

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2013

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, John Munoz, Lucas Stahl, 7 regular members and one candidate for membership.

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 of the June 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means

We have a balance of approximately \$15,297. We have \$6,575 in debt. Bills for the plumbing project have arrived but have not been paid.

Membership report – Dora Potekin

Dora reported that we have 81 regular members and 7 Senior Members for a total of 88 members. Fifteen membership reminder notices were sent out and \$1390 in dues were collected. Brian Nelson has requested that his membership lapse due to family obligations.

The following officers and committee chairpersons have received one year's worth of dues credit:

- Tom Becker, President
- Ken Normandy, Vice President
- Bill Means, Treasurer
- Scott Lauder, Secretary
- George Albrecht, Match Director
- Chip Caputo, Snow Plowing
- Tom Brodsko, Weekly Cleaning
- Bob Fellows, Weekly Cleaning
- Dan First, Weekly Cleaning
- Bryan Pelz, Weekly Cleaning

Tom reminded everyone that the maximum dues credit one can earn in a year is 12 months. Even though the above listed member will be engaged in other range related activities they will receive no additional dues credit.

Robert Miller was at the meeting for his first reading. Robert is sponsored by Harley Smith. Robert lives in South Milwaukee and is a retired supervisor from the Milwaukee County Government. He is a past shooter and is a certified NRA Basic Pistol instructor. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Robert was invited back to the August meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Clint McMaster reported that the Rifle Team league/activities were continuing to meet on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. He stated that the team is looking for additional members to join the league.

Bill Means reported that the Fall Pistol League schedule has been posted on the website and is available in the clubhouse. He will be making one change to the schedule to accommodate the new Oktoberfest dates. Once the change is made the revised schedule will be post on the website. Bill is also concerned about the lack of .22 caliber ammunition. If the stock of available ammunition does not improve modifications to the course of fire may be required. Bill will keep us informed of any developments or changes as we approach the league date.

Tom reported that a letter was posted to Senator Robert Wirch regarding the highway access road maintenance issue. With no satisfaction from Wirch's office the letter of appeal was submitted to Nick Kasemeotes for further political consideration Leah Vukmir. There was some discussion about the sale of land to the county several years ago and if that sale included the access road to the range. Tom will forward the land description to Bill Means who will work with our surveyor to determine ownership of the road and will report back at the August meeting.

Scott reported that the Members Only portion of the website has been updated with the new officers and information about the leagues. He also stated that the league information was placed on the Home page of the website. Scott is also responsible for sending broadcast emails to the membership. He reported that there appears to be a change in the spam policy for members using the @wi.rr.com email server. The server is identifying Southport Gun Club as "spam." Scott will seek resolution and inform the membership of his progress at the August meeting.

Tom had written letters to Winchester, Remington, CCI and Federal requesting special supply of .22 caliber ammo for league shooters and training programs. Only CCI responded stating that they could not supply the club with a special allocation. Tom indicated that they can only supply ammunition to FFL dealers. Todd Ogren also stated that he as a gun shop owner is having difficulty obtaining ammo.

Maintenance –John Munoz

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.

- Tuck pointing whole building inside and outside - Dave Christenson - quotation from Winkler's masonry, Inc. \$9,600.00. We will attempt to obtain funding from the Friends of the NRA and the NRA Range Grant programs.
- Paint walls in furnace room – John stated that Joe Medina reported that this project is completed.
- Roof flashing repair – Todd Ogren will get to this project as soon as the roof dries and the weather doesn't forecast rain for several days.
- The hot water plumbing project is complete. New sinks are in the bathrooms and the kitchen and the clubhouse has been plumbed with new copper pipes. Invoices

have been submitted to Bill Means for payment. Tom recognized Dan First for his efforts at getting this project completed.

- Bob Fellows is working with Tom to design and replace the plywood backsplash. Bob indicated that he will start and complete the project in July. Tom indicated that he will post the dates on the website because the range will be closed during the repairs.
- Todd indicated that he would get the material and patch the access road. He will bill the club for the cost of the material. He hopes to finish this project in late July.
- Lucas Stahl reported that the lawn mower has been repaired and an invoice has been submitted to Bill Means for payment.
- John reported that there will be a maintenance party on September 7th. Scott will post this information on the website.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel was not at the meeting; consequently, no report was issued.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquiries about the BSA program.

Nick Kasemeotes was not at the meeting to report on the number of club jackets ordered.

Steve Feuerbach stated that since the backstop repair would be moved to late July or early August, he would clean the range next week. Bob Fellows will be cleaning the range in August.

Dora reported that the Arlington Heights club members will be using the range every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Tom will post the dates on the website calendar. Bill enquired about the number of people attending and stated that if there were fewer than five, that they should just pay the guest member fee of \$10 per person. Dora thanked him for the offer.

New Business:

Bill Bock inquired that if he could supply a free coffee maker, would the club supply coffee. His son often receives surplus merchandise including coffee makers and is willing to donate one to the club. Tom stated that if he supplies the coffee maker, the club would purchase coffee on a trial basis.

Clint McMaster offered two amendments to the club's constitution:

1. That term limits should be set for club officers. No officer should serve more than two years.
2. Applicants for membership must prove that they are competitive shooters and can hit the target area before they are accepted for membership.

Discussion around the first amendment suggestion focused on that situation that all officers volunteer for the position and that the first challenge to a sitting officer in years occurred at the June election. The concern expressed was that while the amendment would potentially foster greater member involvement the reality is that few members step up for the positions. Discussion around the second amendment focused on the

concern that Bulls Eye shooting and competition is engaged in by a shrinking number of shooters and that limiting membership would remove an opportunity for new shooters to the sport to learn and appreciate it, thus furthering the decline in the sport. The membership felt that by keeping the application process open, we were actually fostering participation and appreciation of Bulls Eye shooting and competition in an age of dwindling participation. Neither proposal was seconded.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club