

LAREDO RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, LLC
9415 U.S. Highway 59
Laredo, Texas 78044

Executive Summary

The Laredo Rifle and Pistol Club (LRPC) is an outdoor range located on U.S. 59 across from Life Downs. The LRPC is a non-profit organization designated as a recreational range is on leased property owned by Webb County. The LRPC was temporarily closed due to misappropriations during 2013. Lease renewal was granted after all required paperwork and insurance requirements were fulfilled. The lease was granted for five years and will expire in November of 2019.

The LRPC is the only outdoor range available to the public, law enforcement and military units in Webb County where an array of weapons can be safely used. The LRPC has been in existence since 1947 which is more than 70 years. In 2014 the club was re-structured and under new operating rules and regulations. This has enabled the club to become a much safer recreational shooting range.

Our services include support of youth organizations that compete in shooting and archery at no cost. Law enforcement agencies and military units have availability to the range free of charge.

The LRPC also provides gun safety and handling classes for minimal cost. An instructor is also dedicated to teaching Texas License to Carry courses. National Rifle Association courses are also available by certified instructors. Weekly competitions are held every weekend for those interested in different types of shooting competition.

Our mission is to provide a safe and controlled environment for the community to come and have fun while shooting. The LRPC provides shooting ranges for pistol, rifle, muzzleloaders, shotguns and archery. The education of the community in gun safety and handling is a priority.

Our Organizational Structure

The LRPC is a non-profit organization run by club officers who are elected on a yearly basis. These club officers are volunteers who run the club without compensation.

- Board of Directors
 - Antonio Garza
 - Freddy Pena
 - Rob Sepulveda
- President
 - Jose E. Gonzalez
- Vice-President
 - Alfonso Blanco
- Secretary
 - Antonio Aguilar

- Treasurer
 - Deborah McFarland
- Executive Officer
 - Juan Garza
- Chief Training Officer
 - Anthony Cabrera
- Paid Range Safety Officers (5)

Our Services

- 200-yard rifle range
- 100-yard rifle range
- 25/50-yard pistol/rifle range
- 15-yard plinking range
- Sporting clay range- shotgun only
- Archery range
- Paintball shoot house
- Target rental- paper, steel and clay
- Free clay machine
- NRA Basic Pistol Courses
- Texas License to Carry Courses
- Free gun safety seminars for local organizations or community groups
- Support 4-H shooting team .22 caliber- (Cactus Country-4H, Mesquite Rangers 4-H, Bad Breed- 4H, El Cielo-4H, Boy Scouts Troop 404)
- Support Youth archery teams- (El Cielo)
- Shooting competitions- Pistol, Rifle, Three Gun
- Sponsor yearly Rotary Club Law Enforcement Shoot
- Sponsor U.S. Border Patrol Carbine long range shooting practice
- Free Gun Safety and familiarization for members

Our Finances

Our main generation of funds comes from memberships dues. Guest fees account for a small amount of the funds. Miscellaneous sales such as target rental and drinks only account for a minute amount of funds.

In 2013 the club treasurer, Thomas Wade, was charged with theft of funds from the LRPC. The club was left without any money. Thomas Wade failed to insure the club, file IRS returns and file for tax exempt status as a non-profit. The LRPC was closed in October 2013 for failure to meet the requirements for a lease. In April 2014 the club was reopened after the Commissioners Court approved the lease and all requirements were met.

Thomas Wade was indicted, given a pre-trial diversion and paid back approximately 25,000.00. The LRPC has been able to stay open and operate with the restitution received from Wade. Our main expenditure is for the salaries of five part-time range safety officers. Secondly, is the rental

fee which was increased from \$125.00 per year to \$1000.00 per month. The LRPC has paid the monthly fee without fail for the past five years.

Profit and Loss Statements

- Tax Year 2018 Income- \$88,288.00 Operating Expenses- \$86,720.00
Net Profit- \$1568.00
- Tax Year 2017 Income- \$76,991.00 Operating Expenses- \$82,556.00
Net Loss- \$5,565.00
- Tax Year 2016 Income- \$85,103.00 Operating Expenses- \$89,164.00
Net Loss \$4,061.00

Membership

The LRPC caters to the following market:

- Hunting industry (local and out-of-state hunters)
- Recreational shooters
- Competition shooters
- Military veterans
- Active duty and reserve military personnel
- Law enforcement personnel
- Young adults and children

Our membership prices must be affordable and cater to our target audience. Our current prices allow persons in all income ranges to apply for membership.

- Adults- \$130.00 per year
- Juniors- ages 9-17 \$90.00 per year
- Guest- \$15.00 per day must be accompanied by member
- Membership fluctuates from 600-800 members per year

Conclusion

The LRPC would like to continue to provide a safe place for shooters to enjoy all types of shooting sports. Our doors will always be open to all law enforcement agencies, military units and youth organizations at no cost. The LRPC will continue to educate the community in the safe use and handling of firearms which will help in curtailing gun accidents and deaths. The LRPC respectfully asks the Webb County Commissioner's Court to consider renewing of the lease for an additional five years.

