



## Shongum Sportsmen's Association

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**20 April 2022  
 7:30 PM**

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**President Rich Gajda** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked to pause and remember / pray all our US Military personnel, Police and First Responders who are in harms way.

**Rich Gajda** reminded all in attendance about the meeting rules for the membership.

The minutes for the March meeting were deemed to be correct by the attending membership.

### Officers & Committee Reports:

**President** – No Report. **Vice President** – No Report.

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Fortunato** read the Treasurer's Report (for two months) aloud:

Bank Balance (as of February 16, 2022): \$89,184.26  
 Receipts: \$34,537.15  
 Disbursements: \$27,331.38  
 Excess Receipts Over Disbursements: \$7,205.77  
 Bank Balance (as of April 20, 2022) : \$96,390.03

Money Market Fund:  
 Available for use: \$5,376.77  
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$85,705.00  
 Balance (as of March 31, 2022) : \$91,081.77

**George Rutkowski** Fund Balance (as of March 31, 2022) : \$7,086.56

**Secretary** – No Report. **Shotgun** – No Report. **Events** – No Report. **Rifle** – No Report.

**Pistol – Jim O.** — reported that Pistol League is currently shooting 'Police L'. After this, the League will go to 'Bullseye'. Remember to use an open chamber indicator in every firearm you are using on the firing line. Let's be safe when shooting, no handling of firearms when people are downrange.

**Woman's League** – The evening typically starts at about 6:00 PM or so, with a Pot Luck Dinner and range safety instruction is held about 7:30 – 8:00 PM for any new women shooters. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, the phone number is listed in the minutes, and the E Mail address is womensleague@shongum.org.

**Black Powder – Steve S.** — reported that there is a shoot on the Second Sunday of the month, starting at 11:00 AM.

**Membership – Vince M.** reported:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

William Brenner Jr., Forrest Brown, Anthony Caruso, Michael Deehan, Oliver Garcia, Christopher Heil, Paul Tremper, Valerie Turker, RaeAnn Wallace

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Laurence Borst, Dudley Bradworth, Paul Fiedler, Maria Hadley, Alan Hattem, Peter Kipe, Robert Krupinski, Thomas Kruszewski, Mark Murata, Keith Rhinesmith, Manuel Ruiz

### Probationary to Regular Membership:

Leviston Brisolla, Steven Murray, Ian Otsubu, Maria Quick, Bernie Soliman, Travis Somerville

## Anniversaries

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** — Michael Blair, Kevin Brohm, Diana Gallagher, Kathleen Gallagher, Scott McDonnell

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** — Lawrence Cece, Aaron Kalisher, Robert Parr Jr., Richard Sherne, George Siska, John Uhrynowich, Arthur Weintraub

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** — James Theodorou

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** — Kenneth Butt Jr., Gilbert Caputi

**43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary** — Norman Regber

**Range Safety** — **Gregory L.** reported —

## Incidents, Accidents & Injuries 2022

1 incident closed, unsafe handling, downrange, failure to use ventilation. 1 Incident pending investigation.

## Safety Related Events and Coverage —

March Range Orientation was run by Nick Mohr and Ronnie Siegel

April Range Orientation will be run by Greg Lynch, Larry Rautenberg and Andy Egan

Next Steel Orientation will be held June 25, run by Chris Doyle, Larry Rautenberg and Mark Napolitano

April Women's League will be attended by Greg Lynch and Larry Rautenberg, more RSO would be helpful.

**Building & Grounds** – No Report. **Hunting** – No Report. **Juniors** – No Report.

**NRA Training** – **Rich G.** reported — We have had an overwhelming number of members sign up for NRA Training. All classes are full this year, but we are looking into adding one more session, so stay tuned.

**Cowboy Action** – **John Seals** reported that Cowboy Action shoots on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The event runs from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are an active group, the Wiley Coyotes and SASS club. We welcome new members and will assist in lending equipment so you all can engage in each event.

## Good & Welfare –

**John Thomas** mentioned the Constitution Class he is running at our Clubhouse on Wednesday nights. See the schedule on the SSA Website for all the Information

**Guest Speaker** — **Eric Peterson** is running for election to the U.S. House to represent New Jersey's 7th Congressional District. He is on the ballot in the Republican primary on June 7, 2022.

**Address Synopsis**—During the 12 years that I have served in the legislature I have been an unwavering advocate and outspoken voice for Republican values of small limited government, low taxes, and defending the limitations on government set forth in both our Federal and State Constitutions. I have always had an "A" rating with New Jersey Right to Life and the NRA. I was advocating for medical freedom long before COVID-19 and all of Governor Murphy's mandates made most New Jerseyans realize the value of the individual right to say "no" to government forcing you to be injected with any substance without your voluntary consent. My voting record and the way I have lived my life demonstrates, that to me, being a Republican is more than just a name, but is a way of life.

**Will Jones** noted that there is an Airsoft Range “BEST” in the Rockaway Mall, which just opened. Check it out.

**Steve Serna** mentioned the event formerly known as the **Gunmakers Fair at Dixons** will now be known as the **Gunmakers Fair at Kempton**. The NMLRA, HCH, Jacobsburg Historical Society, and the Pennsylvania Federation of Black Powder Shooters are joining together with a joint financial investment to see the tradition that Chuck Dixon started 37 years ago continues forward. The first event will be held at the Kempton Community Center, Kempton, PA on July 29, 30, & 31, 2022. This location is only 5 miles past Dixon's.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM

## Calendar of Regular Events

Club Meeting - Third Wednesday of each month, begins at 7:30 PM.

CMP Rifle Match - Fourth Sunday of each month, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, First shot @ 10:00 AM.

Cowboy Action Shoot (CAS) - Third Sunday of each month, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (except Nov & Dec, 2nd Sunday)

Executive Committee Meeting - First Monday of each month, begins at 7:00 PM.

USPSA - First Saturday of each month, January through December, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Junior League - Friday evenings (indoor range), refer to Web Site calendar, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Pistol League - Every Tuesday evening, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Trap Program - Every Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
(Unless noted on the Web Site)  
Every Tuesday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Women's League - Final Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Black Powder - Second Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM to 12:00