

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

January 9, 2018

Attendance:

- Scott Lauder, Ken Normandy, Bill Means, Jon Speck, Steve Close, Dora Potekin, Tom Becker, Jim Conti and Beau Bosovich.
- 19 regular members
- One (1) first reading
- One (1) second reading

Opening – Scott Lauder:

- Scott called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- One new prospect member
- Scott introduced the club officers to the guests.

Secretary's report – Jon Speck:

- Jon read abbreviated minutes from October and approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Bill Means:

- Johnson Bank = \$6595.00
- PNC checking = \$10043.00
- PNC Savings = \$397.00
- New member = \$5352.00
- Tournament account \$1858.00
- Total Cash Assets = \$24,247.00

Membership report – Steve Close:

- It was reported that we have 91 regular members and 8 senior members for a total of 99 members.
- One (1) new member first reading
 - **Billy Lobacz** – Sponsored by Beau Bosovich, Billy is a service Manager at Uke's Harley Davison and willing to help around the club.
- One second reading
 - **Virginia Price** – Lives in Highland Park and is self-employed working in custom metal packaging. She shoots with Lead Slingers in IL and is an NRA member. Sponsor is Don Michalek and she is willing to donate time to the club, she was voted in by voice vote.

Rifle Team – Jon Speck:

- SWWRA – 3 wins, 1 loss
- The team shot the Black Earth match
 - a. Our 2 juniors did very well
- Smallbore state championship is scheduled for March 16 & 17th at the Pine River Sports Association
- Open sectionals are coming the first two weekends in March.

Pistol League –Bill Means:

- Banquet to be held Sunday evening, January 14th at the Birchwood. Members are welcome to join, cost is \$18.00
- Winter League starting January 15th
- Air Pistol league is also going well.

Maintenance –Jim Conte:

- Water heater needed repair
 - Clint volunteered to help and handled the repairs on his own
- LED bulbs were converted to a frosted tube
- Lead removal was completed
- Jim to put new filters in the furnaces
- Glass block project for the front window, no bids have been requested. The project will be postponed till warmer weather.

Rental – Tony DelFrate (not present):

- Scott reported that the rental house is still vacant.
- Tony is trying to interview potential tenants and visits the house
- Tony visits the house from time to time to make sure everything is running right; the market is weak this time of year.
- If anyone knows of a potential tenant, please forward the name to Tony. The rent is \$900 per month plus utilities

Match Director – Dora Potekin:

- NRA sectional is all set to go for the 26th, 27th and 28th of January.
- It's a 900 aggregate – 9 targets
- There are 5 openings on relays now
- Dora will handle the Wisconsin Indoor after she has completed the sectionals.

Hunter Education – Beau Bosovich:

- Nothing new to report
- Will provide dates for Hunters Ed in the fall after discussing with the Rifle Captain

Communications – Tom Becker:

- If anybody has dues credits, let Tom know
- Winter newsletter went out, everybody should have received it. Let Tom know if you didn't.
- There were questions last month about how we are handling our lead removal
 - The process is 100% acceptable

- Tom talked to the NRA range technical officer (Jeff Nass) in Madison and the Bullet Trap Cleaning email is appended to the minutes. We're OK with the process we have.
- There are no filters required on the exhaust fans in the back
- The collection barrel outback is not necessary
 - OK to dump dirty water out back of the building, preferably along the tree line.
- A copy of the policy memo is attached to the minutes
- Revised membership manual went out, a new section was added for the security cameras and the new release form
 - Manual is on the web site under the members area.
- Applying for the Gold Medal Club
 - Need the Wisconsin Force membership certificate, Bill to determine status.
 - Deadline is February 15th
- NRA membership validation
 - If you're a NRA Life Member, you only need to validate once, Steve keeps the records

Old Business:

- There were no membership renewals or signups
 - Remember, you do get a discount on membership fees if you use the Eagle on the Southport web site.
 - We get a small gratuity
- The 501c3 discussion is tabled till a later date.
- Security Camera work party being scheduled to pull cables.
 - There will be a key for the security camera cabinet

New Business:

- No new business

Closing:

- Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Jon Speck
Southport Gun Club

To: Southport Gun Club, Inc.

December 21, 2017

Re: Bullet Trap Cleaning – Jeff Nass Consultation, Dec. 18, 2017

Attn: Scott Lauder, President

Hello Scott,

At our last club meeting, a member expressed concern over the methods used to clean the lead out of the bullet trap. In the past, the lead was simply shoveled into 5 gallon buckets and delivered to a recycling center in Kenosha. He suggested that we should be using lead abatement professionals to clean out the trap. He also suggested that filters are required on the exhaust system to capture the airborne lead. Additionally, I questioned the need for a collection barrel for floor-mopped water disposal. Allowing club members to harvest the lead for repurposing, such as bullet molding, was also a concern of mine.

To get answers to these questions I contacted Jeff Nass, an NRA Range Technical Advisor and Wisconsin FORCE past president, who had helped previously on similar issues. Our discussion included the following:

1. Question; can we remove the lead ourselves? Answer; yes.
 - a. Anyone handling the lead should wear a respirator.
 - b. Disposable or washable coveralls and booties are recommended.
 - c. Keep the ventilation system on when handling the lead.
 - d. Wash clothes separately after work.
 - e. Don't allow youngsters to help.
2. Question; can the lead be recycled or simply disposed of? Answer; either.
 - a. Lead is considered a recyclable material, not a hazardous material.
 - b. It is understood that disposal should be made at an appropriate site.
3. Question; are filters required on the air exhaust system? Answer; no.
 - a. The use of filters was a concept promoted by filter manufacturers.
 - b. Jeff Nass has convinced the DNR that such filtering would be futile in that the greater majority of ranges are outdoors and do not have a means to apply filters.
4. Question; is the collection barrel better than emptying waste water onto the lawn? Answer; no.
 - a. A very high percentage of floor-mopping is simply unspent powder and powder ash.
 - b. The minute amount of lead in the waste water is little more than normal background levels in Wisconsin soils.
 - c. He encouraged using it on the lawn as it contains nitrates that would benefit the grass.
5. Question; is it permissible for members to harvest lead for repurposing? Answer; yes.
 - a. It is recommended that the member sign a document identifying the amount (i.e. weight) of the lead and to accept 100% responsibility for its proper handling.
 - b. The document should include information on cleaning and handling attire, as above.

In closing, Jeff recognized our past efforts at minimizing lead exposure at our range. In that we have improved the ventilation system, implemented programs to keep the place clean and have monitored blood lead levels along the way, prompted his observation; "sounds like you're doing everything fine!"

Respectfully,

Tom Becker