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

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

The minutes, as they are posted in the Website were (motioned to accept by **Imre Von Balinth**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Robert Amarant**) accepted and approved by the membership.

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

Bank Balance (as of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017): \$84,241.68

Receipts: \$17,251.66

Disbursements: \$25,101.82

Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$7,850.16

Bank Balance (as of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017): \$76,391.52

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$34,528.36

Restricted for Contingencies: \$52,351.00

Balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017: \$86,879.36

**George Rutkowski** Fund Balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017: \$2,087.91

**Imre Von Balinth** 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** — **Jack Bowden** reported that the next Hi Power match is Sunday, **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Setup will begin at 9:30 AM and shooting will start promptly at 10 AM.

**Pistol** — **Jim Owings** announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. We are presently shooting Police "L". Please see the website for details on updates to what is scheduled to shoot.

**Nick Dewar** reported the following: This September ten members of the **SSA Pistol Team** traveled to Harrisburg Pa. to participate in the 2017 Walt Wise Memorial Pistol Match. This is an annual pistol match that members of the Team have been traveling to for approximately 30 years. This year we fielded two teams, the Gold Team and the Silver Team. This year there were approximately 16 individual shooters including about 10 juniors and some 10 teams. The Baltimore Police pistol team is always hard to beat and the junior team of Guys and Gals is a team to look out for next year.

Our Gold Team took First Place A class Rimfire and Third Place A class in Centerfire. Members of the teams are:

**Gold Team: Steve O. Smith, Bruce Williams, Dr. Nick Abrishamian, Nick Dewar, Paul Saacke**

**Silver Team: John Cooke, Jim Owings, Mark Bougas, Jack Bowden, Bob Amarant**

These trophies are on permanent display in the trophy case to the left of the range door along with our team picture.

The SSA Team selection is based on the scores fired by the Harrisburg competitors during practice sessions that are held during the three weeks prior to the match. Members averages are calculated and the top five members make up the Gold Team and the next five make up the Silver Team. The scores used in the match are the scores fired by the members in the 30 shot Police "L" Match. Since it is a two day match a decision is made as to whether to use Saturday scores or Sunday scores. That decision is based on past year's team performance.

**Range Safety** — **Sarge** asked everyone who is using the Clubhouse facilities to please wear the SSA Membership Ids visibly. Several times **Sarge** has asked / waited while members are rooting through their pockets to produce them. **Sarge** reminded everyone again, if you are using the Outdoor Range and shooting at targets LESS THAN 100 yards, DO NOT use stations 1 thru 5 OR 15 thru 20. You must stay in the middle of the firing line.

**Events** — No Report.

**Building & Grounds** — No Report.

**Hunting** — No Report. Members are reminded that participation in the Work Parties is a requirement to be allowed to hunt on our property. Please contact **Rich Montgomery** for details.

**NRA Training** — **Bob Ross** reported that there is only one remaining training event for 2017. The NRA Basic Pistol Course on October 14th, 2017. Please refer to the SSA Website for further information. This course is a prerequisite for all the other courses provided by SSA. Consider attending this course if you are contemplating further training in the following years.

**Legislation** — No Report.

**Cowboy Action** — **John Seal** reported that there was light participation in the **September 17<sup>th</sup>** event, due to a couple out-of-state events. It excellent weather, and a good shoot. The next event is Sunday **October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**. We shoot rain or shine. For all the information, see the SSA Website. There is a introductory training session day planned in preparation for the SASS NJ State Championship "14th Annual Purgatory in the Pines" on October 13-15 2017, in Jackson, NJ. Call **John** for more information.

**Federation** — No Report.

**USPSA** — **Ron Gumann** mentioned that 37 shooter participated showed up for the **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** event. Another really good turnout. The next shoot is scheduled for **October 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Please check the website for the latest information.

**Woman's League** — The next event is **September 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**, with a potluck dinner, shooting and NRA Instructors to provide training and familiarization. There is a modest charge of \$5.00 / person to cover costs. We still need additional NRA Instructor volunteers to help out.

**Juniors** — **Christine Fortunato** reported on last month's Open Outdoor Metric Prone event. The next match will be in November, an Air Rifle Olympic Match event. If you would like to start your child learning shooting safety and skills, please checkout our website for the latest information. Contact Christine for answers to any questions about the Juniors program.

**Black Powder** — Black Powder League meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 10 AM (except in colder months at 11 AM) on the 100 yard line.

All skill levels are welcome. No charge ever for any solicited or unsolicited advice, even if advice works.

August Shoot:

Even though the wonderful new cover kept us dry, the shoot was cancelled at 10:30 AM due to fog continually rolling in and out.

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

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

Joe Albiez, George Beckenthal, Phyllis Bitow, John Bogut, Michael Brady, Steven Czinkota, Mark Daniels, Robert Fain, Matthew Farley, Larry Kahan, Frederick Morrone, Jeff Russo, Christopher Sendelsky, Nigel Smith, Jonathon Swack, Aleksandr Tarshis, Ryan Wood.

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

Richard Conklin Jr., Frank DiGrazia, Rafal Fiolek, Mario Gattollo III, Kevin O'Neill, Kurt Schulze, Jason Sendelsky, Jeffrey Stieh, Scott Thies, Sean Tierney, Patrick Wood

**Probationary to Regular Membership**

John Bowden Jr., Michael Connolly, William Garbarini, Paul Hutchins, Colin McCarthy, Nicholas Morisco, John Pasquali, Henry Sanchez, John Thornton, Rudolph Vallee Jr., Craig Vanderhoof, Claudia West.

**August – Anniversary Year Pins** (\* special mentions)

**5 years**

Bernadette Cardillo, Samuel Figueroa, Peter Zabita, Caroline Sokoloski, Michael Sokoloski.

**10 years**

Thomas Biasi, Michael Kunkel, Richard Pipczynski, Craig Rogers, William Short.

**15 years**

William Caffrey Sr.

**25 years**

Billy Crowley

**26 years\***

William Prahst

**32 years\***

James Dunckley

**40 years\***

Peter Hefferan

**Old Business:**

The SSA **Range Rules** updates have been compiled, and a draft is being reviewed by committee. These updates will be presented to the membership soon.

The Club will host a **picnic & swap meet @** The Clubhouse this Saturday, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**, Rain or Shine. The Swap Meet rules are; no firearms or loaded ammunition can be offered for sale.

The **Forestry Commission** conducted an inspection and audit of the SSA woodlands on September 13<sup>th</sup>. A report will be presented at a future General Membership meeting.

**Repurposing 100-Yard Portable Range Cover** — Anyone have a suggestion on what to do with the range cover we use to use? We do not want to store this, and have it go unused. It is in great condition, looking for a good home.

**Archery** — We have plenty of room at The Clubhouse Range to support this activity. Anyone interested in running this event?

#### **New Business:**

**Elections** — These elections will take place at the next Meeting.

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