

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
February 11, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Erik Lundquist, Hershel Johnson, 12 regular members and 2 membership candidates.

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 from the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Tom Becker for Bill Means:

We have a total balance of approximately \$11,853 and a debt of \$2,575. Bill intends to pay down the debt by \$1,000 this month. All bills are up-to-date.

Membership report –Dora Potekin:

Dora reported we that have 83 regular members and 8 Senior Members for a total of 91 members. Twenty-two membership invoices notices were sent out and \$2,020 in dues have been collected. Ten people have been credited with work credits.

Shaun Goshinsky was not present for his second reading due to work commitments. He has been dropped as a candidate but can reapply in the future.

Thomas Charlton was at the meeting for his second reading. Thomas is a past member, club V.P and Secretary, and is sponsored by Tom Becker. Thomas is a quality control manager. He is interested in getting back into Bullseye shooting. He is willing to help out around the range as needed. Thomas was approved for membership via voice vote.

Mark Diaz was not at the meeting due work commitments. Mark has been invited to attend the March meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Erik Lundquist has volunteered to be the Maintenance Chairperson replacing John Munoz who had to step down due to increased work duties. Tom asked the board members if they approved Erik's nomination to Maintenance Chairperson. All board members present voted for Erik's appointment. Erik is now the new Maintenance Chairperson.

Dave Christiansen reported for the rifle league. Southport will be sponsoring the State Small Bore Championships on March 21-23, 2014. There will be seven relays over the three day period. The fee is \$35.00. Please contact Dave if you are interested in participating. More information is posted on the Competitions page of our website.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that we had 54 shooters at the Indoor Pistol Sectional that was held on January 24-26, 2014. We collected \$1890 in fees and had \$924 in expenses and NRA payments yielding a net for the club of \$966.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that we will be hosting the Wisconsin State Indoor Championship on April 11, 12 and 13. It is an 1800 with 60 rounds of .22 caliber, 60 rounds of centerfire, and 60 rounds of .45 caliber. Registration fees are \$35. We have 11 people signed up.

Scott Lauder stated that he has set up a "Sell or Swap" page in the website. It is only accessible from Member's Only section of the website by clicking the link on the menu bar from the Members Only page. If you have any items for sale or to swap, please forward the information to Scott at secretary@southportgunclub.org and he will post it on the website. Currently, Ron Settles has offered four items for sale.

A special edition to the Winter Newsletter was emailed to the membership on February 3, 2014. It is also available on the Member's Only page of the website.

Tom Becker reported that he attended a meeting for the expansion of HWY 50. The new road and retainer wall will be added for access to our club and the houses along the access road. Work is scheduled to begin in 2017. We will have full access during the construction work.

Maintenance –Tom Becker reporting

- 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. Todd stated that it was too cold to work on the windows and will schedule the work once the weather warms.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance - Erik Lundquist reports that is not done yet. The procedure includes power washing that must now wait until the weather warms up.
- Dave Buggs has completed the 4-hour cleaning prior to the Sectional.
- Todd repaired tenant's mailbox; however, it should be replaced once the weather warms. Todd has agreed to complete the task as soon as possible.
- The lane numbers on the range are fading. They will need to be repainted prior to the Rifle Competition.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel reports that the tenant is moving out at the end of the month. Tom requested that Erik develop a team to clean the house and garage to get it ready for a new tenant. Tom also requested Hershel to begin the search for a new tenant.

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 as soon as possible.

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.

Illinois CCW

Tom Becker asked to review the Illinois CCW decisions from the January Meeting. A procedural error moved two of the issues to vote sooner than they should have. This process was questioned by several members, leading to Tom's decision to revisit the issues. The issues are:

- Use of Silhouette Targets on the Southport range.
 - The January motion by Dave Christenson and seconded by Erik Lundquist: "The use of B-27 and any smaller similar NRA approved targets shall be acceptable targets for use on the Southport Range."
- Placement of Silhouette Targets on the range.
 - The January motion by Erik Lunquist moved and seconded by Clint McMaster: "All targets, but especially silhouette targets, used on the range must be attached to the plywood at the fifty-foot (50 foot) backstop. The targets must be situated such that they are in-line with the current ballistic steel."

