

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2015

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Tony DelFrate, Beau Bosovich, Jon Speck, and fifteen regular members.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report – Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes for the August meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$16,000 of which \$10,000 is liquid assets. We have outstanding obligations totaling \$6,380 including \$5,000 for the resurfacing of the parking lot. The tenant did not pay the August rent; consequently, the \$790 deposit will be transferred from the security deposit account to the general funds to cover the missed rent.

Tom Becker recognized the fine financial report submitted by Bill Means after last month's meeting. The club is financially sound.

Membership report – Dora Potekin:

Dora reported that we have eighty-nine regular members and nine senior members for a total of ninety-eight members. We have collected \$1,080 in dues. Due to printing and software errors, the August reminders were combined with the September reminders resulting in some members receiving a "second" notice when it was really the first notice. Dora stated that they were sorry for the error. Dues credits were applied to the four "Weekly" cleaning crew members in August for the upcoming indoor seasons.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom reported that the club newsletter was emailed to the membership. A copy is also available on the Members Only page of the website.

Paul Baumann is coordinating the Southport Masters table at the Friends of the NRA Banquet to be held at the Brat Stop on October 2, 2015. Tickets are \$150 and include dinner and \$220 worth of "bucket" tickets.

Jon reported on the proposed Juniors Program. One thousand, TQ1/1 targets have been purchased. A flier and application/release forms are being prepared. The team will meet on Saturday mornings. The Union Grove rifle team has been invited to shoot with our Juniors Program. Jon also indicated that they are still in the process of acquiring additional equipment (i.e., rifles, scopes and stands).

Jon reported on the Southport Masters rifle team activities. The Fall Gallery league will begin on October 8th. Practice will continue in preparation for the Mid-States Postal League to be concluded in January 2016.

In passing, Jon indicated that the CMP Talladega range is an excellent range. Jon reported shooting on the range and being impressed with the facility. He encouraged anyone interested to visit the range and shoot there.

Bill Means indicated that the Fall Pistol league was starting this week. He is currently taking sign-ups for all evenings.

Scott Lauder reported that the NRA and Wisconsin-FORCE have received our new mailing address.

Nick Kasemeotes re-introduced the upcoming Oktoberfest competitions (Pistol on Friday and Saturday, Sporter Rifle on Sunday). He expects the regular Pistol Match range officers to assist but may need additional volunteers. Jon Speck also briefed the meeting on the Sporter Rifle shoot and expects to have sufficient range officers from the rifle team to run the event.

Tom Becker provided Beau Bosovich with 1,400 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition to be used during the Hunter Education Program. The program will begin in September. Beau thanked him for the club's contribution.

Tom mentioned that we received notice of the Brillion WI Sporting Clays completion on September 11, 2015. This is a fundraising event for the BSA.

Club Member Clint McMaster submitted an e-mail to Tom Becker requesting lowering of the "senior member" age from 75 to 65. Discussions by the members present indicated the reduction in dues income would be too significant.

Maintenance – Erik Lundquist:

Erik was not present and open issues were discussed along with the proposed range cleaning to be completed in August. Tom Becker informed the club that he is removing Erik as Maintenance Chairperson. Tom cited Erik's inability to be contacted and the fact that the range was not ready for the Fall League. Tom is seeking someone to take over the Maintenance Chair position. No one present volunteered to take the post.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that Erik Lundquist and Tony DelFrate will repair and replace the backstop. This will be accomplished before Oktoberfest.

Tom appealed to the members present to enlist help to get the range cleaned and prepared for Oktoberfest. Jon Speck volunteered the rifle team to use one of the upcoming practice Thursdays to complete the task. Tom thanked him and provided a list of tasks that must be completed before Oktoberfest. Jon indicated that it will all be completed in a timely manner.

Aaron Stempek was not at the meeting. A decision on the parking lot resurfacing was pending discussion with Erik Lundquist. With no contact made it was decided to proceed with the quotations presented by Aaron. Tom Becker will contact Aaron with the go-ahead. Bill Means indicated that we could close the range for a week and extend the league completion date if necessary.

Status of Maintenance projects:

- Southport Heating has completed the furnace maintenance.
- The new Southport Masters sign was installed, Ken Normandy coordinated the effort.
- Bill Bock installed a new TV antenna; however, the converter box will not work with the existing TV. It was suggested that we purchase and install a flat screen TV. Bill Means suggested waiting on this expense until a new tenant can be located for the rental property.
- Scott Torolla has completed the Summer range cleaning. He will receive dues credit. The range and clubhouse cleaning will now be done by the weekly maintenance team.

Rental –Tony DelFrate:

Tony reported that the tenant has vacated the house, but left it in poor condition. The house has a strong animal (cat and dog) odor which is resistant to normal cleaning methods. Tony will explore options to get it cleaned; however, we may need to replace the carpeting and possibly some of the underlayment.

Tony stated that the club will pay the utilities to WE-Energies until a new tenant can be found. He intends listing the rental on Craig's List and has volunteered to mow the lawn in the interim. He will proceed with contracting the brick repair on the northeast corner of the building. Todd Ogren will be asked to quote on additional window replacements.

Tony is interviewing potential tenants and will report on progress at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Scott Lauder reported that we have one new NRA Sign-up.

Bill Means reported that he has not made any progress on the Not-For-Profit status. He has requested a meeting with the executive committee to complete forms. There was some discussion about the not-for-profit status process and that it might make us liable for past taxes. Dave Christenson stated that Racine County Line went through the process two years ago. It required an attorney and associated attorney fees but the IRS did not charge them back taxes. Dave volunteered to forward the attorney's name to Bill so he can contact him.

New Business:

No new business was brought before the meeting.

Announcements:

Dora Potekin announced that Natchez Shooters Supply has CCI .22 caliber standard velocity ammunition at a very low price. Anyone interested should visit their website for more information.

Scott Torolla reports that .22 caliber ammunition can be purchased by members of the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation) at certain events. Tom Becker will look into a club membership.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club