

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Dora Potekin, Tony DelFrate, Jon Speck, Lucas Stahl and 11 regular members and 3 membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

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

Secretary's report – Ken Normandy for Scott Lauder:

Ken read the minutes submitted by Scott Lauder for the June meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Tom Becker for Bill Means:

We have a total balance of approximately \$20,000 and no debt. Monies were submitted by Tony DelFrate for the rental property and from Steve Close for June dues received.

Membership report –Dora Potekin:

Dora reported we that have 83 regular members and 8 Senior Members for a total of 91 members. Seventeen membership invoices notices are to go out \$1,231 in dues have been collected. No work credits were reported.

Robert Peloza, sponsored by Dora Potekin was present for his second reading. Robert is a competitive shooter with the Arlington Heights club and is handy with computers. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Ben Pahl, sponsored by Arlie Tucker and Ken Normandy was present for his second reading. Ben is a financial advisor. He is interested in Bullseye shooting. Ben was approved for membership via voice vote.

Stuart Schwerdtfieger, sponsored by Brian Pelzer submitted his application for membership. Stuart is a Kenosha Deputy Sherriff. He was invited to return to the August meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Jon Speck reported for the rifle league. The rifle team continues to practice on Thursdays. A number of the group's members have been competing in local events.

Nick Kasemeotes reported in an e-mail that Oktoberfest is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct 17th and 18th. A flyer has been prepared. He is in need of range assistance.

In his absence, Scott Lauder submitted an update on the website issues identified at the June Meeting. A copy of Scott's update is attached to these minutes.

Scott Lauder submitted a report on the Executive Committee meeting that was held last month (a copy of the meeting minutes are attached). The purpose of the meeting was to establish a plan of action for major building maintenance. Todd Ogren, also at the meeting, suggested steel vertical siding for the outside of the building instead of complete tuck-pointing and painting. He also pointed out that the pilasters are not in need of replacement.

The issue of NRA grants was also discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and past experience with the grant application suggests that the club needs to be a Gold Medal Club in order to qualify. Scott Lauder has agreed to establish and implement the NRA recruiter program for the club which should be the only requirement outstanding in obtaining the Gold Medal Club status. Tom Becker will apply for the Gold Medal Club status in December.

Maintenance –Tom Becker reporting

- Todd Ogren explained the prospect of siding the building in lieu of complete tuck pointing. A level of good back and forth discussion was realized during the meeting. Given the generally positive response from those members present, we will secure two firm quotations for siding the building. The project will be voted on at the August meeting.
- Todd indicated that the glass block windows are in the process of being repaired.
- Annual ventilation system maintenance - Erik Lundquist reports that is not done yet. He will be working with Dave Leight to insure proper procedures are followed.

Rental – Tony DelFrate:

Tony reports that the new tenant is moved in and has provided one month's security deposit with the first month's rent. The tenant has been screened and a standard rental agreement has been drafted and executed. The tenant will be responsible for paying the Pleasant Prairie trash collection fee; however, his rent to the club was reduced by \$10.00 to allow club trash to be included in the pickup containers.

Tom Becker recognized Dusty Nichols and Jim Conte for mowing the lawn around the club and rental property in Lucas Stahl's absence. Each will be granted dues credits.

Old Business:

We have not had any inquiries about the BSA program.

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

New Business:

See discussion of steel siding on the exterior of the club house in the Maintenance Section of the Minutes.

Announcements:

Todd Ogren announced a re-Grand Opening of "The Gun Club." His business has relocated to the 1st floor level of the old "Eagle Trading" building.

Ed Delgatillo is selling a single shot H&R target rifle. He is asking \$600.00. Tom suggested that he contact Scott (secretary@southportgunclub.org) to have the gun listed in our Buy and Sell section of the Members Only page on the club's website.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club

