

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Erik Lundquist, Jon Speck, 15 regular members and 3 membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report – Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes from the May 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 dues was deposited into the bank. He also reported that we have \$15,445 on hand and the loan has been repaid in full. Tom also reported that we have a few outstanding bills, especially for the Winter Pistol League and Banquet.

Membership report – Dora Potekin:

We have 83 general and 8 senior members for a total of 91 members. We have collected \$780 in dues and 21 invoices have been sent out.

Daniel Lagevin was at the meeting for his second reading. Dusty lives in Kenosha and is a Kenosha Police Officer and is interested in Bullseye shooting. Daniel is sponsored by Clint McMaster and Ben Griffey. Daniel is willing to help around the range as needed. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Doug Cochran was at the meeting for his second reading. Doug lives in Kenosha and is a past member of the club. Doug is sponsored by Nick Kasemeotes. Doug is willing to help around the range as needed. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Robert Pezola, Sr. was not at the meeting for his second reading due to work issues. He was invited to the July meeting for his second reading.

Ben Pahl was not at the meeting for his second reading due to work related issues. He was invited to the July meeting for his second reading.

Larry Cohlman was at the meeting for his second reading. Larry lives in Naperville and is a ATT Salesman. He is interested in Bullseye shooting. He has computer and carpentry skills. Larry is sponsored by Ken Normandy. Daniel is willing to help around the range as needed. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom reported that an email had been sent to the membership reminding them of the June Election Meeting and the Winter Pistol League Banquet.

Scott reported that the issues with Comcast.net have been resolved; however, whenever a member has an email forwarded we sometimes get a “bounce back.” There is nothing GoDaddy can do to fix this; members must talk to their providers. Several members reported not getting the latest email because their providers marked it as “Junk” mail. Scott stated that this is an individual fix that each member must set southportgunclub.org as “non-junk” within Outlook and with their individual email provider. Dora stated that some words within an email (e.g., “Gun”) get the email flagged as either Junk or Spam and suggested that we post a notice within the clubhouse to have each member address this with Outlook and their email provider. Paul Baumann suggested that we try to obtain the domain “SouthportMasters” and use that instead of southportgunclub. Scott will look into obtaining this domain name with GoDaddy.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that we had 12 people attend the Chris Johnson Bullseye Clinic on May 17th. The participants indicated that it was a very good clinic. The club collected \$140, netting \$91 after expenses. Chris will be offering another clinic in the fall.

Nick also stated that he is starting to work on the Oktoberfest match. The dates are October 17 and 18, 2014. More information will be forthcoming.

Nick stated that Beau has finalized the Hunter Education dates as follows: September 28-28; October 4-5; and October 11-12.

Tom said he attended the Wisconsin *FORCE* Range Seminar on May 21st. He received a useful manual on range operations but didn’t obtain much information on obtaining grants. He did find out that the NRA has a system that grants priority to top tier clubs that hold the NRA Gold Club rating. Tom will be working with Erik to obtain the necessary documentation for us to achieve that rating. In addition, Wisconsin *FORCE* only gives grants to tax exempt organizations, which Southport is not. Tom will work with Bill Means to obtain tax exempt status for us.

Jon Speck reported on the Rifle Team activities:

- Articles on the Wisconsin Rifle Match held at Southport appeared in the *Trigger* and the *USA Shooting Sports* publications.
- Provided information on the rifle league results and dinner.
- Several team members participated in the Wisconsin and Minnesota regional competitions.
- The rifle league members will continue to practice on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.
- Rifle league resumes in the fall, dates to be announced. New shooters are welcome.

Maintenance – Tom Becker for Erik Lunquist

- Tuck pointing whole building inside and outside; no change from previous reports - Dave Christenson received a quotation from Winkler's masonry, Inc. \$9,600.00. NRA Range Grant request was denied. We are seeking other funding for the project.
- Glass block windows are cracking. Todd stated that it will cost \$20 per block to replace and fix the windows. Todd was given the OK to contract the work and send the invoice to Bill Means at the club. The work has not been completed due to illness of the contractor. Todd expects it to be completed by the end of June.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance – Eric Lundquist reported that he has not been able to meet with Dave Leicht to learn the procedure so he can complete the work as needed. He will try to get this accomplished in the next week or so.
- The electronic entry computer system has been updated and purged of past members.
- Todd will obtain a quote to get the pilasters fixed. Tom stated that this work must be completed prior to painting the building this year.
- Ken stated that the lawnmower was inside the clubhouse building. This is contrary to township fire regulations. Tom requested that it be moved to the outside storage shed. Todd agreed to inform Lucas Stahl who is our Outside Maintenance Chair.

Rental – Tom for Tony DeFrate:

- Tom reported that we have a new tenant: Jason Wurtzinger beginning July 1st. Todd has collected a \$400 earnest money deposit and submitted it to Tom at the meeting.
- The rental property rate has increased from \$700 per month to \$800 per month.
- The property requires some additional work before we can have a tenant move in:
 - Painting the inside of the back porch door and the front door was completed by Joe Medina.
 - We still need a volunteer to Sealcoat the front and back porches
 - Remove recyclable waste - Todd Ogren agreed to handle this project.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquiries about the BSA program; however, Ron Schaeffer works with the local BSA counsel and will inform them of our ability to help scouts earn their rifle merit badges. Terry Peterson stated that he works with the Northern Illinois BSA and will pass this information along to them as well.

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

Erik has installed a new refrigerator in the range. A jar has been placed in the clubhouse for members to place there "Honor" usage of the items used. Currently all items are 50 cents each. Erik stated this may change if the price of goods rises about the level to pay for the items and the refrigerator.

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. Nick will contact Chris to setup the additional dates.

New Business:

The annual election of club officers; a voice vote was requested to demonstrate confidence in the existing officers by the members present, all current officers were retained for another year. They are:

- Tom Becker, President
- Ken Normandy, Vice President
- Bill Means, Treasurer
- Scott Lauder, Secretary

Jon Speck stated that he is organizing a "Sporter Rifle – Fun Shoot" event for the Sunday of Oktoberfest weekend (October 19th). The event will be designed for lever action, bolt action, and semi-auto .22 caliber rifles. Targets are NRA approved. More information will be forthcoming.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club