

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Hershel Johnson, Beau Bosovich, 13 regular members and 6 membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

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

Secretary's report – Scott Laude:

Scott read the minutes from the December meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

We have a total balance of approximately \$12,853 and a debt of \$3,575. Bill intends to pay down the debt by \$1,000 this month. The Pleasant Prairie personal property forms have been completed and submitted. We also paid \$1,091.80 for the club liability insurance for 2014. The last check from the rifle team has not cleared. Tom Becker and Bill Means recall having it, but it has never shown as cancelled. Bill will continue the search.

Membership report –Dora Potekin:

Dora reported we that have 81 regular members and 8 Senior Members for a total of 89 members. Nineteen membership invoices notices were sent out and \$360 in dues was collected.

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

Jennifer and Dale Milkus were present for their second reading. They are 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 approved for membership via voice vote.

Steve Thurmond was present for his second reading. Steve 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 approved for membership via voice vote.

Roger Olson was at the meeting for his second reading. Roger is sponsored by Nick Kasemeotes. Roger is retired and states that he is talented in numerous disciplines. He says he is a "handyman" and is willing to contribute time and talent to the club. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Dave Buggs was at the meeting for his second reading. Dave is a retired, yet still consulting as an IT professional. Although his sponsor, Bob McDowell, was not present, Beau read an email from Bob endorsing Dave for membership. Tom asked those

present if it was permissible to allow the vote since the sponsor was not present; no one objected to Bob not being present. Dave was approved for membership via voice vote.

Thomas Charlton was at the meeting for his first 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 invited to the February meeting for his second reading.

Mark Diaz was at the meeting for his first reading. Mark is retired Navy, a Federal small arms instructor, an Illinois State CCW instructor and a certified NRA instructor. Mark is sponsored by Dora Potekin. Mark is willing to help around the range as needed. Mark was invited back to the February meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom reported that John Munoz will be stepping down as Maintenance Chairperson due to increased work duties. Tom asked those present if anyone was interested in the position. No one volunteered so Tom will be sending an inquiry to the membership to locate a new Maintenance Chairperson.

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 banquet has been scheduled for January 19th at the Birchwood Grill (I-94 and Hwy 50). All members are welcome to attend, just let your intentions be known to Bill.

Bill Means reported that the Winter league starts on January 20th and he is conducting sign up at the meeting and will have someone available the week of January 20th for sign up and target distribution.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that 46 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 has submitted an updated Time, Talent and Tools e-mail list to Nick to help him secure the member help he needs.

Nick Kasemeotes reported that we will be hosting the Wisconsin State Indoor Championship on April 11, 12 and 13. More information will be forthcoming after the Sectional is completed.

Scott Lauder stated that he will be maintaining a "Member Market Place" on the Member's Only section of the website. 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.

The Winter Newsletter was emailed to the membership on January 1, 2014. It is also available on the Member's Only page of the website.

Hershel Johnson reported that the snow plows have again knocked down the tenant's mailbox. The mailbox was temporarily fixed by Todd Ogren who has also agreed to build a more robust mailbox mounting when the weather warms up.

Citing the Wisconsin Preemption Law, Wisconsin Carry, Inc. (a not-for-profit organization) has filed suit against Madison Metro transit for banning guns on municipal busses. We will keep the membership informed about the progress of this case.

The rifle team reported that the mop bucket on the range is found without clean water during the holiday season. Tom stated that he would follow up with the weekly maintenance crew.

Tom reported that we received coupons for free haircuts. They are in a pile on the clubhouse table.

Maintenance –John Munoz was excused from the meeting, Tom Becker provided an update

- 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 was not at meeting to report on progress.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance - Erik Lundquist reports no done yet. The procedure includes power washing that must now wait until the weather warms up.
- New member Dave Buggs has volunteered to do the 4-hour cleaning and Joe Medina has agreed to do the spot painting that Tom Becker has identified.
- Dora reported that she thought that the range ventilation was too hot. Other members indicated that it was just right. We will continue to monitor the system over the season.
- Todd repaired tenant's mailbox.

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.

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

The committee appointed to examine the Illinois CCW training courses issue reported that it felt that the class should be allowed to use B-27 targets and collect the range fee from non-member participants. This led to lively discussion of for-profit activities at the club and the imposition upon club members. These issues are:

- Liability and insurance to indemnify the club.
 - Bill Means moved and Connie Shanahan seconded: "All for-profit and formal curriculums, i.e. NRA Basic Pistol instruction will require that the trainer show proof of having at least \$1,000,000 in liability insurance and that Southport Gun Club, Inc. be listed as a co-insured."
 - This policy is not intended for members wishing to provide casual firearms instruction for family or friends.
 - After minimal discussion the motion passed by voice vote.
- Use of Silhouette Targets on the Southport range.
 - Dave Christenson moved and Erik Lundquist seconded: "The use of B-27 and any smaller similar NRA approved targets shall be acceptable targets for use on the Southport Range."
 - After discussion about the history of not allowing silhouette targets and the public perception of gun owners, Erik called the question to a vote. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 6 with 8 members abstaining.
- Placement of Silhouette Targets on the range.
 - After considerable discussion of the damage that could be done to the range, the likelihood that bullets can escape the trap and leave the building, and the potential for backsplash from bullets not hitting the ballistic steel by misplaced shots on any target but especially B-27 targets, Erik Lundquist moved and Clint McMaster seconded: "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 considerable discussion that the passage of the motion would effectively eliminate the possibility of using the range for Illinois CCW classes, Erik called the question to a vote. The motion passed via voice vote.

Arising from the discussion about the safety issues from having targets closer than 50-feet due to the potential for hazardous backsplash and the possibility of bullets penetration the range walls or ceiling, Nick Kasemeotes suggested that a committee be formed to look into the feasibility of range improvements, especially the angle of the trap, the reinforcement of the steel, and reinforcement of the back and side range walls to allow for alternative target placement. After brief discussion, the committee was formed. Members include: Dave Christenson (Chair), Erik Lundquist, Chris Johnson, and Dave Buggs. Clint McMaster suggested looking into the club's archives for an August 1994 report on trap improvement as a starting point. The committee is also charged with identifying potential funding sources. The committee will report back monthly until the final report is presented.

New Business:

Erik Lunquist stated that the Wisconsin-Force Annual Convention will be held on February 8, 9, and 10 the Mountain Bay Banquet and Conference Center, Westin, Wisconsin. Go to www.Wi-Force.org for more information.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club