Scott Lauder's Website Issues Update

1. To address the email issues discussed last month, we have purchased two new domain names: SouthportMasters.org and SouthportMasters.com. Typing either of these into the web browser address bar or search engine will take you to our website. Our website address has not changed it is still southportgunclub.org
2. I have also purchased email accounts for the SouthportMasters.org domain. I have set up the following email addresses and have informed the committee directors of the new addresses. These are:
 - a. Secretary@southportmasters.org
 - b. Membership@southportmasters.org
 - c. Huntereducation@southportmasters.org
 - d. Leaguedirector@southportmasters.org
 - e. Matchdirector@southportmasters.org
 - f. Webmaster@southportmasters.org
3. The old email addresses at southportgunclub.org still exist and are set to forward all new mail to the new corresponding address. This will ensure that no emails are "lost" as we migrate to the new domain.
4. I have changed the email addresses on the Website to reflect the new domain name.
5. I have sent an email to all of the membership to inform them of the change and the reason for the change. I have also requested that they identify the southportmaster.org domain as not SPAM with both their email provider (e.g., Comcast.net, gmail.com, etc.) and on their personal email program (e.g., Outlook, Apple Mail, etc.). I have also requested that they send a reply to me so I can verify that the email was delivered.
 - a. Some members told me that I had a typo in my email address within the body of the email (i.e., second to last paragraph). I sent a follow-up email with the correct address only to those members who did not respond to my first email. I also apologized to the members for my mistake.
 - b. I will send a snail mail follow up to those who don't respond, when I return from vacation in mid-July. This way we can ensure that the emails we send are delivered.
6. I contacted the NRA and have made them aware of our domain and email contact changes. They have entered the changes into their system.
7. I also contacted the NRA-ILA to update their records. They too have updated made the changes in their system
8. I have informed the Wisconsin-FORCE of our new domain and email addresses. I have received confirmation that they have updated their records.
9. I will continue to monitor the southportgunclub.org email addresses until the end of the year to ensure we don't miss any correspondence during the transition. I will turn off these email addresses January 1, 2015 unless the club thinks we should continue to monitor them.
10. I discovered that our old domain southportgunclub.com was renewed for one year in April by Jeff Plater. I am assuming that this is an automatic renewal. We can either let this go or we can have an attorney contact ENOM (the hosting site, similar to GoDaddy) in order to obtain the domain and shut off the email accounts associated with the old domain. I have been monitoring the old email address but will stop when I'm sure the NRA and NRA-ILA have successfully removed that domain from their records.

11. I have reviewed the entire website and have made corrections to some minor errors (mostly typos). I also added a new profile to our Member Profile page, Irina Andrianova and a review of her competition in Germany this past month.
12. On the Firearms Training page, within the Community Service section, I have added a brief description of Chris Johnson's Bullseye clinics.

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
June 24, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Todd Ogren, Erik Lundquist (invited but did not attend).

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at his kitchen table.

Finances – Tom and Bill

Tom and Bill settled financial issues that had arisen in Bill's absence. Tom updated everyone on the status of the rental property, presenting the deposit of \$400 to Bill for inclusion in the rental property account. The new tenant, Mr. Jason Wurtzinger, will move in effective July 1, 2014. Rent is set at \$800 per month payable the first of each month.

There was discussion about garbage collection at the rental property. Southport Masters currently pays the full amount of the garbage collection for the rental property. It was decided that we'd split the garbage pickup fee with the tenant, something we are currently paying 100% (i.e., \$20 per month). Tom will contact Tony DelFrate to setup the arrangement.

Building Structural Repairs – Tom

The exterior of the building requires repair. There is a separation between the pilasters and the cinder block walls, leading to speculation that the pilasters require repair or replacement. Todd stated that he has inspected the pilasters and believes that they are in good repair and don't need to be replaced. He stated that building has settled causing some of the cinder blocks near the top of the pilasters to separate, leaving a gap through which water and air are able to seep into the building. This gap should be repaired as soon as possible and Todd said he would get it done. Tom stated that we should seal the outside of the building with paint and tuck-pointing (where necessary). As an alternative to painting and tuck-pointing, Todd recommended wrapping the building in steel siding. Steel siding has several advantages; 1) once installed there is minimal maintenance required, 2) we can add a layer of foam insulation between the steel and the building, which could keep heating costs down, and 3) the siding would be more resistant to the weather and to road conditions from Rt 50 than would painting the cinder blocks. The committee agrees with Todd's recommendation and has requested that Todd obtain at least two bids for the work and have them ready for the August Meeting on 8/12. Originally, the committee wanted the bids by the July meeting; however, with the July meeting only two weeks away, we agreed on the August meeting date for the bids.

There was some discussion about the rental property and necessary repairs. Tom stated that most of the repairs have been completed. He asked Todd to look into replacing the rest of the windows when it becomes necessary to do so. He also stated that the mechanicals (furnace, hot water heater, sump pump, etc.) should be examined

because of their age. Todd should make a determination about when these should be replaced and report back to the committee.

NRA Range Grant – Tom

Tom stated that the deadline for range grant applications is August 1, 2014; however, priority is given to NRA Gold Medal Clubs. We are not a Gold Medal Club; consequently, we are out of the running for this year's grant. Scott stated that when he was changing the club's web and email address with the NRA, he asked about Gold Medal status. Of the five criteria for Gold Medal status, we lack only being in the NRA Membership Recruiting Program. Scott has obtained applications for both the recruiting program and the NRA Gold Medal Club awards program. He volunteered to complete both applications and shepherd them through the NRA system. He will also spearhead the NRA Recruiting Program for Southport Masters. He will work with the NRA during the month of July and report his progress at the August meeting.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club