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The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Chief Instructor John Merson and continued later by President Ken Danz. There were 25 members present. The minutes from the February 2018 meeting were approved as posted/distributed. V.P. Wes Grogan was absent due to family business. As always, our thoughts and prayers are with Wes and his wife.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for February 2018 showed debits of \$13,046.80, and there were deposits of \$11,677.71. This gave an ending balance as of 3/29/2018, of \$61,519.29, as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke. The Treasurer's report will be filed for future audit, as usual.

Membership Report

As of 3/29/2018, we have 430 members. There is currently a wait list of approximately 32 applicants, and we will be admitting one more person for this year on 4/7, according to the Chief Instructor.

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 17 shooters in March 2018.
- **Geezer Guns** – There were 8 shooters in March. See the calendar for the next match dates...there are extra matches scheduled in April to practice for the upcoming Eastern Shore Round-up. Anyone interested in shooting, the matches are the 3rd Thursday of the month and the cost to shoot is \$5. Contact John Merson for more information.
- **Battle Rifle** – The March match had 17 shooters. Matches are held 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 February match had 64 shooters and the March match had 80 shooters (evidently the biggest turnout ever!!!). 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 in order to let the group set up their courses on both the PR and RR.
- **Steel Challenge** – The March match had 19 shooters and 19 guns. See the calendar for the next match.
- **Silhouette** – The March match had 6 shooters and 20 guns. See the calendar for the next match.

Old Business

- **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 warmer and drier weather.
 - **Updating/Upgrading Insurance Coverage for the Club** –The club needed to have some fire extinguishers charged and purchased 5 additional fire extinguishers for the 5 pays in the new building in order for the insurance to be approved.
 - **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.
 - **Spring Clean-up Day** – The date of April 21st 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 or any other Board member.
 - **Scout Day** – The date of May 12th, 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.
 - **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 4th 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.
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New Business

- **Dusk to Dawn Yard Light** – The Dusk-to-dawn yard light in the parking lot has broken and is not working. We need someone with a bucket truck to replace the light and bulb. We do have a lead on who might do this for us, but if anyone wishes to handle this, please contact either Ken Danz or John Merson.
- **Barrier on RR 75yd Berm** – We will be adding a barrier to the top of the 75yd berm on the RR in order to protect the shipping container that will be moved to just behind the berm. This is similar to what was done on the top of the 50yd RR berm. So far, costs are estimated at \$650 plus the

cost of stone and we will be doing the work ourselves. Please talk to either John Merson or Ken Danz if you can help to install this much needed addition to the berm.

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.

Special note: The legislatures of both the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, as well as our Federal Government are at it again, attacking our 2nd Amendment Rights!!! This year, our Rights are probably under one of the most serious attacks that we have seen in recent years, if ever. **It is imperative that you contact your State Representatives/Senators, and Representatives/Senators of the Federal Government and calmly voice your opposition to the many and serious treats to our 2nd Amendment Rights by the Anti-gun forces/supporters.** 2018 could see some of the worst and most devastating anti-gun laws and bans we have ever seen. Please do your part.

- **Maryland**
 - **Magazine Ban** – The new magazine ban bill has been dropped, as we understand it. This ban would have made “possession” of any magazine above 10 rounds illegal to own or possess. There was no grandfather clause to this proposed bill. We hope that the bill is, indeed, dead.
 - **Other Anti-Gun Bills** - We have heard that some of the “bad” bills (anti-gun/Anti 2nd-Amendment) may have passed either the House/Senate or both. If so, Governor Hogan would still need to sign the bills to become Law. Members are encourage to research these bill and report to the Board on any confirmed status/progress of any Firearms Bills.
- **Delaware**
 - **Assault Weapons Ban** – This proposed ban is essentially word for word the same Bill that was passed in Maryland in 2013. This is a **BAD** bill. Please contact your Delaware Representatives and Senators to **oppose** these bills.
 - **Two other Anti-Gun Bills** – Two other Bills have passed the DE House, and have moved on to the Senate. We have heard that these were “tabled” until after the Easter break. Any information that anyone hears on these Bill, please pass on to one of the Board member so we can relay the information to the membership. These Bills are: Legislation was passed in the DE House banning the purchase of a firearm for anyone under the age of 21yrs old. Also passed in the House, all a health official has to say is that you should be committed and you immediately lose your guns, whether accusations are true or not (it is up to you to prove otherwise...guilty until proven innocent!!!). Anyone that knows anything about these Bill or that has an update on the status/progress of these Bills, please contact a Board member with the updated or corrected information.

New Member Introductions – There were 11 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. 8:45PM. **The next meeting will be held April 26, 2018, at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your club.**