

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
December 12, 2013

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, John Munoz, Hershel Johnson, 13 regular members and 5 guests.

Opening – Tom Becker:

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

Secretary's report – Scott Lauder (excused):

Tom briefed the membership from his previous meeting notes for October. No additions were offered by those present.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

We have a total balance of approximately \$14,045 and a debt of \$4,575. Bill intends to pay down the debt by \$1,000 this month. Guest income was \$180 and pistol class fees totaled \$105. The first third of the property taxes have been paid.

Membership report – Steve Close (excused):

Dora reported we that have 81 regular members and 8 Senior Members for a total of 89 members. Thirteen membership invoices notices were sent out and \$940 in dues was collected.

Shaun Goshinsky was not present for his second reading due to work commitments. He was invited to the January meeting for his second reading.

Joseph Miller was not at the meeting and his sponsor, Connie Shanahan, reports that he will likely not join the club.

An application was submitted by Jennifer Milkus (and husband Dale) for membership. She is sponsored by Erik Lundquist. Jennifer and Dale have been shooting the Fall pistol league. She is a financial analysis and he is a warehouse supervisor. Both are willing to contribute time and talent to the club. They were invited to the January meeting for their second reading.

Steve Thurmond submitted an application and is sponsored by Dave Christensen. Steve is interested in small bore rifle and has a background in metallurgy. He is willing to contribute time and talent to the club. He was invited to the January meeting for his second reading.

Roger Olson submitted an application and is sponsored by Nick Kasemeotes. Roger is retire and purports to be talented in numerous disciplines. He says he is a "handyman" and is willing to contribute time and talent to the club. He was invited to the January meeting for his second reading.

Dave Buggs and his wife were in attendance in the interest of membership. Dave is a retired, yet still consulting, IT professional. Although their sponsor, Bob McDowel, was not present, they were invited to fill out an application and return for a 2nd reading next month with Bob.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Chris Johnson queried the club on his last Bullseye Clinic. It was reported the event was well received. Nick Kasemeotes suggested running the clinic twice a year and Chris agreed. A schedule will be prepared with the next clinic to be offered in the Spring.

Dave Christiansen reported for the rifle league. Southport will be sponsoring the State Small Bore Championships on March 21-23, 2014. The rifle team will be doing the Mid-Shot Postal League this winter.

Bill Means reported that the Fall pistol league (32 shooters) is near completed. A few shooters have some make-up and are encouraged to finish this week. The banquet has been scheduled for January 19th at the Birchwood Grill (I-94 and Hwy 50).

Nick Kasemeotes reported only 29 shooters have signed up for the Indoor Pistol Sectional that is scheduled for January 24-26, 2014. He also asked for range officer assistance and a couple of members present agreed to help out. Tom Becker will update and forward the Time, Talent and Tools e-mail list to Nick to help him secure the member help he needs.

Bill Means recognized Chip Caputo for his continuing commitment to plowing the snow. The last snow fall was well cleared from the driveway.

Maintenance –John Munoz was excused from the meeting

John Munoz will be updating the list of minor projects on "Members Only" web page. 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.
- Todd indicated that the glass block windows need repair. He reports no answer yet.
- Nick indicated that we have a number of Box Elder bugs entering the range through fire doors near the traps. He as sprayed but they continue. Tom indicated that this is a yearly occurrence and that we must keep on top of it.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance - Erik Lundquist reports no done yet.
- John Munoz reported adding caulking to the door frame at the rear of the range to discourage the box elder bugs.
- John will oversee a quarterly maintenance party for the week of January 19th. New member candidate Dave Buggs has volunteered to do the 4-hour cleaning (if he is voted into the club) and Joe Medina has agreed to do the spot painting that Tom Becker will identify.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel reports that the tenant is happy. No problems to report.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquires about the BSA program.

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

Erik has not dealt with securing a refrigerator as of yet. He intends to get it installed before the Indoor Pistol Sectional.

Illinois CCW

Connie Shanahan has requested to use the range for the life-fire portion of an Illinois CCW class. Tom Becker outlined the major policy violations for the required live-fire exercises; no human silhouette targets, no shooting from in front of the yellow line, all shots must be purposefully directed at a properly hung target, any more than five shooters and additional range safety officers are necessary. In addition, as with Wisconsin CCW classes, no member may reserve the range exclusively, that is, members must be allowed access during these classes. A \$10.00 fee must be collected for all live-fire shooters.

Connie presented the idea of using the specified targets backwards with an indoor Bullseye target attached to the center of the back side facing. He has to retain the silhouette targets for 5 years according to the Illinois law. He felt that he could keep the silhouette side of the targets from view at all times. Tom advised that targets could be mounted to a stand to accommodate the 5, 7 and 10 yard distances in front of the yellow line. The stand must be adjustable for height so that a short shooter does not fire over the top of the trap.

Erik Lundquist moved to table the discussion on silhouette targets until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Todd Ogren. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chris Johnson suggested that a committee be formed to study the issue of Illinois CCW training at the club. Erik Lundquist, Dave Christensen and Nick Kasemeotes volunteered to be on this committee. Erik agreed to serve as committee chair.

New Business:

No New Business was reported.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Becker
for Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club