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The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Ken Danz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 25 members present. The minutes from the March 29, 2018 meeting were approved as posted/distributed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for March 2018 showed debits of \$6,062.00, and there were deposits of \$1,045.00. This gave an ending balance as of 4/46/2018, of \$56,202.45, as reported by Treasurer Richard Updyke. The Treasurer's report will be filed for future audit, as usual.

Membership Report

As of 4/46/2018, we have 431 members. There is currently a wait list of approximately 47 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. All members are requested to review the Club's Range Rules and direct any questions about them to the Chief Instructor or any Board member. 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** – Preparing for the Delaware State Cowboy match at DSA on May 3-6, 2018. The range will be closed to all members during these dates to set-up and hold the match. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Geezer Guns** – There were 3 matches held in April to practice for the State match in May. There were 14, 12, and 11 shooters at these 3 matches. See the calendar for the next 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 April match had 27 shooters and was a good time. 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 April match has 102 members registered. 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 April match had 23 shooters and 37 guns. The new format worked well. They were off the range by 1:30PM. See the calendar for the next match and for range closures.
- **Silhouette** – There was no report on an April Silhouette match. See the calendar for the next match.

Old Business

- **Clubhouse Floor Replacement** – So far, we have 1 volunteer for this project. In order to move this project along, it will be a discussion on whether to hire a contractor to complete the work. It was decided that we should have the clubhouse painted before we install the new floor. More details to follow when available.
 - **Light on Clubhouse Flag Pole** - Richard Updyke will get a fixture and John Merson will mount it. Anyone wishing to help them should contact them directly.
 - **Updating/Upgrading Insurance Coverage for the Club** – This is now complete.
 - **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 clean-up was held on April 21st and was a great success. We had a good turnout and we wish to thank all who planned and participated in this work-day. We got a lot accomplished and the clubhouse and grounds looked great for the Delaware State Cowboy match which was held here on May 3-6, 2018. Congratulations to all and Thank You!!!
 - **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. We usually have 12-15 scouts from Troop 447 in Harmon and approx. 10 troop-leaders present. This is an excellent opportunity to promote safe and ethical shooting with today's youth. 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.
 - **Dusk to Dawn Light** – The light on the pole has been working erratically. We are not sure if it just needs a new bulb or whether the entire fixture is damaged. John Merson volunteered to look at it. More details will follow next month.
 - **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.
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New Business

- **Washington College Trap & Skeet Club** – DSA was approached by DSA member and WC Trap & Skeet Coach, Aaron Amick, to be a sponsor for the Trap & Skeet Club's annual fund raiser and Sporting Clay Shoot on May 6th. The WC Trap and Skeet Club will become a Varsity Sport this year at Washington College. This is a "big deal" in that there are only 9 University/College sponsored varsity teams in the country. This is an excellent opportunity to involve young college students in the shooting sports and to generate positive press throughout the Collegiate community about shooting...something not easily done in today's anti-gun atmosphere. DSA will become a sponsor this year for this fundraising event and will donate \$2,500 to help with the cost of shells, targets and travel expenses for their club/team. As a sponsor, DSA will field two teams of 5 shooters each on May 6th, as well as have a banner placed on the course and an ad in the event directory. Anyone wishing to donate personally to this team should contact DSA member and Coach Aaron Amick, or Board member Jeff Johnson.
- **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. 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.

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. As we understand it, there is no grandfathering included for those who already own a Bump Stock. You need to check this bill for yourself to determine if you are in violation of a new Maryland law.
 - **Other Bills** – The status of other bills that were being considered in Maryland are not known at this time. Please contact your State representative to determine the impact of any newly passed law(s).
- **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. At this time, we are

unsure if this bill was passed in Delaware. Please report any information at the next meeting if you know whether this bill was passed in part or in the entirety.

- **21 years of age to Purchase/Possess a Firearm** – This bill was passed, we believe. You must now 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, 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.

New Member Introductions – There were 2 new members attending their first 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!!!