

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

August 13, 2013

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, John Munoz, Lucas Stahl, Hershel Johnson, 10 regular members and 2 candidates 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 July 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means

We have a balance of approximately \$15,687. We have \$6,175 in debt. Bills for the backstop project have arrived but have not been paid. The backstop replacement costs are approximately \$800. Between now and year's end, our major bills will be for property taxes on the range and the rental property of approximately \$1250 each (i.e., \$2500 total). Arlington Heights has donated about \$750.00 to date this year for their practice use of the range.

Membership report – Dora Potekin

Dora reported we that have 81 regular members and 7 Senior Members for a total of 88 members. Eighteen membership reminder notices were sent out and \$560 in dues were collected.

Robert Miller was at the meeting for his second 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 and a Utah concealed carry instructor. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Robert was approved of membership by voice vote.

Fred Savaglio was at the meeting for his first reading. Fred lives in Kenosha and is sponsored by Tony DelFrate. Fred is a accountant in the treasury department for Kenosha County. He has been shooting his entire life but has no competitive shooting experience. He is willing to help out around the range as necessary. Fred was invited back to the September meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom reported that George Albrecht has resigned as Match Director. Paul Baumann has volunteered to help and train a new Match Director when one volunteers. Tom stated that we need a fulltime Match Director and would like to have a volunteer by the end of the (August) meeting.

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 also indicated that sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of the clubhouse meeting room. Bill is 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 Lea Volkmeur. Tom reported that we heard back from Lea's office stating that there wasn't anything they could do to help us. Bill Means reported that he has not had time to check with our surveyor to determine ownership of the road and will report back at the September meeting. Nick Kasemeotes suggested that we contact Robin Voss or Samantha Kirkmann to see if either of these people could help. Bill will follow up with Samantha Kirkmann and Scott Gunderson. Nick will report back on his efforts to reach Robin Voss.

Scott reported that spam issue for members using the @wi.rr.com email server has been resolved. Tom reminded all members not to list southportgunclub.com as spam.

Scott reported that our website is down. In trying to resolve this issue he discovered that our webhosting has been provided free by ENOM. When trying to contact ENOM they stated they could not help us because we are not the owners of the website or the domain name, Jeff Plater is listed as the registered owner. Scott tried to contact Jeff and Landis Holdings but could not reach either via phone or email. He did contact GoDaddy.com who are willing to host our site, give us email address, software to recreate and modify the site and a new domain name (southportgunclub.org) for a fee of \$8.00 per month. Scott was given approval to pursue this route and get the website back up as soon as possible. Scott will report back on his progress at the September meeting.

Tom reported on an email from Clint McMaster. Clint stated that he found a large silhouette target in one of the trash containers. Tom reminded everyone that these are not acceptable on the range. He also stated that if found on the range, they are NOT to be left on the front table or anywhere that membership or the general public could find them. "We don't want people to think we are training people to shoot other people." If they are found please notify one of the officers and destroy the target.

Tom also addressed Clint's concern about shooting outside of the target area cutout in the backstop. While we try to promote accurate shooting, misses are to be expected. It's the natural part of learning to shoot accurately. While damage to other parts of the range are totally unacceptable, it is to be understood that damage to the backstop is part of the price we pay to become accurate bulls eye shooters. Suggestions were made for concealed carry trainers and users to have portable target hangers that can be adjusted to the shooter's height to ensure that the bullets hit the steel back plate and not go high or wide. Lanes #1 and #10 were recommended as the appropriate lanes for this type of shooting.

Nick sent Tom an email that we were out of paper clips. Tom stated that he purchased some and will bring them to the range.

Tom received a donation request from the Kenosha Police. A no donation decision was given.

Tom received a letter from State Representative Peter Barca promoting hunting in Wisconsin. Tom pointed out that Barca has not been a friend to the 2nd Amendment at all and that this is likely just a political effort to gain support for a future run for Governor.

Maintenance –John Munoz

John Munoz has provided a list of minor projects on “Members Only” web page, which will be updated once the site is up again.. 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. Tom has submitted an application for an NRA Range Grant. He will report back when he has heard from the NRA.
- Roof flashing repair – Todd Ogren reported that that this project is completed.
- Clint reported that there is a leak in the men's bathroom sink. Tony DelFrate has volunteered to fix it.
- Bob Fellows has completed the backstop replacement project. Tom, John and the club expressed the appreciation with a round of applause.
- 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 by the middle of August.
- Bob Fellows reported that the turning mechanism on lane #6 needs to be repaired. Additionally Harley Smith reported that the target hanger on lane #1 should be rebuilt. Tom asked Harley to repair both of these issues as well as check the entire target hanger and turning system, making any necessary repairs. Harley said he would get it done before the start of the fall leagues.
- Ken Normandy volunteered to make more wooden target hanger separators. He will bring them to the club when completed.
- Todd indicated that he glass block windows need repair. He will look into getting them fixed.
- Tom will contact Dave Leicht to repair the broken or worn belt on the north side exhaust fan.
- John reported that there will be a maintenance party on September 7th. Tom and John will be identifying the work necessary for the party and contact members to help. Scott will post this information on the website.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel stated that there was nothing to report. The tenant seemed happy.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquiries about the BSA program.

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

Bill Bock reported that he is looking for the free coffee maker and should have it ready for the leagues in September.

Tom reported that weekly cleaning begins again in September. He will post the checklist in the kitchen area.

New Business:

There was no new business brought before the meeting.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club