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## October 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by President Ken Danz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members present. Absent were officers Tim Perry and John Merson. The minutes from the September 27, 2018, meeting were approved as posted/distributed.

## Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for October 2018 showed debits of \$1,333.97, and there were deposits of \$11,798.75. This gave an ending balance as of 10/25/2018, of \$82,499.99, as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke. The Treasurer's report was accepted will be filed for future audit.

## Membership Report

Since 2019 dues are in the process of being received and recorded on a daily basis, there was no membership report at this time. Dues continue to arrive every day. There have been approximately 10 members that have said that they are not renewing this year. At the time of the meeting, there were approx. 50 members who had not returned their dues. There is still a week before the grace period is over. Before the dues invoices were issued (8/31/2018), the standing membership was 431, with a significant waiting list (in excess of 75...exact count was not reported).

**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 was no Cowboy report for October. Questions should be directed to John Merson.
- **Geezer Guns** – There were 9 shooters in October. 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** – There were 13 shooters shooting 23 guns. Next match is a Battle Rattle and will require 48rds. 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. Contact Dick Deal ([dkdeale@hotmail.com](mailto:dkdeale@hotmail.com)) with questions. We have completed our CMP member club renewal, so we are again in good standing with the CMP.
- **ESPS** –The next match is this Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 74 shooters registered. They will shoot rain or shine and must schedule one more match for 2018 to have the required number of shoots this year. December 29<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for this last match date. See the calendar for match dates. Also look at the calendar for the set-up dates

and times...we have started closing the range on Friday afternoons before the Saturday match in order to let the group set up their courses on both the PR and RR.

- **Steel Challenge** – The October match had 30 shooters and 40 guns. See the calendar for the next match and for range closures.
- **Silhouette** – The October match had 4 shooters and 13 guns. The matches are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Please check the online calendar for match dates.

## Old Business

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement/Interior Painting** – The Board is collecting bids for the floor work and the contract for the painting has been awarded. The painting begins the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will proceed with the flooring after the clubhouse interior is painted.
  - **Light on Clubhouse Flag Pole** - This is still in process. They are looking for a light fixture. We are entertaining a solar unit if we can find one that will work satisfactorily. This would eliminate the need to run electricity to the pole. This is progressing, however slowly.
  - **Yard Pole Light** – We have the correct bulb and are still waiting for the bucket truck to again be available to install it. This is on their list.
  - **Appleseed Events** – The Appleseed events have been a great success. The September shoot was sold out and it appears that the October shoot is also sold out. Please see the website and calendar for information about future shoots that may be scheduled.
  - **State Shooter Qualifications for Hunting on State Lands** – Wes will be holding State Shooter Qualification classes this year. These “certifications” are required if you wish to hunt on any State lands. If interested in becoming qualified/certified, contact Wes directly to set up a time.
  - **Nominations for Club Officers for the 2018-2019 Membership Year** – Nominations for officers opened at the August meeting and closed at the end of the September meeting. Elections will take place during the October meeting.
  - **Updates to Club Rules and Disciplinary Policies** – This is still in progress. No new updates to this item. Recent incidents have highlighted the need to modify and expand on the Club’s Rules and Policies. The Board will be reviewing the Rules and Policies and making changes and additions as needed. Any changes will be communicated to the membership and there is always a copy of the “current” Club Rules and Policies posted on the website.
  - **Extend Berm on one Pistol Range** – This item is still under discussion by the board. Looks like this will take place in early to mid-2019. We are moving forward with this and are entertaining ideas and design concepts for separating PR#3 from the other two pistol ranges. Richard Updyke (many thanks to Richard) has volunteered to oversee this project for the club once we start construction. The purpose for this is as follows: In order to allow safe shooting by members on different bays (like having a separate pistol bay), we are entertaining the possibility of extending the center berm into the shooting cover. This would allow a shooter to shoot the entire length of the pistol range and another to shoot a shorter distance if desired, simultaneously. Currently, this is not safe or possible and shooters must switch off every 30 minutes. If this is done, it will not happen until 2019. We will be taking ideas and suggestions in the meantime.
  - **Open House** – No new update. However it was discussed that we should do more fun and club activities to bring the members closer. A private “Blog” or Forum was also discussed for member to be able to converse with one another more easily. It was proposed that the Club should hold an Open House or picnic. This would be for the purpose of introducing existing shooters/new shooters to the various shooting disciplines that the club sponsors. In addition, it would be an excellent opportunities to get members’ families together and enjoy the club that we work so hard to support. If you have any ideas for this or any suggestions/concerns, please contact any Board member.
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## New Business

