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Morgan's Meanderings By Terry C. Morgan



Colonel Dan writes for "The Cowboy Chronicles" and seems to be pretty much always on top of the important issues of the day. Here is another one of his articles which I find, once again, to be very appropriate to what is happening out there. TCM

There's an argument that will eventually surface from progressives regarding our Constitution. It's one they've periodically whispered over the years, but has not been formally proposed by Congress—yet. It's the argument that brings their claim of a "living, breathing document" to its ultimate and logical conclusion—a new Constitution. It would go something on the order of ... *"Why should 21st century America be held hostage to 18th century ideas? Why should we be dictated to by men who lived 230 years ago and could have never conceived of modern day America? Their ideas reflected circumstances of the 1700's and were tainted by their political struggle with England ... and besides, it was written by white Anglo Saxon slave owners! How could any people, living in relatively small rural 18th century communities, whose existence depended primarily on basic trade and agriculture, write a supreme law of the land that adequately applies to the challenges of the 21st century? It's impossible to conceive. We must have a new constitution that addresses our needs and circumstances. Why should we be forever tied down by the ideas of relatively primitive men who died more than 200 years ago?"* That argument is inevitably coming our way my friends, so prepare yourselves. How do we respond to those who call for such action—those who are ignorant of the Constitution, its true origin, as well as American history? Here's how I would answer.

Our Constitution grew from basic principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence. The two relevant principles of that Declaration I see pertaining to the issue of obsolescence are: (1) Individual rights come from God; (2) The function of government is to secure God-given rights. Now consider the words chosen by Jefferson and upon which 56 founders placed not only their signatures but their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

"... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights ..." These words were not chosen haphazardly. They were carefully and deliberately considered to express exactly what the Founders knew to be an eternal truth. Anything from the Creator is by definition of divine origin or divinely inspired.

Divinely inspired values, principles, and concepts are never outdated, regardless of how man measures time. To say they are obsolete would be to say that God himself is obsolete. Is the Bible out of date? After all, scripture was written thousands of years before our Constitution and by some who were themselves slave owners! For my part, I stand resolute in saying that divinity and all it inspires and all that which is based upon its precepts is eternal.

Is the spirit of mankind eternal or does it come and go like a summer wind? Is not man's desire for freedom eternal? Is that desire not inherent: i.e., placed there by God himself? Is not God eternal and by extension his handiwork likewise eternal? Are not mankind's unalienable rights as eternal as his soul and the God who created them? Is not the written expression of those unalienable rights therefore eternal? I say they are eternal for they emanate from the eternal one.

The great philosopher John Locke was one who the Founders looked to and read extensively in their search for eternal truths. Locke addressed the eternity of divine law in this way; *"Thus the law of Nature stands as an eternal rule to all men, legislators as well as others. The rules that they make for other men's actions must, as well as their own and other men's actions, be conformable to the law of Nature—i.e. to the will of God, of which that is a declaration, and the fundamental law of nature being the preservation of mankind, no human sanctions can be good or valid against it."*

If we believe the words of our Declaration and the values it espouses, you can't help but believe in the eternal nature of its concepts. Knowing that our Constitution grew from the Declaration, its fundamental concepts, principles, and values must be equally eternal. Can man's written word as expressed in the Constitution be altered? Yes, and the Founders laid out a process for that. But, can the fundamental concepts upon which those words are based be altered by man? No, they are of divine origin—from a creator acknowledged by those who wrote and signed both the Declaration and Constitution—those same men who believed in it so strongly they pledged everything life held dear for them to its implementation and defense. They knew such concepts were the inspired work of our Creator, and that no such elevated thought and eternal truths could come from man alone. Could man have physically written these documents? Yes, and he did. Could man have written the words found in the Bible? Yes, and he did. But who authored the underlying concepts? It wasn't man; it was the Creator—the same Creator acknowledged by those who were inspired by Him to pen the manuscript.

