

## **SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.**

Monthly Meeting  
September 10, 2019

### **Attendance:**

- Brian Boehm, Bill Means, Ken Normandy and Cecilia Lucas
- 17 total members present

### **Opening – Brian Boehm:**

- Brian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Brian made introductions.

### **Secretary's report – Cecilia Lucas:**

- Cecilia provided a brief overview of the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting. She also noted they are posted on the Club's web site for future reference. There were no recommended corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's report – Bill Means:**

#### **Details**

- Bill noted there have been minimal expenses since the July meeting. There has been a YTD net gain of \$2,508. The majority of the surplus funds are from the rental property income.
  - Total Cash Assets Balance – \$37,197

### **Membership Report – Steve Close:**

- Steve reported that we have 85 regular members and 9 senior members for a total of 94 members. Dues collected this past period total \$1,340. Twenty notices have been issued.
- There were no 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> readings.
- There was a larger amount of "Dues Credits" applied from the Maintenance party. There were 26 participants with approximately 160 hours of work.

### **Rifle Team – Shawn Walrath reported in the absence of Jon Speck:**

- Lara Spanic will be participating in the Rifle Fall Selection/Olympic Trials in Georgia beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>. Dylan Gregory and Emme Walrath successfully shot in the IL State Championships this past weekend. Dylan secured 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sub Junior at the NRA National Championship and is preparing for the upcoming Winter Air Gun/Olympic Trials in December.
- Rifle practices for the advanced juniors and adults continue on Thursday evenings.
- Rifle League will begin in October. The junior's program begins November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pistol League – Bill Means:**

- Fall League has begun, and sign-up sheets are available at the Club. The league runs for 12 weeks and concludes with the awards banquet in January.

**Maintenance – Brian Boehm and Jim Conte:**

- The majority of the painting of the walls and floors was completed as well as repairs to the rental property and grounds. Additionally, two damaged trees were removed with the help of Tony DelFrate and Jim Conti. Another work session will be scheduled at a later date to address any mechanical & ventilation issues.
- Jim reminded members (and their guests) that lead and copper jacket ammo should only be used at the range. Heavier jacket ammo such as Russian surplus ammo will cause damage, wear and tear to the back stop.
- Reminder to all members and guests to park in the lot and NOT on the grass. Jim also mentioned he noticed that garbage collection is not happening on a regular basis.

**Rental – Tony DelFrate:**

- There are a few minor projects to be completed on the rental property and he will accept any volunteers. Contact Tony.

**Match Director – Brian Boehm in the absence of Dora Potekin:**

- Reminder of the upcoming "OKTOBERFEST" (October 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>). This will be held as a regular shooting event and not as an NRA sanctioned event as it doesn't seem to draw additional participants because of the NRA moniker.
- Fun Shoot awards went to: Dale Gutknecht – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Ken Normandy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; and Don Michalek – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Thanks to all participants for making this such a success and an enjoyable event.

**Hunter Education – Brian Boehm in the absence of Beau Bosovich:**

- Hunters Safety Course will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> session and the 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reminder to all that the club will be closed from 8-4 on those days.

**Communications – Deborah Spanic/Brain Lucas:**

- Brian noted all credits have been received and recorded.
- Deborah is working on the draft of the newsletter which should be circulated shortly.

**Old Business:**

- Bylaw updates – the review & revisions by the Executive Committee in February 2019 will be discussed and finalized in the next few months.
- Asphalt Bids – there were three proposals received. These will be reviewed and finalized at the time the DOT work will begin.

**New Business:**

- RSO (Range Safety Officer) training is tentatively scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in attaining needs to RSVP to Brian.
- The Sign-In sheet was discussed and the importance of ensuring security to the club and it's members. Recently there have been instances when members and their guests have not been signing in/out. It was also noted there has been a difference in the entries vs. the funds collected for range use as well as not an accurate count for number of guests. Additionally, there are cases when members have signed "in" but not "out" when leaving the premises. Effective immediately anyone accessing the range MUST sign in/out. Folks participating in the leagues will not be required to sign in/out. The first person opening the

club will sign in and the security monitors will reflect when the last person exits the building. Rifle practice sessions will be required to have one person sign in/out and reflect all those in attendance – this includes shooters and their parents. A suggestion was made to convert the “Release” form into an envelope such that funds can be collected, and forms completed and properly accounted.

- The Rifle team has requested the use of the facility for upcoming events: January 18<sup>th</sup> – USA Shooting Air & Standard Pistol PTO. February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup> - NRA Smallbore & Air Rifle Sectionals. March 28<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup> – Wisconsin State NRA Indoor Smallbore Championship.
- Facility Care – Brian has noticed that there has been debris, casings, etc. left on the range. Members are reminded to clean up after their use and if they see empty towel/paper towel rolls, garbage overflowing – please take the initiative to help.
- A Video Surveillance notice has been posted on the main entry door. Also awards & special notices have been placed on the walls.
- The Executive Committee approved action to cancel the July & August 2020 meetings. If there is any business needed to be addressed a special meeting can be held. This is consistent with the Bylaws.
- New Application/Membership Requirements – Brian opened discussion on some areas that need to be enhanced in regard to new members and corresponding qualifications. It was noted that even though they are sponsored by an existing member they may not have actual “range training” and familiarity with handling of firearms. Some suggestions to consider in the new policy: sponsor takes “ownership” for training new members; enforce the 90 day probationary period; require new members to join a league; require alternative training such as multiple sessions with an RSO; extend probationary period when needed to ensure the level of understanding/training is developed, etc. It was decided a draft policy will be developed and shared with members before any action is taken.
- Aaron Jones, Union Grove Rifle Team, was in attendance to confirm their use of the range for practice beginning in December through March on Fridays from 4pm – 7pm. All concurred to allow their use of the facility.

### **Announcements:**

- TOM BECKER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR award was presented to Tony DelFrate. Brian spoke of the initiative Tony takes in all his projects, doesn’t require direction and anticipates needs before a problem arises. His commitment to the club is sincerely appreciated.

### **Closing:**

- Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Cecilia Lucas  
Southport Gun Club