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The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by President Ken Danz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 18 members present. The minutes from the July 26, 2018, meeting were approved as posted/distributed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for August 2018 showed debits of \$907.86, and there were deposits of \$0. This gave an ending balance as of 8/30/2018, of \$49,742.89, as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke. The Treasurer's report was accepted will be filed for future audit.

Membership Report

As of 8/30/2018, we have 431 members, with 1 in suspension. There is currently a wait list of approximately 60+ 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 August shoot had 24 shooters. It was a great match. The next match will be held the 1st Saturday in September (9/1). This match will be a benefit for the Toys-for-Tots organization. Entry fee of a new toy will be accepted, and/or any money collected for entry fees will be donated to Toys for Tots. Questions should be directed to John Merson.
- **Geezer Guns** – The August match had 10 shooters and was a hot day. 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 August match had 13 shooters. The next match will be held on September 9th, from 8am – 2pm (3-position 100yd match...standing/sitting-kneeling/prone...round count will be 30rds total). Shooters may shoot two guns as long as from different classes. 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 (dkdeale@hotmail.com) 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** –There was no August Match. 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** – There was no match in August. See the calendar for the next match and for range closures.

Old Business

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** – The Board is collecting bids for this work as well as looking at doing it as a club project. We will proceed with this after the clubhouse interior is painted. We have accepted a bid for the painting and it will be starting shortly. We will proceed with the clubhouse floor project once the interior painting is complete.
- **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** – The pole light was repaired, but the incorrect bulb was purchased and could not be replaced when the boom truck was here. The correct bulb has been obtained and they will replace the bulb the next time the truck is in the area. The Gutters on the new building were cleaned and the dead tree limb was removed from the hillside while the truck was here. The total cost was \$350.00.
- **Barrier on RR 75yd Berm** – This still needs to be completed. We have an October 19th deadline on this project to be finished for a shoot. John Merson is coordinating this. He has selected a date of 9/20/2018, after the Geezer match, to complete this project. We need people to help that are available on this Thursday afternoon. Please talk to either John Merson or Ken Danz if you can help to install this much needed addition to the berm.
- **These two items are still issues...Please read and Comply.**
 - **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 ALL 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. This applies to anyone on club property, whether shooting or watching you shoot.
 - **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 months 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. 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 Rifle Range events in 2018. We have selected **September 29th, and October 28th, 2018**. One event will be a Rimfire Rifle event (9/29) and one will be a Centerfire Rifle event (10/28). Please see the website and calendar for further information.
- **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.
- **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 (held at the October meeting). I have become busy at work and it would be a help if someone with more time would volunteer for the position. Requirements for the position are to be present at all meetings (both General meetings and Board meetings), take notes from the meetings and publish a monthly newsletter, Club correspondence as needed, and issuing the Annual Dues invoices and notices. Internet capability at home and an email account are a necessity. 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.
- **Updates to Club Rules and Disciplinary Policies** – 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** - 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.

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, 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 will have their card deactivated as of the end of October and will not be allowed on club property until the late fee and delinquent outstanding dues are paid. Any dues not received postmarked along with the additional \$75 penalty fee by 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. **Put this on your calendar, in your phone or ask a friend to remind you.**

- **Nominations for Club Officers for the 2018-2019 Membership Year** – Nominations for officers opened at the August meeting and will continue through the close of the September meeting. Elections will take place during the October meeting. Any/every office is open. An officer does not have to be vacating an office for someone to be nominated for that office. If you are interested, please contact President Ken Danz or any board member. We are currently looking for someone to take the Secretary position.
- **Fall Clean-up Day** – October 6th, 2018, has been selected for our fall clean-up day. Members are needed to participate in order to get our fall projects completed. Please attend. It is a good time with your fellow club members and an excellent way to earn work hours to reduce next year's dues. Many hands make lite work. Leaf blowers and yard tools are always needed as well as a couple of pick-up trucks. Coffee and donuts will be provided for "sustenance". Contact Wes Grogan with any questions.
- **Area 8 USPSA Shooter's Camp for Young Shooters** – Tim Perry has requested that the club (and also individual members) consider making a donation to the Area 8 USPSA Shooter's Camp. Last year, the camp director paid almost \$2000 out of his own pocket to hold the camp and have professional instructors come in to teach the young people skills for USPSA shooting. This is the future of our firearms sports. The Club is considering a donation. If you are interested in making a personal donation for this very worthwhile cause, please contact Tim Perry at the email address or telephone number listed at the top of this Newsletter.
- **Open House** – It was proposed that the Club should hold an Open House. 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.

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**
 - **Clear until next session**
- **Delaware**
 - **Clear until next session**
- 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. 8:30pm by Pres. Danz.