SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting March 11, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Steve Close, Nick Kasemeotes, Erik Lundquist, Hershel Johnson, 9 regular members and 2 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 from the February meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report - Tom Becker for Bill Means:

Due to Bill's absence, no treasurer's report was given. Tom reported that all income from Membership, Winter pistol league and the Pistol Sectional was deposited into the bank.

Membership report -Steve Close:

Steve reported we that have 81 regular members and 8 Senior Members for a total of 89 members. Twenty-five membership invoices notices were sent out and \$1,200 in dues have been collected.

Mark Diaz was not at the meeting due work commitments. He has been dropped as a candidate but can reapply in the future.

Dusty Nichols was at the meeting for his first reading. Dusty lives in Kenosha and is a Kenosha Police Officer: he is a member of the Kenosha K-9 Unit, conducts firearms training and is interested in Bullseye shooting. Dusty is sponsored by Erik Lundquist. Dusty is willing to help around the range as needed. He was invited to the April meeting for his second reading.

Ron Schaefer was at the meeting for his first reading. Ron is sponsored by Ken Normandy. He lives in Pleasant Prairie. He is a Boy Scout Leader, and is interested in shooting. He is willing to help around the range as necessary. Ron was invited to the April meeting for his second reading.

Communications - Tom Becker:

Dave Christiansen reported for the rifle league. Southport will be sponsoring the State Small Bore Championships on March 21-23, 2014. There will be seven relays over the three day period. The fee is \$35.00. Please contact Dave if you are interested in participating. More information is posted on the Competitions page of our website. The range will be closed for this event starting Friday morning (March 21) through Sunday Evening (3/23)

Dave also reported that Bill Frost will be stepping down as Rifle League Captain. John Speck will be taking over the position for the 2014/2015 season.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that we have 30 people signed up for the Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championship to be held April 11-13. He is looking for additional volunteers to help with the match. Ken Normandy and Don Michalek volunteered to help.

Scott Lauder stated that he has set up a "Sell or Swap" page in the website. It is only accessible from Member's Only section of the website by clicking the link on the menu bar from the Members Only page. If you have any items for sale or to swap, please forward the information to Scott at secretary@southportgunclub.org and he will post it on the website. Currently, Ron Settles has offered four items for sale.

With the resignation of Ed Beall from the club, we will need someone to take on the responsibility to escort the Pleasant Prairie Fire Department for its annual inspection. Dave Christenson volunteered to conduct the 2014 escort while Tom locates another member to take on the responsibility for future inspections. Ken Normandy reported that one of the emergency lights on the range was not functioning and should be fixed prior to the inspection. Erik will look into getting it fixed.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that Roger Olson's wife had recently passed away.

Ron Giovanelli's wife reported that he has survived a stroke and will be in rehab (St. Joes home) for a few months. (His shooting arm is OK)!

Maintenance – Erik Lunquist

- Tom reported that he had forwarded a list of duties to Erik for his new position as Maintenance Chair. Tom also forwarded a copy of the Time, Talent and Tools worksheet.
- Tuck pointing whole building inside and outside Dave Christenson quotation from Winkler's masonry, Inc. \$9,600.00. Tom has submitted an application for an NRA Range Grant. He will report back when he has heard from the NRA.
- Todd indicated that the glass block windows need repair. Todd stated that it was too cold to work on the windows and will schedule the work once the weather warms.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance Erik Lundquist reports that is not done yet.
 The procedure includes power washing that must now wait until the weather warms up.
- Todd repaired tenant's mailbox; however, it should be replaced once the weather warms. Todd has agreed to complete the task as soon as possible.
- Dave Christenson reported that the rifle team will be replacing several of the florescent lights prior to the Rifle Competition. The intention is to replace the old ballasts to accommodate T8 type, high-efficiency lamps.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel reports that the tenant is moving out at the end of March. Tom requested that a property inspection be completed as soon as possible so that repairs and replacements can be made prior to a new tenant taking occupancy. Tom also requested Hershel to begin the search for a new tenant; we would like to have the house rented by May 1st.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquires about the BSA program.

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

Erik has not dealt with securing a refrigerator as of yet. He intends to get it installed as soon as possible; however, he is having some difficulty finding a reasonably priced unit.

Chris Johnson has agreed to conduct additional Bullseye Clinics during the year. Dates will be posted on the Members Only pages of the website and emails will be sent to the membership once the dates have been secured.

New Business:

Clint McMaster opened discussion about reducing the dues once the furnace loan is repaid. Clint moved and Don Michalek seconded: "Once the furnace loan is paid off, the member dues are to be reduced to \$15.00 per month." Tom explained that the dues increase was not to pay the loan for the new ventilation system, but to pay for the increased cost of its operation. Other members asked about the duration of the loan and when it would be paid. Since Bill was not present, a definite date could not be established. Once the discussion was exhausted, Tom asked for a vote. The results of the voice vote were that the motion failed to pass. Dues will stay at the current \$20.00 per month.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder Secretary Southport Gun Club