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The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Ken Danz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members present. The minutes from the May 31, 2018, meeting were approved as posted/distributed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for June 2018 showed debits of \$2,214.55, and there were deposits of \$1,206.50. This gave an ending balance as of 6/28/2018, of \$50,806.08, as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke. The Treasurer's report was accepted will be filed for future audit, as.

Membership Report

As of 5/31/2018, we have 431 members, with 1 in suspension. There is currently a wait list of approximately 75(???) applicants. Due to the large number of new members admitted this year, we will not be admitting any more new members until the 2018/2019 dues year (Usually starts in December or January with walk-throughs/training by the Chief Instructor, John Merson. All members are requested to review the Club's Range Rules and direct any questions about them to the Chief Instructor or Board of Directors. We are having a large number of members who are not using the proper target height for their shooting position, which could potentially lead to rounds leaving the range. We cannot have this happen, so please be attentive to your target height and where your rounds are landing.

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 June shoot had 13 shooters. The next match will be held the 1st Saturday in July (7/7). Questions should be directed to John Merson.
- **Geezer Guns** – The June match had 11 shooters. See the calendar for the future match dates. 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 June match had 12 shooters. The next match will be held on July 15th, from 8am – 2pm. 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. Contact Dick Deal with questions. We are in the process of renewing our CMP membership. When this is complete, a note will be made in the newsletter and at the meeting.
- **ESPS** – USPSA June match was again cancelled due to forecasted bad weather that never materialized. 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 June match had 16 shooters. See the calendar for the next match and for range closures.

Old Business

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** – The Board and membership (March meeting) decided to hire a contractor to replace the clubhouse flooring and also to paint the clubhouse interior. To date, we have not received any Formal quotes. We do have a quote of \$4.50/ft², for painting and materials for the clubhouse interior painting. We will continue to pursue this.
- **Light on Clubhouse Flag Pole** - This has not been completed as of this time. John Merson and a friend with a bucket truck will work on replacing the bulb and/or fixture as necessary. They also will remove a couple of broken branches that are threatening the new pole building and clean the gutters. It was suggested at the meeting that the club should possibly look into gutter guards for leaf control. There are several pros and cons with these that must be evaluated. No decision was made, but it was suggested that simply opening up the restriction at the end of the gutter drop could simply allow leaves to pass out, without needing other intervention. We will continue to review and will announce the decision.
- **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.
- **Barrier on RR 75yd Berm** – The club still needs to complete this before the October 2018 time frame. We will look at having a special work crew do this. If you can help with this please contact Pres. Danz, V.P. Grogan, or Chief Instructor Mersen. 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.
- **Target Height, Shooting Position, and Skipping Bullets** – We have had several incidents of members using Improper Target Heights for their shooting position which results in skipping bullets on the range...potentially leaving the range. We have had to discipline 4 members in the past month for not following these essential club range rules. There are postings of these rules throughout the range and the Range Rules are very explicit about what target height to use from what shooting position and where these targets are to be used/placed on the range. The Range Rules can be found on our website. This a very serious situation and any bullet leaving the range could result in danger to humans and/or property and could result in criminal charges for the shooter and/or closing of our range. This month alone, there have been several members disciplined for failure to follow these rules and for unsafe gun handling by not knowing where their shots are going. **PLEASE** read the Range Rules again and pay attention to the postings on the

ranges (both pistol and rifle ranges). **Safety is our highest priority and any member who does not follow the range rules and safe gun handling will be held accountable.** Please remember, the range belongs to everyone and failure to follow the rules could result in the loss of the club for all members. If you have any questions, please contact the Chief Instructor, or any Board member.

- **Appleseed Events** – We have been asked to host two 200yd Rifle Range events in 2018. We have selected September 29th, and October 20th, 2018. One event will be a 200yd Centerfire Rifle event and one will be a 200yd Rimfire event. Please see the website and calendar for further information.
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New Business

- **Volunteer Needed to run for Secretary position on Board of Directors** – The current Secretary has requested that someone volunteer for the Secretary position for the 2018 elections. I have become busy at work and it would be a help if someone with more time would volunteer for the position. Contact President Danz or any Board member if you are willing to volunteer for this position. Secretary Johnson has volunteered to help the new Secretary with the first year's dues cycle, if someone will take the position. Nominations open for the next Elections on August 1st.
- **Dues Notice Reminder** – It is time to again start reminding members that work-time accumulation for the 2018-2019 dues year will end on July 31, 2018. Your hours will be calculated as of from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018, and applied to your 2018-2019 dues year. The dues notices will go out via email (email only) on September 1, 2018, and will be due in to us (postmarked no later than October 31, 2018) by the end of \$75 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". Any dues not received postmarked along with the additional \$75 penalty fee, but December 31, 2018, will be dropped from the rolls, no exceptions accepted 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 (on or about September 1, 2018). **Put this on your calendar, in your phone or ask a friend to remind you.**
- **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. He will start doing this in August.

