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The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Ken Danz. There were 46 members present. The minutes from the January 26, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed with one correction (Treasurer's report balance was previously reported on 1/26/2017 as \$101,171.78 and it should have been reported as \$101,172.18). Please accept this correction.

Treasurers Report

The balance in the treasury as of January, 26, 2017, was \$101,172.18 (note correction from what was reported in last month's minutes/newsletter). Expenses since then were \$13,087.50, and income was \$5,491.68. The balance as of 2/23/2017 is **\$93,576.36**. The large expenses were for the Pole Building deposit and the Card Reader/Cards work by Advantech. A motion was made and accepted to file the Treasurer's report for future audit. Taxes have been turned over to the accountant for calculating and submitting and we have begun the process of an informal review for the 2016 financial records. When completed, the results will be made available to the membership.

Membership Report

As of 2/23/2017, we have 416 members. We have 13 new members scheduled for walk-thru in March. There is currently a wait list of approximately 61.

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

- **Cowboy** – The Renegades had 14 shooters in February. The next match is this Saturday, March 4th.
- **Geezer Guns** – The February match had 7 shooters. Next Geezer Guns is March 16th. Anyone interested in shooting this, the matches are the 3rd Thursday of the month and the cost to shoot is \$5. Contact Tracy Kilby for more information.
- **Battle Rifle** – The February match had 16 shooters and 25 guns. Matches are on the 2nd Sunday of the month and the next match is scheduled for March 12th. Cost is \$10 for the 1st gun and \$5 for the 2nd gun...pistol match at the end is free.
- **ESPS** – USPSA has their first match of 2017 scheduled for 2/25/2017. The match is currently full with 75 shooters, but there will likely be some no-shows, so stop by if interested. The next match is March 25th.
- **Steel Challenge** – The February match had 29 shooters and 46 guns. The next match is March 19th.
- **Silhouette** – The February match had 13 shooters and 43 guns. The next match is March 18th.

Old Business

- **Power Lines** – This is currently scheduled by Delmarva Power to begin sometime the 1st week of March and is scheduled to take 3 weeks. They will contact Wes with exact dates and we will post on the website. We may have only 1-2 days notice before they start. Watch the website carefully. The range will be closed while any work is being done on poles and/or lines near the range. We are sorry for this inconvenience but this is a necessary safety precaution. Signs will be posted on the gate, clubhouse and ranges. While the range is closed (posted), there can be no shooting whatsoever on range property. There will be no exceptions to this as long as the range is closed. We have discussed with Delmarva the scheduled shoots for the weekends during the projected closure. It is unknown at this time whether Delmarva Power can guarantee no one will be working during these scheduled shooting times/dates. We will post updates as they become available, but be aware that it is possible that scheduled matches may have to be cancelled due to the work schedule on the power lines, possibly with very short notice. The contractors doing this work are known to work 7 days/week when they get started. Please watch the website and property for postings.
 - **Pole Building** – We continue to have small items to do for the County on this but it appears that we are almost complete for the permitting. We have submitted our deposit on the building to Delmarva and are working with a Lawyer to finalize the counties “no tree cutting” contract that we must provide/sign. This has been a very long and tough project and we thank all who have worked tirelessly to make this happen in the face of overwhelming county requirements. This will be a nice building when completed. Construction is scheduled to start on/after May 8th.
 - **Treasurer’s Position** – We still are looking for a volunteer to take over the recently vacated Treasurer’s position for the club. Please see President Kenny Danz if you can help the club. We have submitted our taxes to be done and also have submitted for an informal review (audit) of the 2016 financials (we have this done each year for the membership) and will make the results known when they are available.
 - **Spring Clean-up Day** - This has been scheduled for April 29th at 8am. Please mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be provided and work hours received for the attending members. This is always an enjoyable time of work and fellowship with other members – lots of fun! We are looking for members with leaf blowers and pressure washers for this spring clean-up as well as other “yard tools”. This is an especially important clean-up since it is happening the weekend before the big Cowboy shoot/match and it is important that the club look great for all of the shooters attending. Come on out and show your support for the club. Thanks.
 - **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** - John Merson has gotten some samples of a new durable vinyl tile flooring that seems to be what we are looking for – very durable and easy to install. He is pursuing getting a quote for materials. We are looking for volunteers to help with the replacement. Once we have a firm price on materials, we will look at the calendar and set a work day for this to be installed. Please contact Kenny Danz if you can help with this and/or if you are interested in heading up this project. Thanks.
 - **Volunteer to Purchase and Stock Clubhouse Supplies** – Thank you to Richard Updyke for volunteering to get the paper supplies, etc... for the clubhouse and to keep them stocked. We are also looking for one or two others to help Richard with this since “many hands make lite work”. Please see Kenny Danz or Richard Updyke if you can help with keeping up with this task. Again, Thanks to Richard.
 - **Replacement of Barrels on 50 Yard Berm** – All that remains on this is to install the Stainless Steel strapping. Please remember...**DO NOT SHOOT THE BARRELS OR SIGNS!!!** Thanks.
 - **Boy Scouts** – Wes will be instructing some local Boy Scouts on March 11th at 9am on PR-1. The rest of the range will be open to members, except for PR-1. If you are here that day, please make these young Americans feel welcome.
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- **Swap Meet** – We have our first Swap Meet scheduled for June 10th. This is for any type of outdoor sports items, etc... Tables for selling are for members only, and are \$10/table. Anyone can come as a customer, so invite your friends (Debbie has made some signs that you can print out and post at local shops, etc...), see the website or your email. Set up will start at 8am and the sales hours will be from 9am – 2pm. Contact Wes for details and to reserve a table.
 - **Appleseed Events** – DSA will host 3 Appleseed Events in 2017. The dates and events are: May 13, 2017 – 200yd Center Fire Rifle event – RR; September 9, 2017 – 25yd Pistol event – PR; October 14, 2017 – 200yd Center Fire Rifle event – RR. See the calendar for details and the Appleseed website info.
 - **Lights on the Clubhouse** – Lights on the ends of the clubhouse are still in need of repair/replacing. Volunteers will replace these two fixtures.
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New Business

