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The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by Vice President Wes Grogan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members present. Excused in absencia were officers Ken Danz, Jeff Johnson, and John Merson. The minutes from the August 30, 2018, meeting were approved as posted/distributed. Many thanks to V.P. Wes Grogan for running the meeting and to Bruce Dempsey for taking notes for this meeting and forwarding said notes to the secretary.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for September 2018 showed debits of \$1,757.08, and there were deposits of \$24,019.70. This gave an ending balance as of 9/27/2018, of \$72,035.21, 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. 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 September. Questions should be directed to John Merson.
- **Geezer Guns** – There was no Geezer Guns report for September. 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** – There was no Battle Rifle report for the month of September. Next match is scheduled for October 14th. 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 were 61 shooters at the September 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 report for September. See the calendar for the next match and for range closures.

Old Business

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement/Interior Painting** – 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** – We have the correct bulb and are waiting for the bucket truck to again be available to install it. This is on their list.
 - **Barrier on RR 75yd Berm** – The barrier extension to the RR berm has been completed. Many thanks to John Merson and the other member(s) that assisted with this.
 - **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 increasingly 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 opened for the next Elections on August 1st and close at the end of the September (tonight) meeting.
 - **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.
 - **Nominations for the 2019 term are as follows:**
 - President – Ken Danz (current)
 - Vice President – Wes Grogan (current)
 - Secretary
 - Debbie Kilby (Former Secretary and Membership officer) – if monitoring meetings by conference call or “Skype” is acceptable.
 - Jeff Johnson (current) – if no one else runs or if teleconference/Skype is not acceptable or possible as determined by the board and the membership.
 - Executive Officer – Tracy Kilby (Former Treasurer and Exec. Officer) if monitoring by teleconference/Skype is acceptable.
 - Treasurer – Richard Updyke (current)
 - Membership – Tim Perry (current)
 - Chief Instructor – John Merson (current)
- **The board wishes to thank all members who are volunteering to run for office.

- **Updates to Club Rules and Disciplinary Policies** – 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. 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.
 - **Area 8 USPSA Shooter's Camp for Young Shooters – No new update at the Sept. meeting.** 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 – No new update.** 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 opportunity 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 10/31/2018) will have their card deactivated as of the end of October (11/1) and will not be 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. **Put this on your calendar, in your phone or ask a friend to remind you. If you have not received your invoice/waiver forms, please contact Jeff Johnson, immediately.**
- **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 light 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.

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 V.P. Grogan.

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