

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2016

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Beau Bosovich, Jon Speck, eleven regular members, and three candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom introduced the officers to the new membership candidates.

Secretary's report – Scott Lauder:

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

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$11,864 of which \$7,000 is liquid assets. With no tenant, Bill indicated that we are currently paying for the rental property utilities. With cold weather upon us, our expenses have been higher than in past months for example we had a \$1000 heating bill. We had income from the NRA Sectional and we are holding money for the completion of the parking lot. He requested that anyone with outstanding bills to forward them to him for payment.

Membership report –Dora Potekin:

Dora reported that we have ninety-one regular members and seven senior members for a total of ninety-eight members. We have collected \$2,260 in dues and twenty-four dues notices were sent. Dues credits for six members were reported this month.

Ed Hollis was at the meeting for his second reading. Ed is sponsored by Dave Christenson and resided in Franklin, WI. He works in maintenance. He is an avid shooter, currently with the rifle team and desires to teach his daughters proper shooting procedures. He also wants to teach them to hunt. Ed was approved for membership via voice vote.

Denny Quella was at the meeting for his second reading. Denny is sponsored by Tom Becker. Denny has joined the Tuesday evening pistol league and is interested in improving his shooting skills. Denny works for a manufacturer of medical tools. He is willing to help around the club as necessary. Denny was approved by voice vote.

Peter Zavislak was not at the meeting for his second reading. Peter is sponsored by Jon Speck. His application was extended to the March meeting.

Alaina Schmidt was at the meeting for her first reading. Alaina is sponsored by Jon Speck. She is an adult member of the Jr. Rifle Program and works for the USDA wild life services. She is willing to help around the range as necessary. Alaina was invited to the March meeting for her second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom Becker stated NRA Gold Medal Club application was submitted on February 1, 2016.

Jon Speck reported on the Juniors Program. We have nine youth signed up for Saturdays for the program and two adults shooting with them.

Jon also reported on a number of activities and projects that rifle team members in which rifle team members are engaged:

1. The team is engaged in three leagues, the Southeast League, Southwest League and the Mid-States Postal.
2. There are several matches that members will be competing in: The Black Earth, the Lodi, the NRA Sectional in Oshkosh, and the Small Bore State Match.
3. The Midwinter round up will be held February 14, 2016.
4. Southport will be hosting the Midwinter round up in February 2017. Jon will provide Scott with dates so they can be placed on the website calendar.

Bill Means stated that the Winter two-gun league has started. Bill also provided a summary of the Fall 22 caliber league: we grossed \$1270 netting \$300 after banquet and trophy purchases. If we include target costs, we netted \$90. Bill recommends keeping the fees at current levels.

Nick reported that the NRA Sectional was held on January 29, 30 and 31, 2016. We had 67 shooters for a gross income of \$2,345 after NRA fees, trophy fees and refreshments we netted \$1740.07 to the club. Nick also stated that the new TV was greatly appreciated by guests.

Tom stated that program directors should pay close attention to the range activities posted on the website calendar. The Union Grove shooters arrived prior to the NRA Sectional unaware of the range closing. Scott stated that he received at least four emails from members wanting to know why their keys were not working that weekend. He stated that he provided the reason in response emails.

Nick and Chris Johnson indicated that they will be hosting a Bullseye Clinic on February 27th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the range. They have 19 sign-ups for 20 slots; however, more people can attend but will not be able to shoot. We have a sufficient interest, a second date will be proposed for those interested.

Maintenance –Todd Ogren was not present:

Tom stated that the pre-sectional clean-up did not take place; however, the Union Grove shooters did help clean the range prior to the sectional.

Status of Maintenance projects:

- OPEN PROJECTS
 - Power wash walls in range area
 - Paint range walls and floor
 - Replace furnace filters -- Todd will also coordinate with Southport heating for air handler maintenance.
 - Reseal range and clubhouse floors
 - Replace missing or damaged ceiling tiles

- Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle
- Due to the snow and cold weather, the parking lot will be graded and finished when the weather clears. Aaron will coordinate.
- Dora asked if we could lower the temperature in the range. She thought it was too warm and could save on some of the heating bills. Tom stated that we could contact Southport Heating to adjust the temperature.

Rental – Tony DelFrate was not at the meeting:

Tom stated that Tony is still screening potential tenants. He has listed the house on Craig's List. The rent is \$800 per month.

Old Business:

Scott Lauder reported that we have one new NRA sign-up and four renewals. He forwarded the checks to Bill Means for deposit.

Nick stated that there are no new club jacket orders.

Bill is still in talks with our insurance company about insurance for the range and the rental property. The insurance company is balking at covering a building that is over 50 years old. Bill is seeking alternative bids. We are covered through March of this year.

New Business:

Nick stated that he has kept the coffee pot available at the range but noted that it does not have an automatic shutoff and recommended that we purchase a new one if members wanted one available. After some discussion it was stated that a coffee pot was not desired and that Nick should remove it.

Nick requested an email be sent to the membership asking for donations of unwanted DVD's and VHS tapes to be made available at the range. Scott said he would send out the email.

Nick also inquired about the structure of the fall Oktoberfest match. He wants to change it from an 1800 to a 900 or even a 22 caliber only to get more people to participate. After some discussion it was decided to keep the 1800 22/centerfire format. Nick stated that he wants to increase the Oktoberfest fee from \$35.00 to a \$40/\$45 format (\$40 for early registration and pay/\$45 pay at the door). The fee increase was generally agreed upon for this fall's match.

Beau Bosovich also wanted to have input on the dates for Oktoberfest since the Hunter Education program occurs in the October time frame. After some discussion of dates, it was decided that Beau, Nick and Jon would work out the Oktoberfest and Hunter Education dates and report back at a future meeting.

Jon Speck wants to explore an air rifle and air pistol competition. To that end, he requested the use of a canvas or muslin cloth backdrop to catch the BBs. He was given the OK to explore the use of these backdrops and propose the air rifle/pistol competitions.

Jon also suggested that Bill Means explore the possibility of a "Postal Pistol" league similar to the Postal Rifle competition. Bill said we have done this in the past and will look into it for next season.

Announcements:

No Announcements.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club