

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2015

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Bill Means, Steve Close, Erik Lundquist, Nick Kasemeotes, Tony DelFrate, Jon Speck, sixteen regular members, one visitor and four membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report –Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes for the December meeting which were approved with one correction: Erik Lunquist and Don Michalek volunteered only to act as range officers not sponsors for the Union Grove youth team.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$9,000 of which \$4,000 is cash on hand. We have \$5,145 in debt for the siding project.

Membership report –Steve Close:

Steve reported that we have eighty-four regular members and nine senior members for a total of ninety-three members.

Jim Nagel was at the meeting for his second reading. He is sponsored by Tom Becker. Jim is a retired power plant electrician, an NRA life member and has enjoyed 20 years of shooting sports. He is also retired Navy having served on the USS Enterprise. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Jim was approved for membership via voice vote.

Mike Ditscheit was at the meeting for his first reading. Mike is sponsored by Scott Lauder. He lives in Union Grove and works as the Racine police firearms instructor. He is also supervises the Union Grove youth shooting (pistol and shotgun) team. He is active in the shooting sports and is an NRA instructor for rifle, shotgun and pistol. Mike was invited back to the February meeting for his second reading.

James Kopecky was at the meeting for his first reading. James is sponsored by Scott Lauder. He lives in Racine and is a systems engineer and union electrician. He is an NRA instructor for rifle, shot gun and pistol. He also coaches the Union Grove youth shooting team. James was invited back to the February meeting for his second reading.

Brian Daugherty was at the meeting for his first reading. Brian is sponsored by Vahe Talatian. Brian lives in Pleasant Prairie and is a Charter Piolet by training. He has been shooting since he was twelve years old. He is willing to help our around the club where necessary. Brian was invited back to the February meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Jon Speck reported for the rifle league. Team has joined the Southwest Three Position league as well as the current four position league. He also stated that the fall league is well underway with several new members. The team is looking for new members and all are welcome to join. Jon reported that the team will compete in NRA small bore sectional in Lodi the first two weeks of March.

Jon is now the Wisconsin State Small Bore Coordinator. He is looking to bring the 3-position championship to Southport on March 20, 21, 22, 2015. He is also looking to revive the Air Rifle State Match, possibly to be held here at Southport.

Bill Means reported that the Fall pistol league banquet will be held on January 18th at 6:30pm at the Birchwood Restaurant. He also reported that the Winter Two-gun league sign-up sheets are available in the clubhouse. The brochure is also posted on the Club's website as are the dates on the website calendar. The league starts next week (January 18th). He will be available on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday to sign-up participants and distribute targets.

Nick reported that the Indoor .22 caliber Pistol Sectional will be held on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2015. All relays are full and there are two people on the waiting list.

Scott Lauder reported that we have not had any activity as an NRA Recruiter this past month. Scott also reminded everyone that they can renew their membership on our website and receive a \$10 discount on the NRA dues.

Erik reported that the target turning system is fixed and fully functional.

Tom reported that the NRA Gold Medal Club application has been submitted. He thanked all members who helped him get the required information to complete the application.

Maintenance – Erik Lundquist:

- Open maintenance projects:
 - Paint Front Door – enamel to match siding
 - Replace missing or significantly damaged ceiling tiles in range
 - Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle.
 - Repair window casing on front of building and repaint. (Tony Delfrate - Spring.)
 - Repair "**SOUTHPORT MASTERS**" sign (Tom Becker)
- Paint walls and floor (red portion) in range. Erik report.
- Replace floor lighting cover panels – Erik (Jon Speck to assist)
- Maintenance Party (during Christmas week) – Erik to coordinate
- Fill pot holes in front of rental property - Todd Ogren
- Erik requested that when a member observes something to be fixed, the member report it to him so it can be taken care of. Erik stated that the water pump at the office furnace had a leak that went unreported. Tony DelFrates located and repaired the cracked drain pipe subsequent to the meeting.

Rental – Tony DelFrate:

The tenant reports that the he is happy and has no issues. Tony has installed some insulation in the rental house and Todd Ogren has agreed to get a quotation on glass blocks for the basement windows.

Old Business:

Ron Schaeffer reported that he would like to bring his troop to use the range as part of our BSA Rifle Shooting Merit Badge program. He was told to talk with Tom Becker to get the event coordinated. Jon Speck indicated that he was willing to help with the rifle portion of the program.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that no additional club jackets have been ordered.

Erik reports that the honor system for the snacks in the refrigerator is working well.

Bill reported that the application for CMP membership is in process.

Union Grove Youth Shooting request for range time

- Scott reported progress with the Union Grove Youth program wanting to use the range for practice in the winter months. Scott stated that he met with Mike Ditscheit and James Kopecky to show them our range and obtain more information about their shooting needs. Scott reported that they want to use the range to practice and improve upon skills (i.e., sight alignment, trigger pull, stance, etc.) and that the youth will not be practicing shooting at metal targets. Each student will approach the line with a cased firearm, and be accompanied by an adult coach who has completed NRA pistol training. Upon the range officer's command, the firearm will be uncased, shown to be clear. The range officer will then give the command to load along with the number of rounds to load. Once ready, the fire command will be given; after all rounds are fired down range the firearm will be cleared and placed into the case. The student will then receive individual instruction and critique from the adult coach. The process will be repeated for the next student until all students have been given the opportunity for practice and instruction.
- Scott also reported that we have requested that the team show proof of insurance (they have) and name Southport Gun Club, Inc as an insured party (they will get this completed before using the range). We have also requested that a \$5.00 per shooter per night donation be given to Southport Masters to cover backstop repair, lead removal and utility expenses (the team has agreed to this request).
- The team would like to use the range from approximately 4:00pm to 6:30pm on Fridays until early April when the weather improves which would allow them to return to an outdoor range.
- After considerable discussion from the members and answers from Mike and James, Nick Kasemeotes moved and Tom Brodsko seconded the motion: "That Southport Masters allow the Union Grove youth pistol club to use the range on Friday afternoons from 4:00pm to 6:30pm starting February 6, 2015 as long as the team complies with our rules and has a Southport member in attendance to serve as range officer. This offer can be revoked at any time by the Southport

Masters executive committee. The Union Grove team will make a \$5.00 per week per shooter donation to Southport Masters for backstop repair and maintenance." After minimal discussion the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Don Michalek and Jon Speck volunteered to meet with the team and serve as range officers on February 6, 2015.

New Business:

Ed Delgadillo wanted clarification about family members and range fees. Tom Becker stated that immediate family members living within the same household do not have to pay the \$10.00 visitor fee. Once a family member moves out to live independently (e.g., a son or daughter) then the fee would apply. The fee also applies to grandchildren, nieces and nephews, grandparents and in-laws.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club