After identifying these two policy decisions, Tom provided the explanation that to "call the question" is to call a vote to cease discussion on the motion and if that passes by two thirds of present voting members that the membership must vote on the motion. This rule of order was not followed; leading to Tom's decision to reopen the issues. Tom further explained the history of the human silhouette target ban policy as well as the need for the club to offer relevant firearms training. As a not-for-profit organization, we cannot offer programs for profit, which led to the implementation of the insurance policy that was passed in the January 2014 meeting. Tom emphasized that while Wisconsin CCW training was not as restrictive as Illinois CCW training, we should try to find a way to offer Illinois CCW training such that said policy stays within our general policies yet will allow the use of the B-27 target for the Illinois CCW training only. Although Tom wanted to address this issue via consensus, he was reminded by several members that we must follow Roberts Rules. To that end:

- Repeal of use of Silhouette Targets.
 - Dave Christenson moved and Tom Brodsko seconded that: "We repeal the last month's motion; 'The use of B-27 and any smaller similar NRA approved targets shall be acceptable targets for use on the Southport Range.'"
 - After some discussion, the membership voted to affirm the motion with 10 yes and 4 no votes.

- Repeal Placement of Silhouette Targets.
 - Erik Lundquist moved and Tom Brodsko seconded that: "We repeal the last month's motion; 'All targets, but especially silhouette targets, used on the range must be attached to the plywood at the fifty-foot (50 foot) backstop. The targets must be situated such that they are in-line with the current ballistic steel.'"
 - After some discussion, the membership voted to affirm the motion with 10 yes and 1 no votes.

After brief discussion about the membership use of silhouette targets and the desire to offer Illinois CCW training, Tom relinquished control of the meeting to the Vice President, Ken Normandy, so that he could present his ideas about the use of B-27 targets and Illinois CCW training. Tom presented his ideas which led to the following discussions and motions.

- Illinois CCW Training
 - Todd Ogren moved and Nick Kasemeotes seconded: "That the use of B-27 and similar targets to be permitted on the range only for Illinois CCW classes."
 - After some discussion about allowing the regular membership also use B-27 and similar targets, Todd amended and Nick seconded the motion to allow the full membership to use silhouette targets. The revised motion: "That the use of B-27 and similar targets be permitted on the range for Illinois CCW classes and membership use."
 - After discussion, Ken asked for a vote. Scott read the motion with clarification that the use of B-27 targets with Illinois CCW classes would also allow the use of movable targets. Todd rescinded his motion because he did not want it to include movable target holders.
- Use of Silhouette targets by Southport members.
 - Joe Media moved and Nick Kasemeotes seconded: "All members can use B-27 and similar silhouette on the range."
 - After some discussion, Erik Lundquist presented a sample B-27 target attached to a movable target holder. Several members remarked at the size of the target, apparently not realizing how big it was. Once the discussion was finished, Ken placed the motion to the membership for a vote. The motion failed with 6 yes and 9 no votes.
- Use of the range for Illinois CCW Training.
 - Tom Becker moved and Dave Christenson seconded: "An exception to the existing policy, that forbids the use of human silhouette targets, would be made in support of Illinois CCW training only."
 - There was considerable discussion about potentially allowing non-members the use of silhouette targets that would be prohibited by regular members. In support of the motion, several members thought it would be good public relations, generate income from range fees and serve the Illinois members by helping them obtain their CCW permits.
 - Once the discussion subsided, Ken placed the motion to the membership for a vote. The motion failed with 6 yes and 8 no votes.

The membership indicated that the topic has been exhausted for this meeting; therefore, Ken had future discussed tabled for a future meeting. At this time the meeting leadership was returned to Tom Becker.

New Business:

Bill Means sent information about energy usage on the range during the winter. Energy usage is higher this year than last year. Bill suggested that the heating system be set at a lower temperature to help lower costs. Dave Lieght, who designed the system, explained that the temperature was set to accommodate the rate of make-up air and the likelihood of freezing the pneumatic target system at the far end of the range during very cold weather. After examination of the increase and the brief discussion about the cold weather, it was decided that the costs are in line with our budget estimates and no change is required at this time.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club