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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 deceased members.

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

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

Officers & Committee Reports:

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

Bank Balance (as of June 19, 2024): \$28,479.46
 Receipts: \$17,896.76
 Disbursements: \$12,606.27
 Excess Receipts Over Disbursements: \$5,290.49
 Bank Balance (as of July 17, 2024) : \$33,769.95

Money Market Fund:
 Available for use: \$27,280.48
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$105,705.00
 Balance (as of June 30, 2024) : \$132,985.48

George Rutkowski/Jack Bowden Fund Balance (as of June 30, 2024) : \$7,088.37

President – Membership Database Software — Continued progress on catching up on membership backlog and transition to new cloud-based system. The Wait List has been recreated and posted to web site and clubhouse. For now, applications must be submitted on paper form. We are working to re-automate the application process. **Vince M.** is getting caught up with renewals and will be inviting up to 20 applicants to first reading in June and July.

President – SSA Annual Picnic — It will be held on **Saturday August 10th** and is run by **Bob Amaranant (bobamarant@gmail.com)**.

President – October Elections – Vince M. and George W. will not be able to continue their roles next year. We need candidates to run for their **Membership and Secretary/Tech positions**.

Vice President – No Report. Secretary – No Report. Shotgun – No Report..

Rifle – Rich G reported – We shoot 4th Sunday. Be there by 9:30 for sign in. Don't forget a mat, or something to lay on. 50 rds plus sighters. At least 2 mags, or stripper clips.

The **range** is scheduled for **shut down for repairs Friday July 26th**. We need some volunteers with circular saws or chain saws, mallets for tight fit boards. Fully charged screw guns to mount brackets and numbers. Tape measures, pencils, etc. Meet at 9:00. The earth moving portion is starting earlier and should complete, or well along by then. Many thanks to **Arron Williams** who will run machine and picked up the lumber.

Pistol – Jim Owings reported – We use to run a 50/50 at these club meetings. We would like a member to come up and volunteer to run this. The Indoor Range maintains a 'Brass' barrel and a 'Steel & Aluminum ' barrel, We would like a member to come forward and periodically sort the material so it can be recycled properly (A Green Initiative!) and earn some cash back to the club.

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. We recommend that members should check the website calendar to make sure the range is open before heading out.

Safety – No Report. We do remind the membership that there is a SSA Pistol Fundamentals on August 17th.

Hunting – No Report. **Juniors** – No Report. **NRA Training** – No Report.

Pistol League — **Nick Dewar & Thomas Stapleton reporting** —

The Pistol League shooting Programs are now shown on the Website under Activities, Pistol League, icon Upcoming Events.

Our CCW Program will conclude on 7/23/24. It will be followed by 2 weeks 22 Rifle and Pistol Silhouette. If you are interested, please contact **Tom Stapleton (tfstapleton2@yahoo.com)** for a description of the shooting requirements.

As previously reported, we are making changes and additions to our shooting events based on the Member Interest Survey.

The first phase of our Waiting List Recruitment Program for the Pistol League Identified two folks who are interested in joining us. One at a later date and **Chris C.** who qualified on 7/15 and will be joining us on 7/23. Additional correspondence with other Waiting List members is being planned.

We had a **Ventilation System failure** on 7/2. A Rapid Response Team (RRT) consisting of **Bob Miranda, George Wagner, Nick Dewar** and myself contacted our supplier, Metz Company for a emergency dispatch and all club media tools were used to communicate the Range Closure to the membership. The repair was completed 7/5 and all members were notified that the range was operational on 7/5. Many thanks to the RRT for their quick work during a holiday week!

SAFETY ITEM: Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) are required on all uncased firearms on the shooting benches and they must be pointed down range.

We continue to extend an open invitation to club members to join us on Tuesday nights. Please call **Tom Stapleton at 908-852-3901** for information on how to become a League Member.

Cowboy Action – No Report

USPSA – **Ron Gumann** reported that the June event went very well, with many shooters. Remember, USPSA shoots the 1st Sunday of the month, Next match August 3rd.

I did not attend the Intro to USPSA Class, it was run by **Dan Marchiarullo** and **Scott Singerline**. They were assisted by **Chris Jaronsky** and **Brandon Noblett**. **Brandon** is not a club member but shoots USPSA and volunteered to help. There were 10 attendees.

Ladies Taking Aim (Woman's League) – **Elizabeth M.** reported: Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, the event is the last Wednesday of the month, the phone number is listed in the minutes, and the E Mail address is **womensleague@shongum.org**.

Black Powder – **Steve S.** reported that We meet the Second Sunday of the month at the 100 yd line. Shooting starts at 10:10 cause we are not as fast as the trap guys. Our regular cast of characters showed up, and we had a couple of friendly volleys, even if it was hot. Please feel free to bring any type of BP rifle you have, and we can accommodate you.

Families are encouraged to come with or without BP rifles, and you can get some hands-on, on the spot, and spot on instructions!

As always, Smoke em if you got em.

NOTE: Muzzleloading Gunmakers Fair in Kempton, Pa. July 26, 27 & 28, 2024. Time 8:30am to 5:00pm. The address is 83 Community Ctr Dr. Kempton Pa. (The exit before Cabalas)

Membership — **President Rich G.** reported

1st Reading

Brian Baillie, Joseph Cattano, Derek Olsen, Antonio Sousa, Jay Uk

2nd Reading

Keith Aiello, Matthew Bozzuth, Dennis Florentine, Brett Izsa, Adam Lochner, Bruce Maclean, Johnathan Rheinhardt, Coln R. Simpson, Witold Soszynski, Mike Teppermon

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Good & Welfare:

Upcoming Events—

Picnic August 10th here at the Shongum Clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 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.

