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Membership:

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Juniors:

Bill Murphy

Black Powder:

Steve Serna 973-601-3779

Phone Numbers

Message Center: 908-637-4991

Vice President John Gumann started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **John** asked for a Moment of Silence for US Military Personnel and Police Officers in harm's way and remember / pray for all our deceased Shongum Sportsmen Association members.

John Gumann reminded all in attendance about the Robert's Rules for how Shongum Sportsman Association conducts meetings for the membership.

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

Notice to Shongum Members - A bridge on Valley Road in Mansfield Township will be closed starting on or about Friday, June 16th 2023. Valley Road will be closed between homes #276 and #444 for about 4 months while the bridge over the Pohatcong Creek is replaced. Thru traffic from Jackson Valley Road will be diverted to Karrville Road to Rockport Road to Mt. Bethel Road. Thru traffic from the Jane Chapel side of Valley Road will be diverted to Parke Road to Mt. Bethel Road to Karrville Road.

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – No Report.

Vice President — John Gumann reported — **Rich Gajda** could not make the meeting tonight because of medical condition which landed him in the hospital. Rich is recovering and will be fine.

The **CCW qualification** requirements have been updated by the State. The course of fire matches the requirements NJ State Police Officer is required to pass. This update is effective immediately for all new applicants. This update requires all current CCW holders to re-qualify to meet these requirements. There are two requalification courses added to the training schedule to allow members to meet these new requirements.

Here is a **legal take** on this update:

<https://www.evannappen.com/new-jerseys-john-wick-carry-training-mandate/>

The **Mt. Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept.** has disbanded and returned our annual \$200.00 donation. They will be missed by us and the rest of the local community.

Secretary – No Report. **Shotgun** – No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Fortunato read the Treasurer's Report aloud:

Bank Balance (as of July 19, 2023): \$47,676.37

Receipts: \$6,794.63

Disbursements: \$11,537.23

Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$4,742.60

Bank Balance (as of August 16, 2023) : \$42,933.77

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$40,313.87

Restricted for Contingencies: \$105,705.00

Balance (as of July 31, 2023) : \$146,018.87

George Rutkowski/Jack Bowden Fund Balance (as of July 31, 2023) : \$7,087.67

Rifle – Bill Murphy reported – We follow the CMP Cup Match rules. These High Power matches you'll need 50 rounds for the event plus any sighting rounds you use prior to the event. We suggest you bring a shooting mat for the prone segment. The concrete can really scrape you up. The cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. The next event is August 27th, and starts at 10:00 AM, and finishing about Noon time. Please come a little early to help setup before the match can run.

Pistol – Jim Owings reported – that we meet Tuesday nights, the League is currently shooting Police 'L'. The training is in preparation for the Harrisburg Shoot coming up in September. **Jim** displayed the Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) that every pistol should have when placed at rest on the shooting bench. These are available in the Clubhouse vending machine or directly from Jim for a dollar each.

Events – No Report. Operations – No Report. NRA Training – No Report. Hunting – No Report.

Cowboy Action – John Seals reported—We shoot on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The event runs from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are an active group, look on the SSA website and Google search with the phases "Wiley Coyotes" and "SASS". There is a lot of information about us!

CRSO – Gregory Lynch reported – on the updates to the SOP changes to accommodate the training for the additional CCW requirements.

USPSA – Ron Gumann reported – that the August 5th event was a well attended event. The next event is September 2nd, please check the website for further details.

The introduction to USPSA class was held on July 29th. **Ron** would like to acknowledge the Class Instructors - **Dan Marchiarullo, Dan Feltyberger, & Scott Singerline** for making the event a success. Ron also mentioned the Helpers - **Roger Read, Brandon Noblett, and Angelo Panetta** whose assistance was invaluable in making the event run smoothly. There were 18 participants, of which 8 are SSA members.

Women Taking Aim – Elizabeth Mackee reported – that the league will have meeting on the evening of August 30th, the last Wednesday of the month. The cost is only \$10. The phone number is listed in the minutes sidebar, and the E Mail address is womensleague@shongum.org.

Black Powder—No Report

Membership – Vince Martino reported — the membership task has not handled well since my retirement. The previous volunteer, Travis, was not able to handle the all requirements for this position. There will be a couple of months to get back to normal, please be patient.

SSA is in the process of transitioning from paper based membership to paperless / web based processing.

New Business: None.

Good & Welfare

Picnic August 26th here at the Shongum Clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:21 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 PM. In the colder months, start time moves forward to 11:00 AM.