

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

June 11, 2013

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Clint McMaster, Bill Means, Scott Lauder, Steve Close, Dora Potekin, George Albrecht, John Munoz, Hershel Johnson, Beau Bosovich, 11 regular members and one candidate for membership.

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 of the May 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means

We have a balance of approximately \$15,126 (i.e., \$11,404 in cash and \$3722 in savings). We have \$6,975 in debt. Two thirds of the property taxes have been paid to cover the range and rental property and we have approximately \$1300 left to pay later this year.

Membership report – Steve Close

Steve reported that we have 81 regular members and 7 Senior Members for a total of 88 members. Nineteen membership reminder notices were sent out and \$610 in dues were collected.

Bob McDowell was at the meeting for his second reading. Bob is sponsored by Beau Bosovich. Bob lives in Kenosha and is employed by the Boy Scouts of America. He is a past shooter and is a certified NRA instructor as well as a Wisconsin Hunter Ed instructor. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Bob was approved by voice vote.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Tom reported that the one-page newsletter has been sent to the membership reminding them of the upcoming June election of officers.

Clint McMaster reported that the rifle team is practicing on Thursday evening throughout the summer. They have lost a few members and are looking for anyone interested in joining the team.

Bill Means reported that we had 35 shooters and guests attend the Winter League Banquet. He also reported that the flyer for the fall .22 caliber league is posted on the website.

Tom reported that there has been no progress on the access road with the state, county or township. Tom reported that he found documentation that the state purchased the land for the road in 1964 and hopes to use this information as leverage for them to fix the road. He will keep us informed of his progress. Tom also reported that Nick Kasemeotes has not contacted Lea Volkmeur but will do so in the near future.

Beau Bosovich reported that we had been contacted by Debbie Rueber of the Kenosha County Health Department wanting our support and participation in a suicide prevention initiative. After determine that the club membership would be asked to complete regular suicide prevention questionnaires, Beau and Tom respectfully declined our participation.

Tom reported that the existence of a checking account, which has been used by the last three Match Directors, was challenged by one of the club officers. Tom explained that the Match Director is trusted to handle his financial responsibilities as he sees fit. The club Treasurer has always been aware of the account is also listed on the signature card. Net profits from the matches will be transferred into our general fund.

Todd Ogren will be conducting an NRA Basic Pistol Course at the range on June 29, 2013 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Members will have access to the range except during the shooting portion of the training session in the afternoon. The course is posted on the website calendar.

Tom reported on an email from Clint McMaster about potential issues on the range and in the clubhouse. These are:

- 1) The lawn has not been mowed. Tom stated that Lucas had difficulty getting the mower started and has taken it in for repair or replacement. Until it is resolved Lucas has volunteered to use his personal mower to cut the grass.
- 2) The lawn mower was left inside the clubhouse causing an unsafe condition and poor air quality. Clint indicated that he left it there after trying to repair it. Everyone was reminded that it is a fire hazard to place the mower or gasoline in the clubhouse. Tom stated that the key to the mower shed was located on the shelf near the rear door.
- 3) Someone had tripped the circuit breaker to the ventilation system. Tom reiterated that during the safety seminar all club members were shown how to override the ventilation system by turning off the breaker. It is OK for a member to do so during his/her visit to the range; however, should the member forget to turn it back on, the next person using the range should restore the breaker to the "on" position.
- 4) Shooting positions 7, 8 and 9 showed excessive damage. Tom informed everyone that this damage is normal wear and tear for the plywood backstop. The backstop gets replaced every couple of years and is scheduled for replacement this summer. It is normal for shooters to occasionally miss the target hole and the damage usually occurs in the lower left quadrant of the lane's backstop. While it is important to learn and practice good shooting, damage to the backstop is to be expected.
- 5) Oversized targets were found on the range. Bill Means reminded everyone that club policy states that all targets are to fit within the target holder to insure that the steel deflection plate catches the bullets.

Maintenance –John Munoz

John Munoz has provided a 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. We will attempt to obtain funding from the Friends of the NRA and the NRA Range Grant programs.
- Paint walls in furnace room – Joe Medina reported that this is complete.
- Roof flashing repair – Todd Ogren will place this on top of his project list.
- Bob Fellows is working with Tom to design and replace the plywood backsplash. Bob indicated that he will start and complete the project in July. Tom indicated that he will post the dates on the website because the range will be closed during the repairs.
- Todd indicated that he would get the material and patch the access road. He will bill the club for the cost of the material. He hopes to finish this project in late June.
- Due to scheduling conflicts the plumbing repairs will not be completed until July. Dan First will report progress at the July meeting.

Rental – Hershel Johnson:

Hershel reported that the tenant has painted the wood sashes for the newly installed windows. The tenant has requested permission to seal the wood deck attached to the house and be reimbursed for materials. The reimbursement has been granted and Hershel will contact the tenant with the decision.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquires about the BSA program. Bob McDowell stated that he would check with the BSA District office to get the word out to the BSA troops about our program.

Nick Kasemeotes was not at the meeting to report on the number of club jackets ordered.

Steve Feuerbach reported that the blood stick lead tests would be cost prohibitive for the occasional use of this method. He indicated that he is willing to perform these tests in his office at cost to any member interested.

Steve Feuerbach has volunteered to perform the July monthly cleaning of the clubhouse and range. Bob Fellows has volunteered to perform the August cleaning.

Dora reported that the Arlington Heights club members will be using the range every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Tom will post the dates on the website calendar.

New Business:

Election of Officers: all of the 2012/2013 officers indicated that they would like to retain their positions. Tom asked the members present three times for each officer position for a volunteer or nomination to challenge the four officer positions. Ken Normandy stated the he would like to run for the Vice President's position. Ken was nominated by Paul Baumann. No one challenged any of the other officers (President, Treasurer or Secretary). A ballot was presented to the members present to vote for their choice for Vice President. Ken Normandy was elected as the Vice President for 2013/2014. Paul Baumann moved and Jerry Buhnerkempe seconded a motion to elect Tom Becker, President; Bill Means, Treasurer; and Scott Lauder, Secretary. The motion passed via voice vote.

George Albrecht provided the dates for Oktoberfest as October 11-13, 2013. He also stated that he has registered Thursday October 10, as a possible date should we fill the weekend time slots.

George Albrecht stated that we are going to bid on the Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championship for 2014. Bidding begins on July 1, 2013.

George Albrecht is working on dates for the NRA Sectional in January and will inform the membership when they have been finalized.

Beau Bosovich stated that the fall Hunter Education Program will be held on September 14-15; 21-22 and 28, 2013. The dates will be posted on the website calendar when they are confirmed with the DNR.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club