

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2015

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Bill Means, Steve Close, Erik Lundquist, Jon Speck, Beau Bosovich, eleven regular members, and three membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report –Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes for the March meeting. Erik moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed without dissent.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$10,558 of which \$9,000 is liquid assets. We have \$3,445 in debt for the siding project. One third of the property taxes have been paid. We received \$735.00 donation from the Union Grove Youth Pistol Club and Ron Schaeffer's BSA program donated \$36.10.

Membership report – Steve Close:

Steve reported that we have eighty-six regular members and nine senior members for a total of ninety-five members. \$3,220 has been collected in membership dues. Various work credits have been applied.

Joshua Panyk was unable to attend the meeting for his second reading. This was Joshua's second missed meeting. It was decided to drop him from potential membership; if he desires to join he can apply in the future.

Mike Haubrock was at the meeting for his second reading. Mike is sponsored by Joe Medina. He lives in Kenosha and works for Sams Club. He is not a competitive shooter but is interested in learning. He is also a veteran of the US Air Force. Mike was approved for membership via voice vote.

Eric Hill was at the meeting for his second reading. Eric is sponsored by Joe Medina. He lives in Racine. He volunteers at Halo Outreach and works with Todd at the Gun Shop. Eric is interested in improving his shooting skills. He was approved for membership via voice vote.

Chris Gordon was at the meeting for his first reading. Chris is sponsored by Erik Lundquist. Chris lives in Kenosha and is a military recruiter for the Wisconsin National Guard. He is also a weapons trainer for the guard. He is willing to help around the range as necessary. Chris was invited to the May meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Jon Speck reported for the rifle league. Team is wrapping up the league and winter competition season. They are preparing for the summer outdoor shooting competitions.

Jon is planning an SMP Sporter Rifle event for October. He has been working with Nick Kasemeotes to tie the event to Oktoberfest similar to last year. Nick has chosen October 16 and 17 as the dates for Oktoberfest and Jon will hold the Sporter Rifle event on Sunday, October 18th. More information will be forth coming.

Bill Means reported that the Winter Two-gun league is concluding this week. The banquet is scheduled for May 17th at the Birchwood Grill at 6:30 pm. He has requested that everyone complete the sign-up sheet here in the range.

Tom informed the group that the Beloit Rifle Club will be hosting the Outdoor Bullseye 2700 on June 13 and 14. Tom also informed the group that the Wisconsin Outdoor Open Pistol match will be held on August 29 and 30th. Match programs will be sent in July.

Dora via email has requested range dates for the Arlington Heights pistol club. After some discussion, alternate Fridays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm were chosen as the most appropriate dates and times. Scott will post these dates on the Website Calendar. John Vitale will inform Dora and the rest of the AHRPC of the Friday schedule.

The Rifle Team has requested range use on every Thursday evening throughout the summer for practice. They have also requested Sunday mornings from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for practice. Scott will post these date on the Website Calendar.

Erik Lundquist stated that his Bullseye shooters want Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for practice. Scott will post these dates on the Website Calendar.

Maintenance – Erik Lundquist:

Erik reported that the projects listed will be handled during the upcoming off season.

- Open maintenance projects:
 - Paint Front Door – enamel to match siding. Joe Medina has volunteered to complete this task.
 - Replace missing or significantly damaged ceiling tiles in range. Erik indicated that he has this on his schedule.
 - Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle. Todd volunteered to complete this task.
 - Repair window casing on front of building and repaint. (Tony Delfrate)
 - Repair “**SOUTHPORT MASTERS**” sign (Tom Becker)
- Paint walls and floor (red portion) in range. Erik to coordinate.
- Replace floor lighting cover panels – Erik (Jon Speck to assist)
- Fill pot holes in front of rental property – Jim Conte filled them recently.
- Scott Torola will be take responsibility for the monthly (May - August) summer cleaning of the range.

- Tom discussed the use of movable close range target holders. He provided a description of how the steel backstop is constructed and emphasized the proper placement of these target holders so that the bullets hit the ballistic steel.

Rental – Tony DeFrate:

Neither Tony nor the tenant was not at the meeting to give a report. Todd Ogren indicated that he has not had an opportunity to get a quotation on glass blocks for the basement windows. He will work on it over the next month.

Old Business:

There was nothing new to report on the BSA Rifle Merit Badge program.

Scott Lauder reported that we have had two new sign-ups for NRA membership. He turned the check over to Bill for deposit. Scott also reminded everyone that they can renew their membership on our website and receive a \$10 discount on the NRA dues.

Erik reports that the honor system for the snacks in the refrigerator is working well.

Ken Normandy reports that the honor system for targets is working well.

Bill reported that the application for CMP membership is in process. He is waiting to hear back from them. He indicated that the check for the application has cleared the bank.

Ron Shafer hosted the Boy Scouts on April 11, 2015 to be held for a BSA Merit Badge program. Dusty Nichols reported that the event was not a BSA merit badge workshop but a basic rifle training program for Boy Scouts interested in learning about proper rifle safety. Dusty stated that the event went very well. He also requested that the magazines for the .22 rifles be made available for club users.

Tom indicated that he will contact Bill Bock to purchase and install an antenna on the roof of the range and attach it the TV donated by Dale and Jen Milkus.

Jon Speck reported on his progress with the youth rifle team. He stated that he is using the money provided by the club to purchase necessary equipment. He stated that the four rifles already purchased have been donated to the club by the members who purchased them. He stated that Racine County Line has four rifles that he will explore purchasing bringing the total to eight rifles.

New Business:

Bill Means has requested that we form a committee to obtain Not-For-Profit status with the US IRS. We currently have that status as a Wisconsin corporation; however, we never filed for IRS status. Scott Lauder and Erik Lundquist volunteered to work with Bill on this project.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club