

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

June 14, 2016

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Ken Normandy, Scott Lauder, Steve Close, Dora Potekin, Nick Kasemeotes, Jim Conte, Tony DelFrate, Beau Bosovich, Jon Speck, thirteen regular members, and two candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom introduced the officers to the guests.

Secretary's report – Scott Lauder:

Scott read the minutes for the May meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Tom Becker for Bill Means:

Tom reported that we have a balance of approximately \$12,577 of which \$5,000 is liquid assets. Expense to be paid include: the final payment for the parking lot resurfacing and tuck-pointing for the rental property basement wall.

Membership report – Steve Close and Dora Potekin:

Steve reported that we have ninety-three regular members and seven senior members for a total of 100 members. We received \$2,000 in dues. Four members received dues credits and twenty-four dues reminders were sent.

Kurt Christiansen was at the meeting for his first reading. Kurt lives in Kenosha and is sponsored by Beau Bosovich. He is a sheet metal worker by trade and works at Christiansen Heating. Kurt is interested in pistol and small rifle shooting. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Kurt was invited to the July meeting for his second reading.

Dave Gandee was at the meeting for his first reading. Dave lives in Pleasant Prairie and is sponsored by Beau Bosovich. He is retired Navy and an instructor at the Great Lakes. Dave is interested in getting back into shooting after a hiatus to rear children. He is willing to help around the range as needed. Dave was invited to the July meeting for his second reading.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Jon Speck reported that the Rifle Team has completed all matches. Southport won the Mid-State league 89-1. Dave Christenson won the Grand Aggregate for the match. The rifle team will continue to practice on Thursday evenings and Sunday morning throughout the summer.

The rifle team presented the Junior's program participants awards on May 26 at 7:00 pm. Pizza was served. The Junior's program will resume in October.

Tom Becker stated that the Spring newsletter was published in May. Copies were emailed to the members and a copy is available on the Members page of the website.

Tom Becker reported that Southport Gun Club has again been recognized by the NRA as a Gold Member Club. We are one of 85 clubs nationwide to receive this honor. Bill Means received the recognition plate in the mail and it will be added to the wall plaque.

Scott Lauder reported that the Costco club member offering (an opportunity to shop for free one day in May or June) fell through the "cracks": Partly because the Costco contact person is no longer in the position and partly because Scott didn't follow up in a timely manner. Scott reached out to the new contact at Costco and they are happy to extend the offer for later in June. After a brief discussion, the membership chose the week of June 26th to July 2nd to participate. Scott will contact Costco and get the flyers sent to the membership as soon as possible.

Tom reported that the tenant has possession of the club lawn mower. She will use it to mow the rental property lawn. Jim Conte, maintenance chair, uses his own equipment so there is not a conflict.

Scott reported that he received an email from club member Connie Shanahan who is employed by Just Target Guns in Libertyville, Illinois. In the email he stated that they had just received a large number of guns from an estate that was trying to sell them. The email stated that there were a number of vintage pistols, rifles and shotguns. Connie wanted to let interested club members know that they are available. Scott will send in email later this week informing the membership of this opportunity.

Maintenance –Todd Ogren was not present:

Tom assured everyone that with the ending of league shooting, Todd will get to the outstanding maintenance projects. Jon Speck stated that the rifle team was unable to clean and power wash the range in May but will try to finish it in June or early July.

Status of Maintenance projects:

- OPEN PROJECTS
 - Power wash walls in range area
 - Paint range walls and floor
 - Replace furnace filters – Todd will also coordinate with Southport heating for air handler maintenance.
 - Reseal range and clubhouse floors
 - Replace missing or damaged ceiling tiles
 - Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle
 - Replace rotting wood on front windows of club house and paint.
 - Clean out and straighten up the back room of the club house.

- Ken Normandy is in the process of upgrading the compressor for the target turning system. He expects to have the upgrades completed by the end of July.
- Arron Stempeck reported that the parking lot has been resurfaced and the low spots have been fixed. Arron has forwarded the final invoice to Bill Means for payment.

Rental – Tony DelFrate:

Tony stated that the brick repair has been completed and that the old windows have been taken to the dump. The tenant is currently using the old satellite antenna mount as part of a clothesline so it won't be removed in the near future. The tenant is interested in sealing the porches for dues credits – Tony will supervise.

Bill Means is still working on obtaining a formal agreement for sharing the well with the property owner directly to the south of the rental property.

Tony also said that we have an old dog run that could be sold. He has placed it on Craig's List but to date there haven't been any offers.

Old Business:

Scott Lauder reported that we have one new and two renewal NRA sign-ups for the month of May. The commission checks will be forwarded to Bill Means for deposit.

Scott reported that the NRA is offering a two-thirds discount on Life memberships through NRA Recruiters, such as Southport Masters. The website link has been updated to reflect that the new Life Membership fee is \$500 instead of \$1500. This offer is valid through July 31, 2016. Scott encouraged anyone wanting to upgrade to do it soon. Scott also stated that if you recently renewed your NRA membership and would like to upgrade, there is a process to get your dues payment credited to the Life Membership fee. Contact Scott for the process.

Scott also stated that he contacted David Helmer, NRA Recruiter Coordinator, about the program discussed last month for renewing all memberships at one time. We informed David that we would not be joining the program at this time.

Steve Close asked Scott if there was an easy way to validate our member's NRA payment status. Scott said he would contact David to find out if the NRA had a web-link similar to the one used by our Match Director to validate match participants NRA ranking. Scott will report back at the July meeting. After a brief discussion, it was suggested to Steve that we try to physically validate all member's NRA status with each renewal. Steve said he will work on a system if one doesn't exist on the NRA website.

Dave Christensen was not available to report on his inquiry about IRS 501-3c status or the NRA Junior's Affiliation.

Gary Weber reported that the cost for a Ransom Rest would be \$350 plus \$50 for each pistol configuration. After brief discussion it was decided that given our 50 foot range a Ransom Rest is not necessary; however, Gary was instructed to explore the cost of two pistol perches to replace the "V-perches" we have in the range closet. Gary will report back at the July meeting.

New Business:

The annual election of club officers; Tom Becker stated that he is not seeking reelection for President and asked for nominations or volunteers. Gary Weber nominated Scott Lauder for the post. Scott stated that he would be interested but family obligations would keep him from at least three meetings in the coming year. The membership present stated that should not be an impediment to his assuming the post. Scott was elected president via voice vote. Ken Normandy was asked if he wanted to stay on as Vice President: he stated he did and was affirmed via voice vote. Tom stated that although Bill Means was not present he wanted to continue in the position of Treasurer. Bill was affirmed via voice vote. With Scott assuming the President's position, there is a vacancy for Secretary. Beau Bosovich nominated Jon Speck. Jon stated that he was interested in the position; however, he like Scott, may miss a few meetings due to work related travel. Beau volunteered to cover for Jon in these circumstances. Jon was affirmed Secretary via voice vote.

The 2016-2017 Southport Gun Club officers are:

- Scott Lauder, President
- Ken Normandy, Vice President
- Bill Means, Treasurer
- Jon Speck, Secretary

Announcements:

Paul Baumann announced that Tom Becker's ten years of service as President to the Southport Gun Club have been marked by growth and positive change for the club. Under Tom's leadership, the club has grown in membership, achieved national NRA recognition and has made a positive impact on the shooting community. We are grateful for his years of devotion and leadership.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club