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President Rich Gajda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked to pause and re-member / pray for all our US Military personnel in harms way. Also, there was a death of a SSA member, **Charles (Chuck) Collins**, who passed away June 5th after a long illness. Chuck was a member since 2010 and was a past President of the NJ Arms Collector's Club (NJACC).

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

The minutes, as they are posted in the Website were deemed complete and correct by the membership.

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

Bank Balance (as of May 16th, 2018): \$114,546.43

Receipts: \$16,474.44

Disbursements: \$18,253.28

Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$1,778.84

Bank Balance (as of June 20th, 2018): \$112,767.59

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$20,340.33

Restricted for Contingencies: \$67,351.00

Balance as of May 31st, 2018: \$87,691.33

George Rutkowski Fund Balance as of May 31st, 2018: \$2,583.27

Hank motioned to accept the report, **Chuck** 2nd the motion. A vote by the membership accepted and approved.

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – Rich mentioned the recent E-Mail issue that the @shonum.org experienced, if anyone felt that their Email went unanswered, please resend the Email. **Rich** mentioned that the **Range Safety Officer** position and the **Membership** Officer positions are being vacated. If anyone would like to assume these positions, please send in your nomination bid.

VP John Gumann – John notified the attending membership that The Clubhouse assembly room will be getting a lighting upgrade. **Wayne J.**, our Operations Chair, is handling this repair.

Secretary – No Report.

Shotgun – No Report.

Rifle — Jack Bowman mentioned that next match will be High Power, held on the Outdoor Range. The event starts at 10:00 AM and finishes about Noon time. Come a little early to setup before the match starts.

Pistol — Jim Owings announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. The League will be shooting 22 & 45 NRA Pistol. Some of the regular pistol shooters recently provided maintenance to the roof top air handlers. These units got new fan belts and the air filters got a much needed cleaning.

Range Safety Officer – No Report.

Events – **Bob Miranda** quickly mentioned that the Web based Calendar is up-to-date. If you see any thing incorrect, please send an Email so it can be corrected. **Bob** also reminded everyone that the calendar is constantly being updated and you should check it before coming to the range to make sure there are no events or closures that would restrict use of the ranges.

Building & Grounds – No Report.

Hunting – No Report.

NRA Training – **Bob Ross** reported on the NRA Shotgun Class recently held. There were quite a few students, very good class. Bob thanked **Rich G., Mark, Bob and Mark** RSOs for their assistance. The NRA Muzzleloader Class, unfortunately, was not held this time around, as there were not enough students signed up to hold the class. The class will be put on the calendar next year.

Legislation – **Rich Gajda** mentioned the six (6) new firearms laws signed into law by **Phil Murphy**. There is one law, the magazine capacity law, may affect all firearms owners. MAGAZINE LIMIT IS NOW 10 ROUNDS OR LESS. The owners of the higher capacity magazines have until December 10, 2018 to get rid of them.

Cowboy Action – **John Seals** recounted the most recent event was well attended, 17 members, and the BBQ that followed was pretty good. Please come out and give Cowboy Action a try. The event only costs \$10, and there are a lot of attendees who are eager to show off their gear.

USPSA — **Ron Gumann** mentioned **June 2nd** was cancelled due to weather. The next USPSA event is **July 7th**. Please check the website for the latest information.

Woman's League – **Elizabeth Mackee** reported that the last event was well attended. There were 15 attendees, with 10 of them new people. The meetings are held on 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.

Juniors — No Report.

Black Powder — No Report.

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

1st Reading – Applicants

Dennis Frischmann, Hunter Guiles, Doug Kehoe, John Worthington

2nd Reading – Attended Safety Orientation

Robert Granadillo, Joe Leber, Mathew O'Mara, Brett Owings, Nick Sisto, Mark Stillman, William Zinnikas

Probationary to Regular Membership

Arthur Ayres III, Jones Jeffrey, Stieh Kenneth, Gary Timblin

May – Anniversary Year Pins

5 Years

John Cavanaugh, Diane Cece, Clint Decker, Gerald Hodgins, Peter Mahoney, Robert Ross Sr., Thomas Thurgood

10 Years

Bryan Cooper, John Edmonds III, David Genthe, William Jimeno, Alfred Masey, Kevin McCarthy, Richard Montgomery, William Tribus

15 Years

Arthur Bowles, Mitchell Brody, Thomas Hill

May – Special Anniversaries

30th Anniversary

Michael DeLisi

Old Business:

Range Rules Committee— If you wish to be involved, contact Chairperson **Jim Ownings**.

By-Laws— If you wish to be involved, contact **President Rich Gajda** for the 411.

New Business:

No New Business.

Good & Welfare –

Will Jones mentioned several gun shows coming up.

Will J. also mentioned he is trying to get enough small orders to make a bulk purchase of Hornady Match Grade bullets. He will try to purchase the popular 223/5.56 & .30 caliber bullets if he can get enough buyers for an order. Call Will if you are interested, as the prices are VERY reasonable with the discount.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 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. (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, 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 each month, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

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