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Notice: As of April 3, 2017, the Range will be **CLOSED** due to power line work being performed across our property. See the website for updates. There is a sign posted on the gate stating that the range is closed.

March 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Ken Danz. There were 29 members present. The minutes from the February 23, 2017, meeting was approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report

The balance in the treasury as of February 23, 2017, was \$93,576.36. Expenses since then were \$11,493.63, and deposits of \$2,430.00. The balance as of 3/30/2017 is **\$84,512.78**. The large expenses were for the Card Reader/Cards work by Advantech, building survey, and building permits/etc....related to the new pole building. A motion was made and accepted to file the Treasurer's report for future audit. A request for an extension for filing of our 2016 taxes was requested and received, so tax preparation is pending. An informal review of the 2016 financial records is also pending. When completed, the results will be made available to the membership.

Membership Report

As of 3/30/2017, we have 423 members. There is currently a wait list of approximately 56.

Club Events ~ Please check the web for Calendar of Events and to find out up-to-date information about a particular shooting event. **We will try to note all cancellations on the club calendar due to the power line range closure(s).**

- **Cowboy** – The Renegades had 17 shooters in March. The next match is this Saturday, April 1st.
- **Geezer Guns** – The March 16th match was cancelled due to weather. However, the Geezers met on March 30th and they had 9 shooters. Next Geezer Guns is April 20th (watch website calendar for cancellations). 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 March match had 12 shooters and it was very cold. The April match has been cancelled due to the power line work on the range. Matches are on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Cost is \$10 for the 1st gun and \$5 for the 2nd gun...pistol match at the end is free.
- **ESPS** – USPSA held their first match of 2017 on 2/25/2017. The match had 73 shooters. The March match had 67 shooters. The next match is scheduled for March 22nd (watch the website calendar for cancellations).

- **Steel Challenge** – The March match had 25 shooters. The next match is April 16th (watch the website calendar for cancellations).
- **Silhouette** – The March match had 12 shooters. Monitor the website calendar for the schedule, updates and cancellations.

Old Business

- **Power Lines** – This is currently scheduled by Delmarva Power to begin April 3rd and is scheduled to take 3 weeks. 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. 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. Delmarva Power will notify us if there will be any breaks in the power line work. 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. 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. The permits should be issued very soon. 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 May 8th following the big Cowboy shoot.
- **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. Please step up and volunteer for this important club position. Tracy Kilby is graciously filling in for the Treasurer until a replacement can be found. Tracy is performing double duty as he is also the Executive Officer for the Club Board of Directors. Thanks for all your help Tracy!!!
- **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 and earn work hours towards reducing your annual club dues...a win-win opportunity. Thanks.
- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** - John Merson has gotten some samples of new durable snap-together vinyl tile flooring that seems to be what we are looking for – very durable and easy to install. Materials for this project are approximately \$4,200 if we do the work ourselves. We are looking for volunteers to help with the replacement. 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 metal strapping. Please remember...**DO NOT SHOOT THE BARRELS OR SIGNS!!!** Thanks.
- **Boy Scouts** – Wes instructed some local Boy Scouts on March 11th. The day went well and a good time was had by all.

- **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.
 - **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. This has been completed and the system is working. Thank you Debbie for heading this up for us.
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New Business

- **Bathroom Use** – We have had several complaints about how some members are using the bathroom facilities. The men’s room seems to be the issue. The issue is that it appears some members have trouble hitting the urinal and/or toilet. Please “take aim” more carefully! If you “miss the target”, then please have the common courtesy to clean up your mess. When waste is distributed on the fixtures and floor and not cleaned up, the entire clubhouse starts to smell. Remember, this is a club that gets use by both members and non-members alike. Please show some pride in your club and keep it clean. Thanks.
- **Eas’dern Shore Roundup Cowboy Shoot** – We will again host this large Cowboy Action match this year. The match is scheduled for May 4-7, 2017, and the range will be closed to all other shooters during that time. This is an opportunity to showcase our range to many shooters. As always, we are looking for volunteers (called Waddies) to help with parking, “running” scores from the range to the clubhouse, and other “behind the scenes” duties to keep the match running. Waddies will receive work hours and lunch for helping produce this match. If interested, contact either Debbie Kilby or Tracy Kilby. It is a great time.
- **Club Rules and Safety Infractions** – The Board of Directors urges all members to refresh themselves with all of the Club Rules for safety and range use. We have had several infractions of the rules recently ranging from minor infractions to serious infractions. The results of these types of infractions could include: a warning, requiring the member to be re-trained on firearms safety, assessing of points, monetary fines (when damage to club property has occurred), and/or suspension or expulsion. Examples of common infractions are:
 - Failure to “card in” (carding in at the gate is required of all member who are not attending a club sponsored event).
 - Failure to have a guest sign the waiver
 - Failure to wear proper safety equipment
 - Failure to follow proper safe handling procedures for firearms
 - Failure to know where your shots are going
 - Failure to use the proper stands or shoot from the proper position on the range
 - Use of unauthorized calibers on a given range

- Failure to call for or confirm a “cease fire” or hot/cold range, and/or proceeding down-range on an active/hot range.
- Destruction of club property

Legislative Updates –

- Please check out the website for updates on pending legislation. The description(s) below of any legislation is our best interpretation of the bill/law, but may not be completely accurate. We encourage you to research these for yourself and to come to an informed opinion.
- Maryland
 - During the meeting we were informed of two anti-gun bills. Check the Maryland State Legislature website or the MSI (Maryland Shall Issue) website for updates. The two bills that were discussed at the meeting were (these are not the actual names of the bills, but rather brief descriptions of them...please look up the details for yourself to become informed):
 - The worst version of the “Campus Carry” bill (evidently there are two versions of this bill), which would make it illegal for anyone to carry or possess a firearm on a public college campus in Maryland, regardless of whether the college/university has a rule about this or not. The bill, if it becomes law, carries a felony charge and 3 year jail sentence, even if you possess a concealed carry permit.
 - The “Long-gun Transfer” bill would require all private transfers in Maryland of long-guns to go through a licensed FFL dealer. There are several issues with this bill and it will greatly complicate and add expense to gifting and inheriting shotguns/rifles within a family and will require FBI “NICS” checks on these types of transfers. Read, learn and decide for yourself.

New Member Introductions – We welcomed 8 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. 8:17PM. The next meeting will be held April 27, 2017, at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your club.