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The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Ken Danz. All Board of Directors members were present. There were 29 members present. The minutes from the October, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report

The balance in the treasury as of 1/26/2017 is **\$101,171.78**. The Board of Directors is looking for someone to do an informal audit for the membership of the 2016 financials. Anyone with the proper finance/accounting experience who would like to volunteer for this task should contact Ken Danz. A motion was made and accepted to file the Treasurer's report for future audit.

Membership Report

As of 1/26/2017, we have 388 members. There is currently a wait list of approximately 100.

Club Events ~ Please check the web for Calendar of Events and to find out information about a particular shooting event.

- **Cowboy** – The November 30, 2016 match had 30 shooters. The December 3, 2016 match had 22 shooters, and the January 7, 2017 match had 7 shooters (who participated in the snow). The next match is this Saturday, February 4th.
- **Geezer Guns** – The November 17, 2016 match had 12 shooters. The December match was cancelled due to weather and the January 19, 2017 match had 11 shooters. Next Geezer Guns is February, 16th.
- **Battle Rifle** – The November match had 17 shooters. The December and January matches were cancelled due to weather (???). The next match is scheduled for February 12th.
- **ESPS** – USPSA has been shut down for the holidays. The next match is February 25th.
- **Steel Challenge** – The November match had 14 shooters. The December match was cancelled due to a "false" weather report and the January 2017 match had 11 shooters. The next match is February 19th.
- **Silhouette** – The November match had at least 12 shooters, shooting 48 guns. The December match was cancelled due to ice and the January 2017 match had 12 shooters, shooting 36 guns. The next match is February 18th.

Old Business

- **Outlet for Rifle Range** – Completed!!!! Thank you to all involved. This looks very nice. During this installation, it was found that the two lights on the ends of the clubhouse are rusted out and need to be replaced. The same team will look into these repairs, as well. Thank you very much.

- **MD Shooter Qualification** – This is finished for the year. Thank you Wes and all others involved in this service to our members. The classes will start up again in September 2017.
- **Fall Clean-up** – We had a very good turn-out for the Fall Clean-up event. Many members showed up with rakes and leaf blowers to move the fallen leaves and to clean the various bays and ranges. Thanks to all who participated and to those who planned the event. This is “our” club and we need to keep it looking nice for everyone to use, and to show the pride we all take in our sport.
- **Power Line Work** - We are still not sure of the exact dates for the work that Delmarva and their contractors will be doing to install the new power poles and transmission lines that bi-sect our property. They will inform Wes when they will be arriving and we will post to the website, calendar, send an email blitz, and post the gate/clubhouse. Unfortunately, we may only have a day or two prior notice before the work begins. During the time-period that anyone is doing work or “could be doing work” on these two “grid sections”, the range WILL BE CLOSED! Due to the extreme hazard and potential for injury, no firearms will be allowed at the facility during this “closure”. We cannot stress this fact enough. It is proposed to take approx. 3 weeks to install the poles and lines. Again, we will post to the website, send around a group email as NOTICE that the work has started/when it is starting, and there will be a “Range Closed” sign placed on the gate and clubhouse doors indicating that the power line work is “in-progress”. We are sorry for this inconvenience but it is a very necessary “evil”. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Pole Building** – We have been back and forth many times with QA County officials trying to finalize this project. It appears that we are finally closing in on having all approvals and being able to break ground. The last major problem we had to address was concerning the County’s requirement for plantings and landscaping (the Planting Plan) required around the new building and in front of the property. They are requiring specific numbers/types of plantings as well as specific locations, it must be done by a licensed landscaper in the county and we must purchase a “bond” to insure that the plants stay alive for at least two years. We have gone out for bid on this, accepted a bid and the bond is being issued. We are in the process of receiving the final signatures required to break ground. It appears that we will break ground immediately following the big Cowboy shoot in May, 2017. Construction, concrete work, final grading and landscaping will take several weeks to complete. After that, we will need to move the contents of the other buildings on the property to the respective bays in the new building and then remove the old sheds. Member-help will be needed for these final tasks. Please be looking for updates in the newsletter/minutes and be sure to volunteer. This is a big step for our club and we are very excited about it. It will be something we can all be proud of for many years to come.
- **Replacement of Barrels on 50 Yard Berm** – Progress has been made on this and there are just a few small items that need to be completed before this will be finished. Thank you to all involved with this. It is looking very good. However, we are already noticing bullet holes already in the barrels and signs. These are NOT supposed to be shot, at any time and for any reason. Doing so is grounds for disciplinary action through the club rules policy. You are responsible for knowing where your rounds are going. **DO NOT SHOOT THE BARRELS OR SIGNS, PLEASE!!!!** We have to keep addressing this month after month and we should not have to do so.