- **Dues Notice Reminder** –The dues notices went out via email (email only) on September 1, 2018, and will be due in to us (postmarked no later than) October 31, 2018. If we do not receive your dues postmarked by the end of October (10/31), a \$75 late fee will need to be paid along with the delinquent dues, on or before December 31, 2018, in order to keep your membership active and avoid having to go back on the “list”. Members with delinquent dues (not postmarked on or before allowed on club property until the late fee and delinquent outstanding dues are paid. Any delinquent dues not received postmarked along with the additional \$75 penalty fee by December 31, 2018, will be dropped from the rolls. No exceptions will be allowed and you will have to go to the bottom of the waiting list. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this last chance effort. DO NOT WAIT TO PAY YOUR DUES!!! Pay them as soon as you receive your new dues notice.
- **Fall Clean-up Day** – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, was the fall clean-up day. It was a good day even though the leaves had not fallen. This will make the spring clean-up all the more important for a good turnout. Please watch the calendar and the newsletter for the date of the spring 2019 clean-up day.
- **Silhouette Lean-to** – A request was made to put a lean-to on the RR for use by the Silhouette group so that their shooting barrels are not degraded by constant sun exposure. This was discussed favorably and more plans will be made.
- **Eyebrow on RR berm** – A suggestion was made for installing an “Eyebrow” on the RR berm to help catch bullets leaving the range and to help preserve the berm. More discussion on this in subsequent meetings may take place or entertain other ideas. No decision was made.
- **Jim Pileggi Honor** – As has become a custom, a plaque was presented to Jim Pileggi for his service on the Board of Directors. Jim was present for the award. Thanks for your service Jim.
- **Caroline County “Show-Stoppers”** – A thank you card was received and read to the membership in appreciation for being a sponsor to the Show-Stoppers performance and their playbill. They also presented a plaque of appreciation to the club.
- **Program for Lady Shooters** – Queen Anne’s County expressed an interest in helping us promote a “first shot” type program for Lady Shooters. We have done this in the past and had good results/turn-out. Something like the NRA “Women on Target” program was suggested. More discussion about this will need to take place, but the consensus was that this was something we would want to do.
- **Rte. 301 Corridor is Expanding** – It was discussed that with the completion of the Middletown Bypass, there will be substantially more traffic on RT301. As a result, there will be a significant increase in development along the route. Members should keep their ears open about possible issues that could threaten our continued existence, including nearby development and/or zoning changes.
- **Club Elections** – At the end of the October meeting we held elections for Club officers for the 2019 calendar year. The slate was elected, unopposed, and the members were elected unanimously. Your officers are as follows:
  - President – Ken Danz
  - Vice President – Wes Grogan
  - Secretary – Debbie Kilby
  - Treasurer – Richard Updyke
  - Chief Instructor – John Merson
  - Membership Officer – Tim Perry
  - Executive Officer – Tracy Kilby

## Legislative Updates

- Please check out the website for updates on pending legislation, if available. 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.
- **November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Please be sure to get out and vote!!!! This is very important to our Second Amendment Rights in both Delaware and Maryland, as well as for our Federal government. Vote for the Conservative or Republican candidates for the best chance at preserving your gun rights in both Delaware and Maryland. 2019 is sure to have an unprecedented assault on our Second Amendment rights.**
- Possibility of a 1-Goose Hunting Season Returns – It was mentioned that there is again a threat of a 1-goose Hunting Season with declines in the goose population and changes in the flyway. The resident population does seem to be holding its own. Members should be alert to any news with respect to this and should notify an officer of the club with more information.
- **Maryland**
  - Discussion was held on the election and possible good choices for elected officials that will likely help to support our Second Amendment Rights. These candidates are:
    - Governor: Hogan/Rutherford
    - Attorney General: Craig Wolf
    - US Senate: Tony Campbell
    - US Representative: Andy Harris
    - MD State Senate: Steve Hershey
    - MD House of Delegates (District 36): Steve Arentz/Jeff Ghrist/Jay Jacobs
    - State's Attorney: Robert Strong
    - Kent County Commissioner: Jacob/Mason/Short
    - Kent Co. Sheriff: John Price
- **Delaware**
  - There is little doubt that Townsend will be back with his copycat firearms bill modeled after Maryland's nightmare bill passed in 2013. DE voters need to bear this in mind and elect Republican and/or candidates with a solid pro-gun/pro-Second Amendment voting reputation. This disaster was narrowly defeated this year by only 1 vote. Questions about this should be directed to members who are knowledgeable about the Delaware legislative atmosphere, such as President Ken Danz, or others
- Please contact Ken Danz or Jeff Johnson with any Legislative updates and/or corrections for either Delaware or Maryland. If you hear of a passed Bill, please contact us so we can at least make some note of it to the membership affected by the law. Thanks.

**New Member Introductions** – There were no new members introduced at this meeting.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:00pm by President Danz.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the club members and in particular the Board members for making my two years as club Secretary a pleasant and enjoyable experience. I regret that my current work schedule requires that I give up the honor of being on your Board of Directors. And, I wish to extend a sincere thanks to Debbie Kilby for volunteering to again be our club Secretary.

Thanks again,  
Jeff