- **New Cards and Card Readers** – As a result of the growing membership and non-returning members failing to return their cards, it has become necessary to order more gate/door access cards. During this process, it was found out that the card readers on the gate are of obsolete technology and Advantech could not get cards for them any longer. Therefore, it was necessary to have the two card pads on the gate replaced (at cost), to order a quantity of new cards and have them programmed by Advantech (your old cards will still work with new readers, so no worries), and to install a new lock/reader on the secure storeroom door. In total, we spent less than \$3k for all of the upgrades, locks, readers, cards and labor. Thank you Debbie for heading this up for us.

Legislative Updates –

- Please check out the website for updates on pending legislation.
- Maryland
 - The MSI website reports that the 4th Circuit Court has upheld a lower court ruling that supports Maryland's Oct 2013 Assault weapons ban and magazine qty limits. This is independent of the HQL lawsuit that MSI and others have pending for Maryland. The next step for the MD assault weapons/magazine ban is the Supreme Court. Be sure to contact your Federal Senators and Representatives and rally support for conservative Supreme Court nominations from the new Administration. This is of vital importance to the preservation of our 2nd Amendment rights in America and here in Maryland.
 - A vote is coming up on the "Campus Gun Ban for college and university campuses" with 3 year jail time, even if one has a Concealed Carry Permit on all college and university campuses in Maryland, regardless of what the college or university has decided. If this becomes law in Maryland, it will be another blow to our state gun rights.
 - Maryland "gun days" in Annapolis are in early March this year (March 8th and March 14th). There are also votes scheduled for March 1st (campus carry Bill) and March 2nd (probation before judgement Bill – dangerous because you can be slapped with a Felony "conviction" without a jury trial). See this site for more information:
<http://www.guns.com/2017/02/15/maryland-general-assembly-gun-days-scheduled-for-march/>

New Member Introductions – We welcomed 21 new members at this meeting. We look forward to getting to know you and shooting with each of you. Be safe and have fun! Welcome!!!

The meeting was adjourned approx. 8:45PM. The next meeting will be held March 30, 2017, at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your club.