As our Constitution is based on the divine concepts stated in the Declaration concerning the freedom of mankind, its principles are by extension eternal and can never and will never become obsolete. J. David Gowdy of the Institute for American Liberty supports this view in writing; *"First, we must understand that liberty is based upon fundamental principles and not philosophies or policies. Principles, which are based on truth, are constant and timeless; philosophies and policies are variable and changing and are based upon theories, circumstances, and opinion."*

Where's all this lead? A suggestion is being floated to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting a 28th Amendment that states "Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and/or Representatives ..." Although possibly a worthy addition to the Constitution, I see this as baiting America into a constitutional convention when adding amendments requires no such convention. Article V of our Constitution states that proposed amendments need only 2/3 vote by both houses of Congress and ratification by 3/4 of the states. We must avoid formal conventions because if we ever allow it, the door would be wide open for the entire document to change, even so far as a complete re-writing! Do you really want politicians putting a partisan twist on their version of a new constitution? Not I. In fact, as stated in the second principle above, it's the incontestable obligation of government to secure our God-given rights, not be the source of their destruction. Therefore, vigorously fight such suggestions, for if our Founders saw fit to pledge their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to implement a constitution based on a divinely inspired concept, can we do less to preserve it? Just the view from my saddle ...

BOD Minutes January 25,2011

**Minutes
Of
The Board of Officers and Directors
Blue Grass Sportsmen's League
January 25, 2011**

Call to order: 7:06pm

Invocation: Ben Riffell

Pledge: Led by B.O.D.

Roll Call: Present : Mulcahy, Kass, Fister, Bickert, Foster, Ironmonger, Foley, Tryon, Snider, Cox, Roberts, Stevens, Burgess, Johnson, Ruland, Kline, Keller, Haase, Richardson, Martin Johnson, Niblett, Alexander, Sanders, Miller, Blackburn, Rohrback, and Riffell.

Absent: Dacci, Gaska, Bowman, Mansfield, Lucas, Jarrell, Holcomb, and Cottingim.

A Quorum was present.

Mary Hemlett and Nancy Wisner... from Wisner Hemlett and Associates gave a presentation on the Advertising Campaign.

Motion by: Brandon Ironmonger 2nd by Mike Foley to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as amended.

Motion Passed.

Financial Report

Dan Fister presented the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss statement.

Motion by: Mike Foley 2nd by Tim Bickert to accept financial report.

Motion Passed.

Division Reports

Youth

LuAnn Johnson –Thanked director from Muzzle Loader who came to the Wild Game Dinner. Discussed issues with Delabar Lodge and some theft.

Fred Foster: The Security Committee would like to meet with Youth after the BoD meeting.

Old Business:

Discussed Internet Policy recent violation and the corrective measures that will be taken.

Motion by: Mike Foley 2nd Dan Fister to go into closed session.

Motion Passed.

Motion by: John Ruland 2nd Mike Foley to come out of closed session.

Motion Passed.

New Business:

Range Master:

Matt Jewell and RSO's discussed and issue of and unsafe and disruptive member.

Motion by: Robert Burgess 2nd by Mike Foley, to recess for Matt Jewell and Range staff to meet with security committee.

Recessed: 9:07pm.

Reconvened: 9:21pm

The Security Committee requested that the member be asked to appear before the BoD acting as a Trial Committee a letter to be sent immediately informing the member of the charges.

Motions:

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Motion #1 by: Fister 2nd by Miller to hold 3 mandatory training sessions on the Internet Policy. Failure to attend meeting will result in Division activities being cancelled until completion of session.

Motion Passed.

Motion #2 by: Alexander 2nd by Foster to approve the following SSC dates, 3/26&3/27, 4/9&4/10, 5/7, 6/18&6/19, 7/15-7/17, 8/14, 8/21, 10/30, 11/26&11/27.

Motion Passed.

Motion #3 by: Kass 2nd by Fister to donate 2 one year memberships to be auctioned at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet.

Motion Passed.

Motion #4 by: Ruland 2nd by Fister to allow Dr. Van Meters Boy Scout Troop to camp March 11-13, they will be logging service hours cleaning and clearing the BGSL Hiking Trails. Mr. Ruland will be helping using his tractor and equipment.

Motion Passed.

Motion #5 by: T. Johnson 2nd by Martin to allow the Gun Dog Division to host a Pheasant Tower Shoot 2/12/2011.

Motion Passed.

Motion #6 by: L. Johnson 2nd by T. Johnson to allow the Gun Dog Division to hold a field trial for the Youth Division on 2/26&2/27.

Motion Passed.

Motion #7 by: L. Johnson 2nd by Burgess allow the NWTF to hold their annual banquet in the Clubhouse on 3/25/2011.

Motion Passed.

Motion #8 by: Blackburn 2nd by Miller approve open Trap Shoots on 2/27 and 3/12.

Motion Passed.

Motion #9 by: Johnson 2nd by Burgess to allow Trout Unlimited rent the Clubhouse and Kitchen on June 9, 2011.

Motion Passed.

Motion #10 by: Miller 2nd b Blackburn to approve ATA Shoot dates for the Trap Division, 5/1, 5/7, 5/14&5/15, 6/11, 6/12, 7/10, 7/24, 9/3,4,5 and 9/18.

Motion Passed.

Motion #11 by: Blackburn 2nd by Miller to allow all Shot Gun events be Open Events, Lead Fees will apply.

Motion Passed.

Motion #12 by: Johnson 2nd by Burgess to donate a one year membership to the BGSL for auction at the NWTF Banquet.

Motion Passed.

Motion #13 by: Tryon 2nd by Keller to allow camping at the campgrounds for staff and competitors during the Battle in the Bluegrass Match 4/1 & 4/2.

Motion Passed.

Motion #14 by: Johnson 2nd by Martin allow the Gun Dog Division hold a Beagle Trial on 2/18 thru 2/20.

Motion Passed.

Motion #15 by: Blackburn 2nd by Miller approve the payment of an invoice to Shyda's Services for Trap machine repair of \$5100.00 from Division Funds.

Motion Passed.

New Shotgun Range Manager – Randy Ross to work Trap and SSC, living in white house. There will be a Meet and greet Feb 6th at the Trap Division at 1:00pm.

President Mulcahy requested that the directors provide a brief description of their division to the office so that they could start building a handbook.

Motion by: L. Johnson 2nd by Dr. Blackburn to adjourn

Adjourned: 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.

General Meeting Minutes Feb. 1st 2011

Call to Order: 7:13 pm

Pledge to Flag: Led by Veterans

Invocation: by Tom Cottingim

Roll Call:

Present - Rob Mulcahy, Mike Kass, Dan Fister, and Tim Bickert.

Absent - Fred Foster, Brandon Ironmonger, Mike Foley, Tom Tryon

A Quorum was not present.

Minutes:

Mike Kass Presented Minutes from December 28 2010 Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion by: Dr. Blackburn 2nd by Walter Miller to dispense with the reading of the January General Membership Meeting Minutes.

Motion Passed.

Finical Report:

Dan Fister- Presented the Balance Sheet, and Profit & Loss Report.

Committee Reports and Division Reports:

Archery - LuAnn Johnson

Gave a report on the CKAA point shoot; the weather was great, there were 18 kids that participated, and there were plenty of good shots.

Old Business:

Ken Maness - Gave an update on the passing of the donations that were taken up for Christmas. The donations were a huge boost to get the food bank going for this year.

New Business:

Randy Ross - New Range Manager Starting Feb 16th the Shotgun Venues will be open 5 days a week. His Wife Nora Ross is a 31 time all American. There will be a Meet and Greet February 6th at 1:00 at the Trap Clubhouse..

President Mulcahy thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourned:7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.



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