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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.

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 April 18th, 2018): \$107,637.09

Receipts: \$26,637.28

Disbursements: \$19,491.11

Excess Receipts Over Disbursements: \$6,909.34

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

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$20,245.33

Restricted for Contingencies: \$67,351.00

Balance as of April 30th, 2018: \$87,596.33

George Rutkowski Fund Balance as of April 30th, 2018: \$2,583.23

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

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – No Report.

VP John Gumann – No Report.

Secretary – No Report.

Shotgun – No Report.

Rifle — **Nick Dewar** mentioned that last month's match was very well attended, with nearly all 20 positions occupied. **Nick** reminded all in attendance, that the next Hi-Power match is scheduled for Sunday 5/20. The Hi-Power course of fire is Slow Fire, standing - 10 rounds in 10 minutes; Rapid Fire, sitting or kneeling - 10 rounds in 60 seconds; Rapid Fire, 10 rounds prone in 70 seconds; and finally Slow Fire, 20 rounds prone in 20 minutes.

Pistol — **Nick Dewar** announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. The League just completed (6) six weeks of International Standard Pistol. Something new, the next two weeks, The League will be shooting single action, open sight pistol. This will be a lot of fun, with a variety of positions and a unique target. Please, always go the website for details on updates to what is scheduled to shoot.

Range Safety Officer – No Report.

Events – No Report.

Building & Grounds – No Report.

Hunting – No Report.

NRA Training – No Report.

Legislation – No Report.

Cowboy Action – No Report.

USPSA — **Ron Gumann** mentioned that 51 shooters participated showed up for the **May 5th** event. Another really good turnout. The next shoot is scheduled for **June 2nd 2018**. Please check the website for the latest information.

Woman's League – **Rich Gajda** reported that the last event was very well attended. 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. We ask for \$5 to pay for the .22LR ammo (all you can shoot, really) and there are loaner handguns, so you really do not need anything to participate. 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 — **Steve Serna** mentioned that there are new metal targets in use. The next match will be very neat, with three different size steels arranged at different positions. Come out and enjoy, any Black Powder firearm welcomed. Please check the website for the latest information.

Steve reminded everyone that there will be a NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle Class held on the 16th June, 2018, the Saturday before Fathers Day! So here's an opportunity to "Smoke em if you got em", and even if you don't have one, come on down and check it out, I am sure there will be something you will find out you just have to have. Please check the website for the latest information.

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

1st Reading – Applicants

Joe Leber, Dave Morris, Brett Owings, Nick Sisto, David Spence, Mark Stillman, William Zinnikas

2nd Reading – Attended Safety Orientation

Lou Feliciano, Gregg Forsbrey, Micah Lay, Ryan Leonard, Bradley Meece, Candy Repsher

Probationary to Regular Membership

Joseph Argenziano, Michael Blair, Andrew Ciffer, Joseph Costantino, Steve Graul, James Florence, Sherrie Florence, Robert Gilbert, Daniel Hart, Jonathon Hoff, Mark Jensen, Eric Koettters, Nicholas Malanga Jr., Scott Singerline, Tracy Tynan

April – Anniversary Year Pins

5 Years

John Berman, Steven Castro, Evelyn Ronga, Vincent Ronga, Peter Skurla

10 Years

Richard Bruner, Craig Smigel, Richard Verderano

15 Years

Bernard Davis II, Joseph Grande, Mervyn Haines Jr., J. Kevin Keenoy, Daniel Scott, Wayne Snyder, Jay Vreeland, Sam Yuen

20 Years

John Holt, Luther Jones, Hank Rehm

April – Special Anniversaries

32nd Anniversary

Alan VanSavage, Gregory Whitehead

33rd Anniversary

Roger Read

36th Anniversary

Mark Stern

Old Business:

No old business.

Activities In Process:

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.

Grants— Our association has a grant program underway for 2018. Please submit proposals or applications.

New Business:

Range Safety Officers — Be aware that efforts are underway to staff every SSA special event with a qualified RSO. Expect a call to assist covering one of these events.

Observation And Advisory— A member, **Nick Dewar**, expressed concern after watching the rain water runoff patterns during one particular heavy downpour recently. The parking area near the barn is presently gravel / QP and seems to handle runoff well, with a large percentage being absorbed and a smaller percentage as runoff. The runoff is channeled between the barn and the 100 yard firing line. There could be an issue if 100% of the runoff were channeled there due to asphalt paving.

Range Rules & By-Laws— The rules are written to allow family members, young adults, & children to accompany a SSA member. There is no mention of grandkids. This may impact those who are fortunate to have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The rules should be amended to account for generational family members.

Good & Welfare –

Will Jones mentioned several gun shows coming up, like the one @ Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA on 5/19-20. This is a good show and an easy drive to get there. A reminder about the World War II Weekend and Airshow, held @ the Reading Airport on 6/1-3. There are combatant reenactors, period civilian reenactors, period WWII vehicles, static displays and WWII aircraft. There are ground battle sequences, Air Shows, and static displays. There are also charter flights if you want go for a ride in the air.

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 @ 8:05 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, 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.