



## Shongum Sportsmen's Association

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**President Rich Gajda** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked to pause and remember / pray for all our US Military personnel in harms way.

**The President** reminded all in attendance that Only Regular members can vote and we follow Roberts Rules of Order.

This evening, **Steven Rodgers**, addressed the membership indicating that he is running for office this year, and wants to become NJ's next Republican Governor. **Steven** is a member of the Nutley, NJ Board of Commissioners, and was an advisor to President Donald Trump, during Mr. Trump's presidential campaign. **Steven** has been a frequent guest speaker on PIX11, MSNBC, CNN, FOX News and the FOX Business Network.

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

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

Bank Balance (as of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017): \$47,965.40

Receipts: \$21,084.38

Disbursements: \$20,313.35

Excess Receipts Over Disbursements: \$771.03

Bank Balance (as of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017): \$48,736.43

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$33,303.34

Restricted for Contingencies: \$52,351.00

Balance as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017: \$86,654.34

**George Rutkowski** Fund Balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017: \$2,092.76

**Imre G. VonBalinth** motioned to accept the report, **Dave Petillo**, 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** — No Report.

**Pistol** — **Jim Owings** announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. **Jim** noted that there were some improvements made to the weaker lighting fixtures on the Indoor Range. Visibility has been improved. We are presently shooting Rifle and Pistol Silhouette. Please see the website for details on updates to what is scheduled to shoot.

**Range Safety** — **RSO Bill Fusco** thanked all the well-wishers he met this evening and said he is glad to finally be back. Members have been very good at following the ranges rules. As always, please be careful.

**Events — Hank Rehm** mentioned no new events or changes. Please, if you see an error in the Events Calendar on the Website, send an E Mail so it can be corrected.

**Building & Grounds —** No Report.

**Hunting —** No Report.

**NRA Training —** No Report.

**Legislation —** Democratic lawmakers, Fred 'One-Gun-A-Month' Madden (D), have introduced a bill to establish a center at Rutgers University where research on gun violence would be conducted. (No. A4371 & S2830) An Act establishing a Firearm Violence Research Center and supplementing chapter 65 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes. This is a Tax-Payer funded effort to take away Second Amendment rights from the Tax-Payer.

**Cowboy Action — John** reported that the upcoming May event is Sunday **May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Federation —** No Report.

**USPSA — Ron Gumann** mentioned that 41 people showed up for the **May 7<sup>th</sup>** another really good turnout. The next shoot is scheduled for **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. There is a NRA Training Class on how shoot USPSA, to be held **August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please check the website for the latest information.

**Woman's League — Elizabeth Mackee** reported that our event is scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. It is only \$5 / person to attend. It is a great social and educational experience. The next event is **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, with a potluck dinner scheduled, and NRA Instructors to provide training and familiarization. **Elizabeth** requests NRA Instructor volunteers to please consider helping out that evening, as the WL is getting busier ever month.

**Juniors —** No Report.

**Black Powder — Steve Serna** reported that the SSA Black Powder meets the First Sunday of the month with a 10:00 AM start.

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

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

John Barbato, Eric Boothe, Anthony Diecidue, Thomas Godwin, Jeffrey Jones, Morgan Kolenut, Andrew Kropilak, Robert Malanga, Mark Reynolds, Ken Stieh, Paul Thompson, Sean Tierney, Daniel Weiss

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

Vincent Alvarez, Joseph Argenziano, Arthur Ayres, Joseph Capo, Andrew Ciffer, Joseph Costantino, James Florence, Sherrie Florence, Robert Gilbert, Daniel Hart, Richard Hastrup, Jonathon Hoff, Mark Jensen, Michael Laden, Stephan Linz, Nicholas Malanga Jr, Scott Singerline, Gary Timberline, Richard Ziegler

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

Richard Carrara, Scott Chazen, Hernani Goncalves, Ronald Hill, Charles Horvath, Steven Owens, James Swanick, John Wojcik

#### **April – Anniversary Year Pins**

#### **10 years**

Richard Brzezinski, Douglas Craig, Edward Leckburg, Deborah Smith

#### **20 years**

Carmel Fortunato, John Shaw, William Sorgie

#### **35 years**

Mark Stern

#### **Old Business:**

The Clubhouse has successfully changed the Internet / Phone Service over to **Comcast**. A premium channel package has been selected to get all the great channels; 65 channels!

A guest **WiFi service** has been installed, you will see it on your devices as "**Shongum Guest**". There is no password required to log onto this service.

The **Keri Electronic Card** access system has been upgraded. The installing contractor has made extra efforts to protect the new system from electrical spikes via additional arrestors, components and wiring. Excellent work, **Linked Alarm**, with NO drama.

The **Outdoor 100-yard** range is operational. Everyone can use the concrete pad firing line. Engineering drawings for the new firing line cover are nearly complete. Permits should be issued by the weekend (5/20/17). Insurances permits are in process of being issued as well. Estimates of end of Summer for construction to begin, but more information will be provided as it is available.

The Clubhouse has a commercial grade **Keurig Coffee Machine**, provided by our new Range Orientation Officer, **Andy Egan**. There are some K-Cups available, @ \$1 / cup, honor system. Please BYOK-Cups if you wish, too. Thank you **Andy**.

The Clubhouse is sporting all (relatively) brand new high-end office chairs in the meeting room. These have been provided by **Vince Martino** at no cost to the membership. Thank you **Vince**.

The **SSA Range Rules** updates have been compiled, and a draft is being reviewed by committee next week (5/22/17—5/26/17). Any one interested in this activity, please contact **President Rich Gajda**.

**New Business: —** No New Business.

#### **Good & Welfare —**

**Will Jones** mentioned some Gun Shows to be held in the near future:

**Oaks Gun Show**—Philadelphia Expo Center—May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> ; **Gun Auction**—Pocono Summit, PA—May 27<sup>th</sup> ; **Atlantic Air Museum WW II Weekend & Airshow**, Reading Regional Airport —June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>; **Gun Show @ Bloomsburg Fairgrounds**, June 10<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> ; **Alderfer Gun Auction**, Hatfield, PA on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Owings** mentioned a **NJ Gun Law Seminar**, to be held by Attorney Evan Nappen on June 17<sup>th</sup> @ the Hackettstown Elks Lodge # 2331. Sign up @ <http://www.gunlawseminar.com> if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn the meeting **Dave Petillo**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Thomas Lambiase**. Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 PM

Submitted by **George Wagner**.

## **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