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.
- **Maryland**
 - **Magazine Ban** – Dropped
 - **Bump Stock Bill and Trigger Modifications** – It is our understanding that this Bill was passed with modifications. You need to check this bill for yourself to determine if you are in violation of a new Maryland law. It is our understanding that they will now be treated as "automatic" weapons, and therefore require the special permit/license and tax stamp/fee is required to keep the one you have (there is supposed to be a grace period to get the paperwork filed and license/stamp in hand). **Note: It has been our rule that Bump stocks and their use are not**

allowed on club property. Use of one on club property is subject to disciplinary action.

- **Domestic Violence Bill (Red Flag Bill???)** – A Domestic Violence Bill was passed (with protections) prohibiting anyone convicted of domestic violence from buying or possessing a firearm. Your firearms will be confiscated. If these charges are dropped, you are “supposed” to be able to get your firearms returned. As always, please find out your own facts about these bills from the State or from your representative.
 - **Joe Vallario defeated in Primary Election** – It was reported at the meeting that Democratic delegate from district 23B and long-time 2nd Amendment opponent/anti-firearms politician was beaten in his district’s primary by almost 6% (MD Board of Elections). This means an end to his “reign of terror” on Marylanders’ gun rights will soon be over. Whether his replacement will be any better or worse will remain to be seen. Maryland gun proponents and believers in individual and Constitutional Rights are rejoicing all over the State of Maryland!!!
- **Delaware – Note: Delaware Legislature is in fiscal session currently and will be returning to these bills shortly, before ending their session. They have a history of passing unpopular bills in the last hours of the session...be sure to follow the session to learn what is definitely passed by both the House and Senate in Delaware.**
 - **Assault Weapons Ban** – This proposed ban is essentially word for word the same Bill that was passed in Maryland in 2013. The club sent an email blast to Delaware members about this bill and a “side-step” that Rep. Townsend and the Governor were trying to pull, but holding a vote to have the bill released from Committee without being passed by the committee. It has been reported that this “side-step” was defeated, thanks to all of the pressure that residents put on their representatives. It still may not be over, as Rep. Townsend is said to have vowed to try to still get it before the Senate in the now famous Delaware-last-minute-push on legislation in the late hours of the last day of the session. This is a **BAD** bill. At this time, we are unsure if this bill will be passed in Delaware if they do find a way to have it voted on. It will be very close, to be sure! Please report any information at the next meeting if you know whether this bill was passed in part or in its entirety.
 - **21 years of age to Purchase/Possess a Firearm** – This bill was passed, we believe, in at least one house. We won’t be sure until the session closes whether it has passed in both houses and was signed. There is little doubt that if it does pass both houses, the Governor will sign the Bill. If it does get passed/signed, you would now need to be 21yrs of age to purchase or possess a firearm in DE. Anyone with specifics about this bill, please let us know at the next meeting.
 - **Mental Health Bill** – This bill was passed and signed, but with some needed amendments: If a Health official deems you to be incapable of owning a firearm, you are now entitled to some “due process” by a judge before they can just take your firearms. Also, we believe that there is some provision enabling you to have your firearms returned should you be deemed capable of owning them, again. We are uncertain of the actual wording of this. If you have any specific information, please bring that to the next meeting.
 - **Magazine Ban** - A bill banning magazines with more than 10 rounds has been proposed...until the session is over, it is unknown if this has passed. It, again, is identical to the MD Bill.
 - **School Protection Bill** – There was a good Bill introduced to provide funding for schools to upgrade greater security measures such as single point of entry, stronger

doors, metal detectors, and security cameras. Whether this Bill will get any traction is not known as of this writing. It has been said that the State is not sure where the \$65MM for funding will come from. The shame is that they will not fund Bills like this, but would make an attempt to fund “buy-back” Bills for “Assault” weapons.

- 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, and you can learn more about it. Thanks.

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

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by Pres. Danz.