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17 December 2025

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Officers

President:

Rich Gajda 908-892-5422

Vice President:

John Gumann 973-933-2764

Treasurer:

Mike Fortunato 973-927-3088

Secretary:

Phil Engert 908-309-6676

Shotgun:

Don Mercovich 908-319-4478

Rifle:

Bill Murphy 973-713-1600

Pistol:

Jim Owings 973-383-3208

Membership:

Greg Forte 201-376-0182

Range Safety:

Gregory Lynch 908-619-9601

Events, Good and Welfare:

Robert Miranda 908-798-0315

Operations:

Wayne Jarvis 908-256-1588

Hunting & Archery:

Tom Hill 908-637-4665

NRA Training:

Adam Mauer 973-255-0018

Immediate Past-President:

John Gumann 973-933-2764

Committee Chairpersons

Cowboy Action:

John Seal 973-601-0397

USPSA/IPSC:

Ron Gumann 973-478-7018

Pistol League:

Jim Owings 973-383-3208

Woman's League:

Elizabeth Mackee 973-303-3207

By Laws:

Pete Hefferan 973-702-0904

Newsletter Editor:

Phil Engert 908-309-6676

Juniors:

Bill Murphy 973-713-1600

Black Powder:

Steve Serna 973-601-3779

Phone Numbers

Clubhouse: 908-637-9813

Vice President John Gumann started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then led our club in a moment of silence for all of our departed members.

John indicated that President Rich Gajda was absent tonight, but that Rich sent his Holiday wishes to everyone.

John reminded those in attendance, that our meetings are governed by Roberts Rules of Order; and that only regular members may vote or present motions

John reminded the membership that the December meeting is also our Holiday party, and a catered dinner is available to the membership with beer and soft drinks for free. As such, John asked that only the most important business be brought up by the Officers and Committee chairs so that everyone could enjoy the Holiday meal without delay.

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

Officers & Committee Reports:

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

Bank Balance (as of Nov 19, 2025): \$36,410.05

Receipts: \$18,265.95

Disbursements: \$21,427.08

Excess Receipts Over Disbursements : (\$3161.13)

Bank Balance (as of Dec 17, 2025) : \$33,248.92

Money Market Fund:

Available for use: \$46,230.70

Restricted for Contingencies: \$105,705.00

Balance (as of Oct 31, 2025) : \$151,935.70

George Rutkowski/Jack Bowden Fund Balance (as of Nov 30, 2025) : \$7,089.49

President— Rich Gadja No report.

Vice President— John Gumann John provided a summary of the November meeting, where the membership concluded the business of the annual meeting, which was delayed from October. Full details of this meeting can be found in the November minutes.

Secretary – Phil Engert Provided notice that the Indoor Range would be closed on December 18th, due to scheduled installation of a new fire alarm system.

Shotgun - Don Mercovich No report.

Rifle—Bill Murphy No Report.

Pistol – Jim Owings No Report

Pistol League – Nick Dewar No Report

Events—Bob Miranda John Gumann reminded the membership to PLEASE check the SSA calendar for current updates regarding range closures and special events.

Safety—Greg Lynch No report.

Operations—Wayne Jarvis No Report

Hunting—Tom Hill. No report.

Cowboy Action—John Seal reported the season is winding down, but matches will continue in December, January, and February if weather permits. The range is reserved, and shooting will take place as long as temperatures reach above 40°F at some point in the morning and the ground is not frozen or icy.

NRA Training – Adam Maurer No Report.

USPSA—Ron Gumann reported that December match was cancelled due to weather.

Women’s League—Elizabeth Mackee Elizabeth noted that the Womens League has stopped for the Winter and will resume in March.

Black Powder—Steve Serna No Report

Membership —Greg Forte read the following Probationary to Regular member—Vincent Benigno. John Gumman asked the membership if any had questions for this new regular members. Seeing none, Vincent Benigno was voted into full membership: all in favor, none-opposed.

Greg introduced the following candidates for their First Reading—Lawrence, Mike Sullivan, Chris Dorian, Sam Grendick, Chris Wagner, Chris Fergo, and Rich Stewart.

Next, Greg offered the following candidates for their Second Reading and to be Approved as Probationary Members: Robert Hines and Chris Wojo. and Frank Baggio. John Gumann then asked the membership if any had questions for these new probationary members. Seeing none, these new members were voted into full membership: all in favor, none-opposed

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports from the By-Laws or Range Rules Committees

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE: None

Meeting adjourned @ 745 PM

Next Members Mtg on 1/21/25 a@ 7:30 PM