New Business

- **New Treasurer** – The club is in need of someone to fill the Treasurer’s position after the resignation of the current Treasurer. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, John Kerchner has deemed it necessary to tender his resignation as the club’s Treasurer. We will be sorry to see John resign. This brings up the need for another member to volunteer to take over these important responsibilities. Any interested member should contact president Ken Danz. In the interim, former Treasurer and current Executive Officer, Tracy Kilby, has graciously offered to temporarily fill-in until a permanent replacement can be found. Thank you so much, Tracy for

filling this void for the club. It is vital that a member step forward to fill this vacancy so that no one member has to fill more than one position.

- **Appleseed Events** – Last year, the club hosted several Appleseed events that were of great success. We have been asked to host more Appleseed events in 2017. To that end, we have scheduled 3 new events for 2017. The dates are May 13, September 9, and October 14, 2017. The September and October dates are high power rifle 200-yard events. See the Appleseed website for details. Tell your friends and family members about these great events! Not only is it a lot of fun and an excellent training program, it is a great history lesson too!
- **Spring Clean-up** - Our next clean-up will be in the spring. A date of April 29, 2017 has been set for this event. As always, we need and appreciate your participation. Come on out to the next event, meet fellow members, fellowship with one-another, earn a few work hours, and make our club look great for upcoming spring events. Anyone with power washers, these are of particular need in the spring to wash away the winter “gunk” and dirt from the buildings, firing lines and benches.
- **Clubhouse Floor** – The floor in the clubhouse is starting to deteriorate, especially where the old soda machines were located. We need to replace the vinyl flooring material. John Merson is investigating possible materials and once we select a material, we will be looking for volunteers to help pull the old flooring up and install the new floor. Anyone with experience with this type of work and who will be interested in heading up this project should talk to Ken or Wes.
- **Access Cards and Locks** – We need to obtain more card-keys for our new gate and locking system. Debbie Kilby will contact Advantech to get more cards and to get a price on replacing the old digital lock on the storeroom door with an electronic lock that can be programmed to the appropriate cards.
- **Volunteer(s) for Paper Goods Stock/Purchase** – Volunteers were solicited to help purchase and stock the paper goods in the clubhouse. This would involve making sure that there is a stock of paper towels and toilet tissue in the bathrooms and buying the supplies as needed. Expenses for the supplies would be reimbursed by the club, of course. Anyone who can help, please contact Ken or Wes.
- **Cowboy Round-up Shoot** – DSA will again host the *Eas'dern Shore Round-up Cowboy Shoot* on May 4-7, 2017. They are again this year looking for “Waddies” (or helpers) to assist with various jobs to produce the shoot. Club members serving as Waddies will be given lunch and “work hours” for time worked at the shoot. Anyone interested in volunteering as a Waddie, please see Debbie or Tracy Kilby.
- **Swap Meet** – It has been decided to attempt our first members’ “Swap Meet” on June 10, 2017. It will be open to all club members as “vendors” and anyone as “buyers”. This will be for any gear you may have that you want to sell that involves any outdoor sport, such as fishing, camping, boating, shooting, etc... Set-up will start at 8am and sales start at 9am. The cost will be \$10/table for members that are interested in selling anything at the swap meet. Members who are also FFL dealers may wish to make their services available to members who want to sell firearms privately, outside of this event. Stay tuned to next month’s minutes/newsletter for changes. This is a new item for us and it will certainly be a work in progress. For information, please contact Wes. Grogan.
- **New Members** – We welcomed 12 new members into the club at this meeting. Welcome to all new members and be safe.
- **Cabela’s Special Event** – Cabela’s at Christiana Mall will host a Special Event on February 17, 2017, entitled “POW-MIA Chair of Honor” for Veterans. It will begin at 8am. For further information please contact Cabela’s directly. DSA would like to thank all Veterans for their service to the country.

Legislative Updates

- **Delaware** – There will be a Special Election for the 10th Senate District. This special election can change politics in Delaware for some time to come. All Delaware voters are encouraged to participate. We are told that John Marino is 2nd Amendment friendly.
- **Maryland** – The state legislature is at it again with anti-2nd Amendment legislation. Maryland's MSI (Maryland Shall Issue) has stated on their website that there will be a committee vote on a new "Campus Free-Zone" legislation, making it law that all college/university campus in Maryland be "gun-free zones", regardless of whether you have a concealed carry permit, or not. You are encouraged to find out the facts/details on this subject at the Maryland Shall Issue website. We do not know all of the details.

The meeting was adjourned 8:43 PM. The next meeting will be held February 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM.