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

The minutes for May meeting, as posted on the Website, was deemed to be complete & correct by the attending membership.

Treasurer's Report: John Gumann read the Treasurer's Report aloud:

Bank Balance (as of May 15th, 2019): \$53,572.63
 Receipts: \$9,360.09
 Disbursements: \$35,783.82
 Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$26,423.73
 Bank Balance (as of June 19th, 2019): \$27,148.90

Money Market Fund:
 Available for use: \$17,273.24
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$72,351.00
 Balance (as of May 31st, 2019): \$89,624.24

George Rutkowski Fund Balance (as of May 31st, 2019): \$2,583.76

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – Rich Gajda mentioned that the EC Legislative Officer position is still open. The Membership Chairperson and the Treasurer are looking for volunteers to assist them. Someday soon these officers want to retire and having people already familiar with the operations would really be beneficial. Please volunteer. A letter from the Bowden family was read aloud, Jack's last will and testament directed a donation of \$5K to be made the our organization. The outdoor range dedication plaques where added to the cover at the outdoor 100-yard firing line.

VP – John Gumann —The Clubhouse experienced a power outage last month. The card key access system was down for about week. Our vendor found that both access readers in the clubhouse were broken. Most likely an electrical spike. **Bob Ross** setup a podium to contain our member's access logs for those who could use the outdoor range. Thank you, **Bob**, for taking the initiative, A short progress report on the work going on to refurbish the apartment. The work is nearly complete, although it is taking longer than first estimated. The end of July is the latest complete date. We are going to have an open house soon and we will be ready to start taking rental applications by July.

Secretary – No Report. Shotgun – No Report.

Rifle – Nick Dewar mentioned that the next match is Sunday June 23rd and is another Hi-Power match on the outdoor range. You'll need 50 rounds plus sighting rounds. The cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. The event starts at 10:00 AM and finishes about Noon time. Come a little early to setup before the match starts. There will be two specials for the participants this time. A Match Winner And A Garand Match Winner will be awarded. Please reference the website for further details and schedule.

Pistol – Jim Owings announced that the pistol league is open to all shooters and takes place every Tuesday evening. The course of fire is International Centerfire. There will be five weeks of novelty matches, followed by training matches for the annuals coming up later in the year. More detailed information and the schedule are available on the Shongum website.

Range Safety – No Report

Events – Bob Miranda — Always a reminder to check the Shongum website calendar before visiting the range for any closures.

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

Legislative—John Gumann— Smart Gun Legislation has passed both houses and is going to Gov. Murphy's desk to sign.

NRA Training – Bob Ross – This past Saturday (June 15th), the Intro to USPSA class was conducted. There were 12 students. I want to thank Ron Gumann and Craig Smigel, Dan Marchiarullo, Austin Neary and Scott Singerline; Shongum club members who regularly shoot USPSA and assisted with the days event. The class went very well, and several students reshot a stage. Several also signed up to become USPSA Members and plan to shoot USPSA in the future. Class finished around 1:30. We've come to the break in the Shongum Training schedule. There are no training classes in July and August. In September we will be conducting the NRA Personal Protection in the Home on Saturday, September 14th. On Saturday, October 12th we will be conducting the NRA Defensive Pistol Class. Check the Shongum Calendar and Training Page for more details. This past Saturday (June 15th), the Intro to USPSA class was conducted. There were 12 students. I want to thank Ron Gumann and Craig Smigel, Dan Marchiarullo, Austin Neary and Scott Singerline; Shongum club members who regularly shoot USPSA and assisted with the days event. The class went very well, and several students reshot a stage. Several also signed up to become USPSA Members and plan to shoot USPSA in the future. Class finished around 1:30.

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USPSA – Ron Gumann reported that the June 1st event went very well again, with 49 shooters. The next event is July 6th.

Cowboy Action – We shoot on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The event runs from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We had 18 shooters at the last event, with two new participants. We are an active group, Google search with the phases "Wiley Coyotes" and "SASS". There is a lot of information about us!

Woman's League – Elizabeth Mackee reported—Last months League meeting was cancelled due to the horrendous rain that evening. The weather is improving, so the event should be okay. Reminder, 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.

Juniors – No Report.

Black Powder – Black Powder meets the First Sunday of the Month at 10:00 AM. Last Sunday was a great day with a good turnout, because any day at the range is a great day, but we had a good turnout! Nothing too exotic to report, but Flint Locks and Cap Locks were well represented. Please note: In-lines are not discriminated against! So the Smoking Lamp is Lit - Smoke em if you got em!

Membership – Vince Martino reported the following:

May Membership Readings:

1st Reading

Jason Cegielski, Terrence Coletta, Lonnie Cryan, Michael DeGeorge, Andrew Marcelliano, Karl Strohmaler

2nd Reading – Attended Safety Orientation

William Alpert, Eric Bartoshek, Clinton Campbell, Paul Greszczak, Brendan Gubelmann, Jeffrey Ivinski, Joseph Leclair, Richard Lomanoco, John Mark, Michael Mazzucco, Edward Molinski, Laurent Mollard, Ronald Mrozinski, Jason Parrillo, James Pizzo, Glenn Rolland, Ronnie Siegal, Aaron Williams

Probationary to Regular Membership

Jesse Amato, Joseph Cusumano II, Lou Feliciano, Joseph Leber, Nicola Sisto, William Zinnikas

May Anniversaries

5 Years

Arthur Carroll, Jonathon DiLauro, Frank Marsello Jr., Susan Rubright, Christopher Scholz

10 Years

Andrew DellaValle, Bruce MacLean, Michael Slack

15 Years — Paul Murphy

20 Years — Michael Grande, Dean Strawn

25 Years— Scott Churchill (For the Record), Carl Erickson Jr.

Special Anniversaries

31st Anniversary— Michael DeLisi

By-Laws Committee – No Report, Pete Hefferan is MIA.

New Business: – The Summer picnic is being planned, probably @ the end of summer or early fall, September or October. The committee is being formed. If anyone wants to help, please step up and volunteer.

Good & Welfare

Will Jones – Mentioned several gun shows in the area.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:08 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, 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.