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## January 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by Vice President Wes Grogan. President Ken Danz was in absentia. There were 21 members present. The minutes from the October 26, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed.

## Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report from Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2017 showed debits of \$7676.41 and deposits of \$8151.03. This gave an ending balance as of 12/31/2017, of \$68,301.74 as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke in absentia. The Treasurer's report will be filed for future audit, as usual.

## Membership Report

As of 1/25/2018, we have 381 members. There is currently a wait list of approximately 77.

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

- **Cowboy** – There were 29 shooters in December. It was a nice shoot. The January 2018 match was postponed. The next club match is on 2/3/2018.
- **Geezer Guns** – There were 12 shooters in December and it was a good day. There were 5 shooters in January and it was very cold. The next match is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February. Anyone interested in shooting, the matches are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and the cost to shoot is \$5. Contact John Merson for more information.
- **Battle Rifle** – The January match had 12 shooters with the weather being bitterly cold. Matches are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Cost is \$10 for the 1<sup>st</sup> gun and \$5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> gun...pistol match at the end is free.
- **ESPS** – USPSA October match had 74 shooters. See the calendar for the next match.
- **Steel Challenge** – The November match had 17 shooters, December had 26 shooters and 27 guns, and the January match had 22 shooters. See the calendar for the next match.
- **Silhouette** – The December match was cancelled due to ice and the January match had 14 shooters and 38 guns. See the calendar for the next match.

## Old Business

- **Pole Building** – We continue work on the interior build-out and door opener installation for individual shooting disciplines and the general club bay. These are almost complete. Several

disciplines have already moved into their bays and we will be scheduling a day to move all general club material into the club bay very soon. Watch the email and website for information and date.

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** – No new news on this for this month. Please watch the newsletter and website for updates. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this project. Contact Ken Danz or John Merson.
  - **Light on Clubhouse Flag Pole** - Anyone able to help with this project should contact John Merson. There was no new news on this project this month. We are waiting for the weather and ground to warm up.
  - **Updating/Upgrading Insurance Coverage for the Club** –The Executive board has voted to update the required insurance coverages to reflect both the present property values and also the litigious atmosphere in which we operate today. We continue to work on this. The hold-up appears to be the public matches where a number of non-members may be shooting or attending the match. Once a final figure is determined, the membership will be notified.
  - **Scanning-In/Out at the Gate and Guest Waivers** – The Board of Directors wishes to make another announcement about Scanning-In/Out when a member enters and leaves the property and also about having a guest sign a waiver as soon as you enter the property with the guest. We are noticing that many members are not scanning-in/out when they enter/leave the property because they either enter/leave behind another member through the gate or that the gate is already open. **The only time a member does not have to scan-in/out is when you are here to attend a club sanctioned function or shoot. If you are not attending/participating in the club sponsored shoot, but rather are here for some other reason and the gate is open, you must still scan-in/out to comply with club rules. It is a good practice to scan-in/out whenever you enter/leave the property, even if you are attending the sponsored shoot.** Also, we are still noticing that members are not having guests sign a waiver whenever a guest is brought onto club property. It is important that you do this! The future of the club could depend on this. Have a guest sign a fresh waiver even if they have signed a waiver before...better safe than sorry.
  - **Club Elections** – Club elections were held for the Board of Directors/Club officers. Two new members to the Board were elected by unanimous vote of the membership present. The Board of Directors welcomes: Earl Schommer – Exec. Officer, and Tim Perry – Membership Officer.
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## New Business

- **Change in Procedure for Shooting Groups Payment** – This pertains to shooter fees that the disciplines pay to DSA. Shooter fees will be due by the next scheduled general club meeting.
- **Change in Dues Structure** – In response to requests from several members and directors, the Board had voted to change the dues structure starting with dues due October 1, 2018. Currently, the existing dues structure dictates that a dues payment with a postmark after October 31, membership is terminated. The new procedure states: "...payment received that is postmarked after October 31, will result in an additional assessed penalty of \$75 which must be received by December 31. All past due dues and additional penalty must be postmarked by December 31. Any dues and penalty payment not postmarked by December 31, will result in termination of membership." **There will be ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- **Additional Range Closures** – The BOD has approved a request from ESPS for closure of the range on the Friday afternoon before the ESPS match, for setup. ESPS shoots on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, February thru October with the exception of no match in August. The range (both RR and PR) will close at 3pm on the Friday before the match. More details on this to follow.

- **Safety Briefing/Walkthrough** – Safety briefing and walkthrough for prospective new members will now also include a written test to make sure that they understand the safety rules. Info available from the Chief Instructor, John Merson.
- **Safety Violations/Suspensions** – Over the last few months, 2 members were suspended for violation of a safety rule. Both violated the safety rule of target placement of closer than 75 yards on the 200 yard rifle range. Please be sure of the target rules for selection and placement, depending on what and where you are shooting. If unsure, please re-read the range rules. If you have questions, please ask the Chief Instructor or any BOD member.
- **Spring Clean-up Day** – The date of April 21<sup>st</sup> has been set for our spring clean-up. The time is from 8am – until.... Come on out and help your club, meet members, and have a great time. Coffee and donuts are provided. Leaf blowers, yard implements and pressure washers are always welcome. Your help is appreciated. We will be preparing the club grounds for the big Delaware State Cowboy shoot in early May. For questions, contact Wes Grogan.
- **Scout Day** – The date of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, has been set aside as our annual Scout Day. This is a day where Wes helps introduce local Scouts to the safe use and handling of firearms. Watch the calendar on the website to see which ranges will be in use. Contact Wes Grogan for questions.

### 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
  - No new information was discussed. In Maryland, up-to-date information can usually be found on the MSI (Maryland Shall Issue) website. Other websites sometimes also carry MD information.
- Delaware
  - Two bills in Delaware were briefly discussed, but no specific details were given. Please research these two bills on your own for more information:
    - One bill has to do with making the **possession and/or use** of a “bump-stock” illegal. Contact your politicians and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment-friendly organizations to voice your opinion and disapproval.
    - Another bill has to do with the State allowing “any medical professional” to make a decision on an owner or prospective owner’s mental ability/stability to own a firearm. The concerns over this type of legislation is obvious. Please research this further and contact your Delaware politicians and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment-friendly organizations and voice your opinion and disapproval.

**New Member Introductions** – There were 8 new members at the meeting this month. We look forward to getting to know all new members and shooting with each new member. Be safe and have fun! Welcome!!!

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:11PM.

**The next meeting will be held February 22, 2018, at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your club.**