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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 on the Website were deemed to be complete & correct by the attending membership.

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

Bank Balance (as of August 15th, 2018): \$102,809.88

Receipts: \$18,486.97

Disbursements: \$52,990.51

Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$34,503.54

Bank Balance (as of September 19th, 2018): \$68,306.34

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$20,754.85

Restricted for Contingencies: \$67,351.00

Balance as of August 31st, 2018: \$88,105.85

George Rutkowski Fund Balance as of July 31st, 2018: \$2,583.39

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – Rich G. mentioned the Officer vacancies needing to be filled — **Membership** is seeking a new person. We also are seeking a new **Chief RSO**, as **Bill Fusco** has retired. **Mike F.** wants to retire from the **Treasurer** post. Please contact the Nominating Committee, headed by **Pete Hefferan**, no later than 2 weeks before the next General Membership meeting to get on the printed ballot. As always, Write-in candidates are allowed at this meeting.

VP John Gumann – A list of 'Points Of Contact' has been posted at The Clubhouse. In case of an emergency developing at the Clubhouse, the membership can reference this list for information.

Bill Fusco has retired from the **CRSO** position effective immediately. We wish **Bill** good health and a huge round of applause for all his efforts donated to this organization. **Bill** is moving out of state, to Virginia, to be with his family. SSA has a plaque, which **Bill** will get, which conveys our thoughts, thank you (s) and well wishes for all his efforts.

The **Building / Rentals Committee** is now accepting applications for any/all potential renters to occupy the dwelling at our Clubhouse.

We now take the time to introduce **Mark Rosenbach**, who has offered to assume the **CRSO** position until the newly elected **CRSO** takes this position in January 2019. Mark has the experience needed to assume this position, and **Mark** plans to run for the office in the October elections.

Secretary – No Report.

Shotgun – No Report.

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

Pistol – Jim Owings reported that Pistol League members brought home two awards from the recent State Pistol Shoot competition. Jim also announced that the Pistol League shoots every Tuesday night. The League will be shooting Police L. 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. **Bob** also reminded everyone that Parking Lot Paving will result in closures which will restrict use of the ranges. Please check the Website before going to the range. The 2019 Calendar is now being formulated, we will be accepting event requests.

Building & Grounds – Wayne Jarvis reported that parking lot regrading is underway. There is ample parking near the old gate. Please watch for heavy equipment when using the facilities. The actual paving job will take three days, but the asphalt application is weather dependent. So the scheduled closing times must be flexible. We will keep the membership informed via the website and Email. It appears that Women's League and Warren County Tactical use dates may be impacted.

Hunting – No Report.

NRA Training – Bob Ross – We have one last high-demand class coming up; **NRA Defensive Pistol**. Please check the SSA Website for details and registration forms. Please note that this class requires pre-qualification and successfully completing a series of courses of fire for final certification.

Legislation – No Report.

Cowboy Action – No Report.

USPSA – Ron Gumann mentioned that 32 shooters participated showed up for the **August 4th** event. A good turnout with nice weather. The next shoot is scheduled for **October 5th**. Please check the website for the latest information.

Woman's League – Elizabeth Mackee reported that the last event evening had two new people. 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 about the parking lot paving closure.

Juniors – No Report.

Black Powder – Report via Email reading:

Black Powder League meets the first Sunday of every month, starting time is 10:00 o'clock.

We are slowly getting new shooters, but we are still a laid back crew. So please feel free to bring whatever front stuffer you have. Even if you have questions about it, there is always someone around who can answer them and get you going.

Black Powder (continued)

FYI: If you leave the club heading away from town, it turns out that Hot Dog Johnny's is only about 5 miles away and Villa Venice is only 2.5 miles away, so if folks are inclined to do so, we can start sending out for lunch. Remember: Smoke'em if you got'em! And always, Keep Your Powder Dry.

Membership – Vince Martino reported the following:

1st & 2nd Reading –

Probationary to Regular Membership

August – Anniversary Year Pins

5 Years

10 Years

15 Years

20 Years

40 Years

August – Special Anniversaries

Old Business:

None

New Business:

There are 51 participants signed up for the annual picnic.

Good & Welfare –

Will Jones mentioned on several gun shows coming up. Will didn't have his usual list to hand out this evening, apologies.

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.

IMA is hosting the 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Shoot & Tour on the weekend of October 12th-13th. See:

<https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/britishmilitariaforums/>

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 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.