Archery:** Archery New Year's Party covered earlier in the meeting.
5. **OGAHS/DJV:** DJV is on a break until March/April 2010.
6. **Paintball:** Thorsten Reis stated that there is interest from the Paintball League to have their season hosted at the Rod and Gun Club next year. Bob Owen will look into the particulars. COL Armon Cioppa asked Thorsten if the pro shop was providing all that the paintball enthusiasts needed. Thorsten Reis stated that the items that Bob Owen had ordered were just what was needed.
7. **MAL:** Rich Ecsodi asked why the urinal in the men's restroom still had not be fixed. Bob Owen stated that this is an issue needs to be resolved by DPW. COL Armon Cioppa said that he would follow up on this issue as it is a facility issue and a health issue.

VIII. ALIBIS: None

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** The President, COL Armon Cioppa, thanked everyone for attending. A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Ecsodi and seconded by Jennifer King. The meeting was adjourned at 1951. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, at 1900 at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club.

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COL Armon A. Cioppa

President

Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club Advisory Council