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## May 31, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Vice President Wes Grogan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members present. The minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting were approved as posted/distributed.

## Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report for April 2018 showed debits of \$4,997.12, and there were deposits of \$696.80. This gave an ending balance as of 5/31/2018, of \$51,814.13, 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. 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. 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 Delaware State Cowboy match at DSA was held on May 3-6, 2018. It was a great success and everyone seemed to have a very good time. Thank you for your cooperation with the range closings and for helping to make the clubhouse and grounds presentable. Next club Cowboy match is on 6/2. Questions should be directed to John Merson.
- **Geezer Guns** – The next Geezer match is on 6/21, from 8am - noon. See the calendar for the future match dates. Anyone interested in shooting, the matches are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and the cost to shoot is \$5. Contact John Merson for more information.
- **Battle Rifle** – The May match was cancelled due to weather. The next match will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8am – 2pm. Matches are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Cost is \$10 for the 1<sup>st</sup> gun and \$5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April match had 73 shooters 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. The May match was cancelled due to bad weather that never materialized.
- **Steel Challenge** – The May match had 18 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 quotes. We will continue to pursue this.
- **Light on Clubhouse Flag Pole** - 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.
- **Scout Day** – The Scouts and leaders met on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and Wes says it was a great success. 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. The boys always enjoy this day.
- **Washington College Trap and Skeet Club Fundraiser** – The club was a sponsor at the fundraiser with a donation of \$2,500. We also put together two 5-member teams to shoot in the WC fundraiser at Schrader's. A great time was had by both experienced and non-experienced Clays shooters. The fundraising event was a big success. Anyone interested in donating personally to the club/varsity team at WC for targets, shells, and team travel expenses, please contact team Coach and club member Aaron Amick, or Board member Jeff Johnson. They continue to need outside support for this very expensive and worthwhile sport. This is a positive exposure experience for young people and college communities, and is the kind of public exposure our sports desperately need today.
- **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

- **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 29<sup>th</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **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.
- **Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall** – The traveling memorial wall will be in Easton at the VFW starting on May 31<sup>st</sup>, through the morning of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is a very moving and powerful exhibition and if you are so inclined and are in the area, please be sure to show your respect for these fallen Heroes.

## 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. You need to check this bill for yourself to determine if you are in violation of a new Maryland law. **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** – A Domestic Violence Bill was passed 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.

- **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. 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, in at least one house. 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, in at least one of the Houses, 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.
- 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 was 1 new member 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!!!

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by V.P. Wes Grogan.