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President Rich Gajda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked to pause and remember / pray all our US Military personnel, Police and First Responders who are in harms way.

Rich Gajda reminded all in attendance about the meeting rules for the membership.

The minutes for the August meeting were deemed to be correct by the attending membership.

Officers & Committee Reports:

President – The first training courses required to obtain a NJ CCW have been scheduled. The cost will be \$85.00 for SSA members. Look to the SSA Training Website for information.

The SSA annual club picnic & swap meet is October 15, 2022, 1 PM to 4 PM. The picnic is on rain or shine, as we hold it under cover at the outdoor rifle range, swap meet in the barn. The cost is \$15 per adult and guests are welcome. Kids under 16 are free.

The SSA Annual Meeting is next month, and there will be voting on all positions / chairpersons spots, the By-Laws, plus many other important points.

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

Bank Balance (as of August 17, 2022): \$86,875.65
 Receipts: \$15,816.40
 Disbursements: \$13,530.90
 Excess Receipts Over Disbursements: \$2,285.50
 Bank Balance (as of September 21, 2022) : \$89,161.15

Money Market Fund:
 Available for use: \$5,811.69
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$85,705.00
 Balance (as of August 31, 2022) : \$91,516.69

George Rutkowski Fund Balance (as of August 31, 2022) : \$7,086.91

Vice President – No Report. **Secretary** – No Report. **Operations** – No Report. **Hunting** – No Report. **Shotgun** – No Report.

Rifle – **Nick Dewar** reported that the next Hi-Power match is September 25th on the outdoor range. These matches are for military M1 Garand, '03 Springfield, Enfield and Armalite Rifle 15s. You'll need 50 rounds plus sighting rounds. The cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. The event starts at 10:00 AM and finishes about Noon time. Please come a little early to help setup before the match can run. **Nick** mentioned that he is 'retiring' from Hi-Power Rifle chair, and **Bill Murphy** will be taking the helm. Thank you, **Nick** for all your service.

Pistol – **Jim O.** reported that the League is now shooting Police "L" & NRA Bulls-eye stages. We meet Tuesday nights, but please check the Calendar on the SSA website prior to coming, incase there is last minute change. **Jim O.** displayed the Empty Chamber Indicator that every pistol should have when placed at rest on the shooting bench. These are available in the Clubhouse vending machine or directly from Jim for a dollar each. The **George Rutkowski** award for 2022 has been awarded to **John Seal**, the Cowboy Action Chairperson for all the years of his effort's

Events – The training courses for NJ CCW have been scheduled and are posted on the SSA Website. The Club picnic is October 15th, 2022. As always, we recommend that members should check the website calendar to make sure the range is open before heading out.

USPSA – The August 6th event had 21 shooters. The next event is October 1st. If you want to see what USPSA is all about, please come out to an event. Just bring eye & ear protection and we will walk you through the steps.

Woman's League – Elizabeth M. reported that the last event had 18 people and a good time was had by all. The October event will be the last for 2022, as the holidays will have arrived. 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. The cost is \$10.00. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, the phone number is listed in the minutes, and the E Mail address is womensleague@shongum.org.

Black Powder – **Steve S.** reported that there is a shoot on the Second Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00 AM for the winter months.

Membership – **Vince M.** reported:

1st Reading

Scott Denecke, Catherine Mannon, Michael Schmidt, Mark Ziegler

2nd Reading

Christopher Argenziano, Richard Barbieri Sr., Paul Gallagher, Margaret Herman, David Jenkins, Cathleen O'Byrne, Brendan O'Byrne, William Ryan Jr., Benjamin Stout, Aaron Stout, Zijia Zhong

Probationary to Regular Membership:

Thomas Felger, Matthew Mercurio, Daniel Russell, John Strapp, Ryan Strapp

Anniversaries

5th Anniversary — Frank DiGrazia, Rafal Fiolek, Mario Gattullo III, Kurt Schulze, Jason Sendelsky, Jeffrey Stieh, Scott Thies, Patrick Wood

10th Anniversary — Bernadette Cardillo, Walter Molosh

15th Anniversary — Michael Kunkel, Craig Rogers, William Short

20th Anniversary — William Caffrey Sr

30th Anniversary — Billy Crowley

35th Anniversary — William Prahst

37th Anniversary — James Dunckley

44th Anniversary — Imre Von Balinth

45th Anniversary — Peter Hefferan

By-Laws — The By-Laws committee have completed the updates to the SSA By-Laws. The updates are to be voted on at our annual meeting, October 19th.

Juniors – No Report. **NRA Training** – No Report.

Cowboy Action – No Report.

New Business:

The refrigerator section of the soda machine has broken down. The soda is now dispensed at room temperature. This machine is very old and probably cannot be repaired inexpensively. A SSA member in attendance volunteered to look into getting a replacement.

Good & Welfare

Joseph Thomas — reported on CONSTITUTION ALIVE: A free 10 week course held in the SSA Clubhouse on Wednesday nights. The last of these classes is October 5th.

Event — A Freedom Festival event is being held at the Tommy Gun Warehouse in Greeley, Pa. on October 7th thru October 10, 2022.

See [<https://www.rodofironfreedomfestival.org>] for details.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 PM

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, 6:00 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.

Women's League - Final Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Black Powder - Second Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. In the colder months, start time moves forward to 11:00 AM.