

# **SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**April 9, 2013**

### Attendance:

Tom Becker, Clint McMaster, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Steve Close, Hershel Johnson, 13 regular members and three candidates for membership.

### Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Secretary's report – Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes of the March 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

### Treasurer's report – Bill Means

We have a balance of approximately \$10,430. We have received \$4,485 in member donations that are applied to our loan and we have \$7,585 in debt. We are making \$350 in monthly payments on the loan. Two thirds of the property taxes (range and rental property) have been paid. The utility bills are within our projection; Bill will continue to monitor the usage and report monthly.

Bill contacted Marc Ward to get the property insurance initialized. We will make four payments of \$500 to cover the cost of the insurance. We are currently bonded; however, the policy has not been issued due to some "fine tuning" on the policy.

### Membership report – Steve Close

Steve reported that we have 78 regular members and 7 Senior Members for a total of 85 members. Eighteen membership reminder notices were sent out and \$2,120 in dues were collected. Work credits have been applied for those members who assisted with the Sectional in January.

Todd Jacobs was at the meeting for his second reading. Todd is sponsored by Terry Peterson. Todd lives in Kenosha and is interested in getting back into shooting. His is a chemical operator at Abbvie and is willing to help around the range as necessary. Todd was approved by voice vote.

Lucas Stahl was at the meeting for his second reading. Lucas is sponsored by Todd Ogren. Lucas lives in Kenosha and is interested in getting back into shooting. His works with Todd at Todd's gun shop and is willing to help around the range as necessary. Lucas was approved by voice vote.

Peter Seocanac was at the meeting for his first reading. Peter is sponsored by Tom Becker. Peter is a former member and lives in Racine. He works in maintenance and machine repair. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Peter was invited back to the April meeting for his second reading.

### Communications – Tom Becker:

Bill Means stated that the Winter League is coming to a conclusion. He is working on the banquet and will post a sign-up sheet in meeting area of the range. He is not sure if

the banquet will be held at the VFW due to changes in pricing and food selection. He will report back next meeting.

Tom read Ron Settle's report on the Wisconsin State Indoor Pistol Championship. We had 42 shooters register but one person was a "no-show." Ron will have a full report at the May meeting.

Tom reported that communications with the Wis. DOT continues regarding the maintenance of the access road that services the club and adjacent land owners. The office of State Senator Robert Wirth is also involved at this time. Documents show the road as a "shared driveway." This designation is hampering our progress to get the road maintained. Todd has offered to fill the holes with gravel and smooth the rough spots but indicated that this is only a temporary fix and the road should be paved. Todd will get reimbursed for the purchase of the gravel and will donate his time and equipment.

With Ron Settles' resignation from Match Director, new member George Albrecht has volunteered to fill the position. George worked the State Match with Ron over the weekend and feels confident to fill the duties. The executive committee voted to appoint George the new Match Director, his first match will be Oktoberfest.

Paul Baumann suggested that more members help out at the matches. Setting up the range for a match is quite a bit of work and should have a team effort from the club. The matches not only bring money to the club, but they also provide a good service to the shooting community.

Pleasant Prairie Fire Department conducted an inspection of the range on March 4<sup>th</sup>. No violations were noted.

The Spring Newsletter was sent to the membership on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tom reported that we may need to elect a new Vice President. Clint McMaster indicated that he may not want to run for the position in June. Tom announced that any member interested could run for the position by attending the June meeting.

Bill Means recognized Joe Medina for his help getting the new chairs for the clubhouse.

Bill Means announced that he will be holding the NRA Range Safety Officer course in the fall. He will get together with Tom to find an appropriate date and get it set on the Range Calendar.

Steve Close suggested that we start to document range income by having envelopes for participants using the range to use when submitting cash or checks for range use. Bill Means indicated that he would look into setting up the procedure.

Maintenance –John Munoz was not in attendance

John Munoz has provided a list of minor projects on "Members Only" web page. Any member looking for a project to do is welcome to contact the person requesting the project. Dues credits apply.

- The hot water heater has been installed; however, there appears to be a leak in the men's bathroom. Dave Leight has been working on getting it fixed. Clint indicated that Don First knows a plumber, Brian Thomas, who could replace/repair the current pipes at a reasonable cost. The plumbing work has not started.

- Tuck pointing whole building inside and outside - Dave Christenson - quotation from Winkler's masonry, Inc. \$9,600.00. We missed the deadline due to lack of IRS Not-For-Profit status. Once we obtain the status, we will reapply.
- Paint walls in furnace room – Joe Medina has volunteered to complete this project.
- Roof flashing repair – Todd is still evaluating the most cost effective way to accomplish this task. He hopes to have it completed in the Spring.
- Ron Settle reported that the plywood backsplash needs extensive repair. He noticed the condition as he was preparing the range for the Wisconsin pistol match over the weekend.
- It was noted that south window on the east wall of the clubhouse appear to have a leak. John will be informed and get it fixed.

#### Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel reported that there are no problems reported by the tenant. Todd will replace additional windows if the tenant complains.

#### Old Business:

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

Clint McMaster resigned as Outdoor Maintenance Chair. Luke Stahl volunteered to take on this position. He will meet with Clint to be briefed on the duties and the location of the equipment.

#### New Business:

Paul Baumann suggested that all members contact their U.S. Senator to oppose the ratification of the UN Small Arms treaty.

New member, Dr. Steven Felierbach, stated that there is a new finger stick test for lead blood levels and recommended that we use some. He said he could get them for our use.

Todd Ogren stated that he will be using the clubhouse for a Basic Pistol course on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The range will remain open to shoots during the course.

In order to minimize noise from the range to the club house it was suggested that we mount Plexiglas over the windows creating a dead air space. Arlie volunteered to look into getting the materials and installing the Plexiglas.

#### Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm

#### Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder  
Secretary  
Southport Gun Club