

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2015

Attendance:

Tom Becker, Scott Lauder, Bill Means, Steve Close, Erik Lundquist, Tony DeFrate, Beau Bosovich, Jon Speck, ten regular members, and one membership candidates.

Opening – Tom Becker:

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

Secretary's report –Scott Lauder:

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

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

Bill reported that we have a balance of approximately \$12,875 of which \$8,300 is liquid assets. We have paid off the \$3,000 in debt for the siding project. We have paid the last one third of the property taxes for the range and rental property.

Membership report – Steve Close:

Steve reported that we have ninety regular members and nine senior members for a total of ninety-nine members. \$1,920 has been collected in membership dues. No work credits have been applied this month.

Paul has completed the update to the membership software. He has agreed to add an e-mail listing in the membership report template.

Ron Hohs was at the meeting for his second reading. Ron is sponsored by Ron Schaeffer. He lives in Kenosha and is an electrical engineer. He is interested in improving his shooting ability. He is also willing to help around the range as necessary. Ron was approved via voice vote.

Communications – Tom Becker:

Jon Speck reported that there is no new news from the rifle team. They are continuing to practice on Thursday evening and Sunday morning. In addition several members have entered small bore competitions around Wisconsin and neighboring states.

Jon reported that Aaron Stempeck donated a H&K Model 12 rifle to the club's Junior's program. Tom Becker reported that two model 52 precision smallbore rifles were donated to the club from the Racine Country Line club. The rifle team will coordinate these as loaners for new shooters.

Bill Means reported that we are in summer break and news about the fall league will be forthcoming later this summer.

Tom reminded the group that the Beloit Rifle Club will be hosting the Wisconsin Outdoor Open Pistol match will be held on August 29 and 30th. Match programs will be sent in July.

Bill Means reported that the PO Box has been established. We will be contacting our organizations with the address change. All packages must include the street address as well as the P.O. Box. Scott will update the website and inform the NRA and Wisconsin Force agencies. Scott suggested that Bill submit a "change of address" form with the post office so that all mail will be forwarded to the PO Box and not sent to our physical address. Bill said he would submit the form. A spare P.O. Box key will be left in the computer cabinet.

Maintenance – Erik Lundquist:

Erik reported that he is planning a "power wash" cleaning of the range and clubhouse walls again this year. He has requested that all non-essential material be identified or removed from the clubhouse prior to August 3rd so he can begin the cleaning. The floors will be cleaned and sealed with conventional concrete sealer during this cleanup session too. There was a brief discussion about painting the floors; however, it was rejected due to the potential for peeling.

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 completed this assignment. Dues credit will apply
 - Replace missing or significantly damaged ceiling tiles in range. Erik indicated that he has this on his schedule to be completed with the August cleanup.
 - Cover back vertical area of suspended bullet baffle. Todd Ogren volunteered to complete this task.
 - Repair window casing on front of building and repaint. (Tony Delfrate)
 - Repair "**SOUTHPORT MASTERS**" sign. Tom Becker reported that he will pick up the sign next week and that we will have to install it.
- Paint walls and floor (red portion) in range. Erik to coordinate along with the August cleanup.
- Fill pot holes in front of rental property – Aaron Stempeck reported that he has been talking with local contractors about resurfacing the parking lot and repairing the road. He has a "ball park" estimate from one contractor to grade and pave the parking lot with asphalt at approximately \$15,000. After considerable discussion including a reminder that the Route 50 redesign is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016, it was decided that patching and filling the road and parking lot is the best course of action until we can fully understand the impact of the Route 50 redesign. Paul Baumann suggested contacting Cable and Son's, in Kenosha, for excavating and gravel/stone quotation. Erik said that he would contact a club member with a grader to resurface the lot.
- Bill Bock has installed two new TV antennas but they have not been hooked up to the television in the club house.
- Erik has recently had the ventilation system exhaust fans repaired. The service call also included the regular semi-annual filter cleaning and lubrication of the outside furnace. He has also requested a quotation for a regular service program for the system from Southport Heating.

Rental – Tony DelFrate:

Tony reported that the tenant has had job difficulties but is making partial payments on his rent during the month.

Tony also updated the members about the progress of a number of issues identified at the last meeting:

- Crumbling of the chimney is repaired.
- The light switch issue in the bedroom is fixed.
- Glass blocks have been installed in the basement windows
- The gutter/downspout has been repaired.
- The bushes and the brush in the back yard have been removed.
- The satellite antenna has not been removed but he will get to it this month.

Tony indicated that the north east corner of the foundation requires fixing. He received approval to get it repaired.

Old Business:

Scott Lauder reported that we have had no new sign-ups for NRA membership. Scott also reminded everyone that they can renew their membership on our website and receive a \$10 discount on the NRA dues.

Bill Means reported that he has not made any progress on the Not-For-Profit status. He has requested a meeting with the executive committee to complete forms.

Jon Speck reported that Oktoberfest matches are scheduled and NRA sanctioned. He will apply for CMP sanctioning of the Sportier Rifle Match.

New Business:

Tom Becker indicated that as a Gold Medal Club, Southport Masters is in a favorable position to receive a \$5000 range grant from the NRA. Tom is requesting ideas for the money. Several ideas were put forth including; parking lot repair, backstop repair, ballistic steel reinforcement. Tom will take these into consideration. There was also a discussion about our Not-For-Profit status and whether or not we had to be listed with the IRS as a 501c organization. Bill Means stated he did not think it was necessary to receive an NRA grant but he would look into the issue.

Paul Baumann stated that the Kenosha Friends of the NRA Banquet will be held at the Brat Stop on Friday October 2, 2015. He stated that they were raffling off several firearms and that there would be drawings for multiple prizes throughout the evening. At Tom's request, Paul will be the contact person for the Southport Table(s). The fee for a table seat is \$150 and includes the meal and "lots" of bucket tickets. All interested members should contact Paul at pobaumann@gmail.com for a seat at the table. The deadline is the September Meeting (9/8/15). Paul also requested that Scott place the brochure on the Members Only page of the Southport Masters website and send a copy to the membership via email. Scott indicated that he would do so.

Paul suggested that Scott examine www.wildapricot.com because they work with not-for-profit organizations and gun clubs/ranges to setup websites, provide membership services, event registration and other services. Scott indicated that he would evaluate them and report back at the next meeting.

Closing:

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Lauder
Secretary
Southport Gun Club