

## **SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.**

Monthly Meeting

May 12, 2015

### Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Bill Means, Steve Close, Nick Kasemeotes, Erik Lundquist, Jim Conte, twelve regular members, and two membership candidates.

### Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Secretary's report –Scott Lauder:

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

### Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$15,929 of which \$10,000 is liquid assets. We have \$3,445 in debt for the siding project. The property liability insurance was paid for approximately \$2000.

### Membership report – Steve Close:

Steve reported that we have eighty-seven regular members and nine senior members for a total of ninety-six members. \$1,320 has been collected in membership dues. Seventeen reminders were mailed. Various work credits have been applied.

Chris Gordon was unable to attend the meeting due to work conflicts. Chris was invited to the June meeting for his second reading.

Clark Curtis was at the meeting for his first reading. Clark is sponsored by John Speck, Steve Thurmond and Don Michalek. He lives in Gurnee and is a business systems analyst. He is interested in small bore rifle as well as Bullseye shooting. He is willing to help around the range as necessary. Clark was invited back to the June meeting for his second reading.

Ron Hohs was at the meeting for his first reading. Ron is sponsored by Ron Schaeffer. He lives in Kenosha and is an electrical engineer. He is interested in improving his shooting ability. He is also willing to help around the range as necessary. Ron was invited back to the June meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom Becker reported that a newsletter is planned to go out this week to remind members of the upcoming Election Meeting in June.

Steve Thrumond reported that there is no new news from the rifle team. They are continuing to practice on Thursday evening and Sunday morning.

Bill Means reported that the Winter Two-gun league has finished. The banquet is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Birchwood Grill at 6:30 pm. He has requested that everyone complete the sign-up sheet here in the range. All members and their families are invited as well as the league members.

Bill also reported that the Fall .22 caliber league flyer will be published in mid-summer. Bill envisions it being a 60 round league similar to last year due to the shortage of .22 ammo.

Tom informed the group that the Beloit Rifle Club will be hosting the Outdoor Bullseye 2700 on June 13 and 14. Tom also informed the group that the Wisconsin Outdoor Open Pistol match will be held on August 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Match programs will be sent in July.

Nick reported that the price of club jackets has increased to \$70.00 for small to XL and \$75.00 for 2XL and 3XL. Scott will post the change on the website

Nick also reported that Oktoberfest will be held October 16, 17 and 18. The first two days will be an 1800 Bullseye match and the Sunday will be a repeat of last year's squirrel match. Scott will set those dates on the website calendar.

Bill Means reported that our Civilian Marksmanship Program application has been accepted. He has placed the certificate on the Meeting Room wall. Scott will make note of this accomplishment on the website.

Scott Lauder reported that we have been officially recognized as an NRA Gold Medal Club, only one of 79 clubs nationwide to receive this honor for 2015. Scott congratulated Tom Becker for his work on the application. Scott will make note of this honor on the website.

Tom reported that Paul Baumann will be working with Steve Close and Dora Potekin to update the membership software. During the process membership reminders may be late in being mailed.

Tom recognized Ron Giovanelli for his well over 30 year membership in the club.

#### Maintenance – Erik Lundquist:

Erik reported that he is obtaining bids to professionally coat the range floors with an epoxy sealant. He is also obtaining bids to tuck-point the range walls. He will report back at the June meeting with his estimates. It was also suggested that the meeting room area be epoxy coated. Erik will obtain bids for that area as well.

Erik reported that the projects listed will be handled during the upcoming off season.

- Open maintenance projects:
  - Paint Front Door – enamel to match siding. Joe Medina has volunteered to complete this task.
  - Replace missing or significantly damaged ceiling tiles in range. Erik indicated that he has this on his schedule.
  - Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle. Todd volunteered to complete this task.
  - Repair window casing on front of building and repaint. (Tony Delfrate)
  - Repair “**SOUTHPORT MASTERS**” sign. Tom Becker reported that he has obtained a bid to make a new sign for \$337.60. The amount was approved by voice vote of the membership present. Tom will work with Graphics, Inc. to get the project completed.
- Paint walls and floor (red portion) in range. Erik to coordinate.
- Replace floor lighting cover panels – Erik reported that the panels are not in bad enough shape to warrant replacing them at this time. He will continue to monitor the safety of the panels and will replace them prior to them becoming a hazard.
- Fill pot holes in front of rental property – Jim Conte filled them recently and will continue to monitor them, repairing as necessary.
- Scott Torola will take responsibility for the monthly (May - August) summer cleaning of the range.
- Bill Bock will install a new TV antenna and hook it up to the television in the club house.

#### Rental – Tony DelFrata:

The tenant reported that there are no issues on the property.

#### Old Business:

There was nothing new to report on the BSA Rifle Merit Badge program.

Scott Lauder reported that we have had one new sign-up for NRA membership. He turned the check over to Bill for deposit. Scott also reminded everyone that they can renew their membership on our website and receive a \$10 discount on the NRA dues.

Erik reports that the honor system for the snacks in the refrigerator is working well.

Ken Normandy reports that the honor system for targets is working well.

Bill reported that no progress has been made on applying for US IRS Not-for-Profit status.

#### New Business:

Ken Normandy reported that doors between the range and the meeting room were both open when he arrived. He suggested that we put automatic closers on the doors. Ron Schaeffer volunteered to get closers and install them.

Ken also reported that the front door was unlocked; the pin that holds the locking mechanism open was not dropped. Tom will make a note of it in the upcoming newsletter.

Scott Lauder suggested that we consider getting a PO Box for the club. The current mailbox located at the access road and Rt 50 is too public and some mail has been missing. Erik Lundquist moved and Ken Normandy seconded that: "Tom and Scott acquire a PO Box or equivalent, such as Mail Boxes Etc or similar service, for the club and have all club related mail forwarded to it." After minimal discussion the motion passed via voice vote.

#### Announcements:

Nick reported that a new military supply store has opened in the strip mall on Rt 50.

#### Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder  
Secretary  
Southport Gun Club