



## Shongum Sportsmen's Association

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#### Black Powder:

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**President Rich Gajda** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked to pause and remember / pray for all our US Military personnel in harms way. **Rich** also mentioned that SSA member **Stanley Stelmack** recently passed away, we paused for a moment of silence for Stan & his family.

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

The minutes, as they are posted in the Website were (motioned to accept by **Tom**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Chuck**) accepted and approved by the membership.

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

Bank Balance (as of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018): \$77,844.63

Receipts: \$25,927.63

Disbursements: \$10,751.12

Excess Receipts Over Disbursements : \$15,173.51

Bank Balance (as of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018): \$93,018.30

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$20,607.93

Restricted for Contingencies: \$67,351.00

Balance as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: \$87,958.93

**George Rutkowski** Fund Balance as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017: \$2,583.11

**Imre** motioned to accept the report, **Bob** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote by the membership accepted and approved.

### **Officers & Committee Reports:**

**VP John Gumann** — No Report.

**Shotgun** – No Report.

**Rifle** — **Jack Bowden** detailed the next rifle match, the match will be this Sunday, starting at 10:00 am. It will be with .22 RF, any sights rifles. This will be the wood fir strip contest, how fast can a shooter cut the strip in two! Bring plenty of ammo; there will be some loaner magazines available.

**Pistol** — **Jim Owings** addressed the membership by mentioning the 2018 Pistol League schedule is ready and has been posted on the SSA Website. The match will be International Standard Pistol course of fire. Beginning in March, practice for the NJ Indoor Pistol Championships will begin.

**Range Safety** – Everyone, please read the range safety E-Mails the RSO sends out periodically.

**Events** – **Robert Miranda** announced that the 2018 Events schedule has been completed. All of the have been posted on the SSA Website Calendar. **Bob** asked everyone to go over the entire posted schedule for the year and check for errors or omissions. Always consult the calendar before going to the range, the calendar will indicate if a particular range is closed for an event.

**Building & Grounds** – No Report.

**Hunting** – No Report.

**NRA Training – Bob Ross** reported that the recently held **NRA Home Firearm Safety Course** went very well. The course was very well attended, attendees remarking how much they all learned. The next two training events are, **NRA Basic RSO Training** and **NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting**. These two are typically well attended, so apply soon, so you won't miss out.

**Legislation – No Report.**

**Cowboy Action – No Report.**

**Woodlands Management — Steve Zaikowski** reported about the planned management efforts this year. The firewood to be made available to the membership will be Ash and Black Birch. **Steve** detailed the need for a SSA Firewood voucher to be filled out by the member, when harvested wood is picked up. These documents will be provided to the State as per the Farmland / Woodlands program requirements. These forms can be found in The Clubhouse, and as a downloadable on the SSA Website. **Steve** also mentioned the need for everyone to be safe when working. Please let **Bill F. (RSO)** know when you're going out back. Bring and wear all the necessary safety gear; ear & eye protection, work gloves, work boots and chaps, etc. If working alone, tell someone where you are going.

**USPSA – Ron Gumann** mentioned that the last match had been cancelled due to inclement weather. The next match will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please check the website for the latest information.

**Woman's League – Elizabeth Mackee** reported that the last event evening was cancelled due to the furnace going out. The next meeting is always the fourth Wednesday of the month. 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 pm – 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](mailto:womensleague@shongum.org).

**Juniors – No Report.**

**Black Powder – Steve Serna** reported a light turnout because of Super Bowl Sunday. SSA Black Powder League meets the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 am (except for January & February at 11:00 am) There will be a Muzzle Loading Rifle Class held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the Saturday before Fathers Day.

**Membership – Vince Martino** reported the following:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Applicants**

Karl Biemer, Kevin Campbell, Nicholas DeSantis, Oliver Guzman, Justin Hill, Bruce Kenny, David Thompson

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Attended Safety Orientation**

Chad Alger, Michael Bekiarian, Joseph Cusumano II, Michael Feyrer, Christopher Harrison, George Jones, Todd Lecher, Kurt Morello, Stephen Nebesni, Gary Rafuse, John Ruschke

#### **Probationary to Regular Membership**

Nina DiGregorio, Gregory Barry, Daniel Cherill, George Conklin, Rocco DiGregorio, Michael George, Antionette Lambiase, Heather Moldovany, Kenneth Sendelsky, Scott Sherrick, James Tynan

#### **January – Anniversary Year Pins**

##### **5 Years**

James Caloz, Richard Cook, Martin Crown Jr, Scott DeLade, Joseph Dietz, Jay Ellis, Paul Fisher, Tracy Gamski, Gregory Gamski, Michael Heembrock, Peter LaRocco, Adam Maurer

##### **10 Years**

James Argondizzo, David Biasi, Michael Farrelly, Michael Moore Jr, Charles Santorelli, William Schenkel, Christopher Scrivens, Robert Weis, Justin Weiss

##### **15 Years**

Gunnar Green, Eric Halterman, Mark Hanley, Richard Hazen, Luke Maczynski, James Montgomery, H. Scott Neufeld, Gary Piscitelli, Michael Reilly, Steven Smith, Richard VanOrden

##### **20 Years**

Roy Bloom, John Cooke, Wassil Szlachtiashyn

##### **40 Years**

Mark Vandling

#### **January – Special Anniversaries**

##### **34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Bruce Kreeger

##### **Old Business:**

**Range Rules—** There is work being conducted on updating the Range Rules. If you wish to be involved, contact Chairperson **Jim Ownings**.

**By-Laws—**There is work being conducted on updating the By-Laws this year, 2018. If you wish to be involved, contact Chairperson **Pete Hefferan**.

##### **New Business:**

**Jim Owings —** A few items dealing with The Clubhouse. 1) Please do not discard dud ammo into the recycling bucket. The metal recycler will not take our containers if there is loaded ammo in with the discarded brass. It is a PITA going through pounds of 22LR brass. 2) The water bottles available for the membership do cost something, a whopping \$0.25 /each. Please throw a quarter into the jar. 3) If you want to give something away, and drop it off at The Clubhouse, please put a label saying "free". AND keep your reloaded ammo at home, do not donate your reloads to the membership.

##### **Good & Welfare –**

Member **Ron** was sporting some SSA branded clothing which he has made available for the membership to purchase. Good looking swag; Sweatshirts, Tees, etc. Come to a meeting and see. This is the company's website : <http://www.atmprintme.com>

**Will Jones** mentioned several gun shows coming up, Will provides a list for anyone interested. **Will** also reminded the membership that he can field almost any reloading question they may have. **Will** attends most General Membership meetings. So please, don't be shy, come as ask your questions.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 PM

Submitted by **George Wagner - Secretary**

## **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

Executive Committee Meeting- First Monday of each Month

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

Junior League- Every Friday evening (indoor range), 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Pistol League- Every Tuesday evening, 5:00 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
- Friday Nights 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Through the middle of October)

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

Black Powder- First Sunday of the month, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.  
In the colder months start time moved forward to 11:00 AM