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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. Tonight is our annual election night, all voters must be SSA members. Those who are being advanced from probationary membership to full membership tonight will be able to participate in tonight's elections.

There was an issue with the SSA website page that contains the minutes of last month's meeting. The minutes were not available to all the membership in a timely manner. The September and October meeting minutes will be addressed at the November General Membership meeting.

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

Bank Balance (as of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018): \$68,306.34  
 Receipts: \$17,496.22  
 Disbursements: \$23,431.74  
 Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$5,935.52  
 Bank Balance (as of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018): \$62,370.82

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$20,930.64  
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$67,351.00  
 Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018: \$88,281.64

**George Rutkowski** Fund Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018: \$2,583.43

### **Officers & Committee Reports:**

**President – Rich Gajda** – Two items I will mention, but will be reported on later are: 1) The parking lot paving project is complete and all ranges are open for use. 2) Tonight is our annual election which will take place after all the committee reports are given. We will cover all the items to be voted on as outlined in our By-Laws.

**VP – John Gumann** – Just a couple of items I'll mention. 1) As **Rich** just mentioned the weather held long enough to for the paving company to complete the job. These upgrades are just fantastic. Let me take a moment to recognize **Wayne Jarvis**, the head of our Operations committee, who led this paving job. 2) The apartment has been vacated, Bill Fusco, our longtime CRSO has retired and moved out-of-state. We have a contractor cleaning up the living spaces. All of the carpeting is being removed, thoughts are to leave the wood flooring or maybe replace with carpeting. After cleaning, the entire place will get a fresh coat of paint. A completion date is December right now. We are rewriting the rental agreement to be used. We are accepting applications from potential renters.

**Secretary** – No Report.

**Shotgun** – No Report.

**Rifle – Jack Bowden** mentioned that next match will be High Power, held on the Outdoor Range is scheduled for Sunday 10/21. 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. The event starts at 10:00 AM and finishes about Noon time. Come a little early to setup before the match starts.

**Rifle (continued) - Jack B.** announced the 2018 George Rutowski award recipient, **Nick Dewar**. Nick has been volunteering many hours at the range, assisting with many programs through out the year.

**Pistol – Jim Owings** announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. The League will be shooting Zombies and other novelty matches this October. Please see the website for the latest information.

**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. Please, know before you go.

**Building & Grounds – Wayne Jarvis** reported that parking lot paving is complete. The upgrade is really nice. There are paved walkways down to the 100-yard firing line. The covered firing line is now wheelchair accessible. We chose to NOT stripe the lot for parking spaces. We feel that we can keep the flexibility the lot provides with all the varied events which takes place.

**Hunting – No Report.**

**NRA Training – Bob Ross** – We had to cancel the Defensive Pistol class due to the small projected class size. These cancellations may indicate a trend or perhaps our training scheduling needs to be addressed. We are open to suggestions from our membership as to the types of training desired. We will be sending out E-Mails in the near future to get ideas for training classes in our 2019 schedule.

**Legislation – Pete Hefferan** mentioned 1) the Concealed Carry Law challenge. Right now it sits in the 3rd Circuit Court, looks like it will die there. The last Supreme Court nomination got a lot of nationwide attention, but lets put things in perspective. The Lower Court Judges are the ones who can directly affect us all. Getting an administration who will appoint more conservative judges is important to us. Remember to go out and vote. 2) Appeals to rethink the Over-Ten-Round Magazine ban have been rejected by the Lower Court, this will become law, as of December 10<sup>th</sup>. To avoid felony prosecution, get rid of all your high capacity magazines. 3) A1329—“Ghost Gun” manufacturing law is going to pass w/o changes. In NJ, you need a firearm manufacturing license to build these 80% complete receivers or 3D print firearm designs. 4) Action in Maryland is of interest. The left is pursuing firearm owners who are using medical marijuana. The issue is at the Federal level. Since marijuana is illegal at the Federal level, this will make users felons. Felons cannot legally own firearms. This tactic is interesting and scary.

For those members who vote in the NJ 11th district, Rodney Frelinghuysen is retiring and his seat is open. A member of the NJ General Council, Jay Webber, is running for this position. Consider him when you go to vote.

**Cowboy Action – No Report.**

**USPSA – Ron Gumann** mentioned that 35 shooters participated showed up for the **September 1st** event. A good turnout with nice weather. The next shoot is scheduled for **November 3rd**. Please check the website for the latest information.

**Woman’s League** – The September League meeting was cancelled due to parking lot paving, The meeting is always 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 – 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. PLEASE reference the Website for information.

**Juniors – No Report.**

**Black Powder – No Report.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Bob Brienza, Corey Grove, Van Heteren, Gerald Mauriello Jr.

**Probationary to Regular Membership** – George Beckenthal, Phyllis Bitow, John Bogut, Steven Czinkota, Mark Daniels, Steven Gawdun Jr., Fred Morrone, Michael Park, Jason Sendelsky, Christopher Sendelsky, Scott Thies, Sean Tierney

**September – Anniversary Year Pins**

**10 Years**  
Robert Begley

**15 Years**  
Christopher McDonald

**25 Years**  
John Fiddes, Jr., Donnie O’Shea

**30 Years**  
Robert Campbell

**September – Special Anniversaries**

**34 Years**  
Karl Jensen

**36 Years**  
Thomas Lambiase

**Old Business:**

The SSA By-Laws Rules are nearly complete, we’re a little behind but will be finished shortly.

Our updated Range Rules are complete and will be published / posted to the Website shortly.

A Grant request was submitted in August, it is the process of being reviewed.

**Annual Elections Results:**

Our interim **Chief Range Safety Officer, Mark Rosenbach**, introduced himself and Mark gave some details about himself. Rich indicated his desire to do the best job he can for this organization.

President **Rich Gajda** – mentioned that the SSA organization operates it’s meetings under the ‘Robert’s Rules of Order’ 11th Edition.

**Officers for 2019**

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The **Board of Directors** serving 2019 thru 2020

Dave Petillo, Rich VanOrden, Imre Von Balinth

## **Annual Elections Results: (Continued)**

The General Membership Meeting will continue to be held here at the Elks Lodge on Howard Blvd. in Mt. Arlington, NJ. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm on the Third Wednesday of each month.

The annual dues fee will remain the same, no change.

The membership capacity limit has been raised to no more than 1000 members.

## **Good & Welfare –**

**Will Jones** mentioned on several gun shows coming up. Will reclaims brass from the SSA range. Will sorts the recovered brass and bags them by caliber. He offers these bags for sale, at the back table, and gives any proceeds back to the organization.

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

The **NJ Arms Collectors Club (NJACC)** is going to host an event “**Observing The 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I**” at the American Legion Post 91 in Wharton, NJ on Saturday, **November 3rd**. Since there will be no parade in Washington DC, this is a very good alternative event.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15 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.