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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ken Danz. All Board members were present. There were 44 members at the meeting. The minutes from the January 29, 2019 meeting were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – The Balance on 1/31/2019 was \$60,695. Expenses since then were \$11,670.42. These covered insurance for the year and a \$5,000 CD. Income was \$2,806.67. Our balance as of February 28, 2019 is **\$51,831.63**. A motion was made and accepted to file the Treasurer's report for future audit.

Membership Report -

As of tonight there are 421 members and approximately 65 on the Wait List.

Club Events ~ Please check the web for Calendar of Events and to find out information about a particular shooting event.

- **Cowboy** – The cowboy match for February was again cancelled. The March match isn't looking likely so please check with Match Director John Merson for travelling to the match on Saturday.
- **Geezer Guns** – Geezer Guns had 4 hardy shooters. Match Director John Merson shoveled the range for the match. They are hoping for better weather to come. Geezer Guns is a relaxed cowboy action match. If you would like to try out this sport, please contact John Merson. He can arrange for you to borrow guns and ammo to give it a try.
- **ESPS** – There were 68 shooters. The rain held off until the last target was put away. The next match is March 23rd.
- **Battle Rifle** – This was the luckiest of the shooting disciplines for February. They had 16 shooters and 28 guns. It was warm and sunny. If you would like to be on Battle Rifle's email list, contact Dick Deale at dkdeale@hotmail.com. The emails will keep you informed on match dates and what is being shot at each match.
- **Steel Challenge** – The February match had 30 shooters and 44 guns. Match Director Bill Duda has stepped down and the new MDs are Mike Fisher and Chuck Stence. We would like to thank Bill for bringing this new shooting discipline to DSA and we welcome the willingness of Mike and Chuck to continue it. Their next match is March 17th.
- **Silhouette** – The February match had 5 shooters and 16 guns. The March 16th match will be the last match until October. This is a fun match that you can shoot with a variety of guns. Check out their webpage for additional information.

Old Business –

- **Dusk to Dawn Light** – There is no additional information at this time. We are in a waiting pattern for the work to begin. We are also waiting to get electric run for the gate light. Hopefully we will make progress on this soon.
- **Floor Replacement** – A bid was received (provided by a club member), approved and the tile was selected. Work is to be completed by April 30th.
- **Update of Disciplinary Rules** – The Board will discuss revisions to the existing rules. There are some redundancies, vague areas, point values that need to be tweaked, definitions to be clarified, etc. The Board thought the meaning of an open and empty gun was self-explanatory but evidently it is not. Those kinds of things will be revised and an update set of Rules will be posted.
- Shooting groups must get their financial reports in to Richard Updyke, Treasurer, immediately so that taxes can be completed.
- **DSSA and MSR&P** have been contacted by the Treasurer but neither organization has replied to him regarding club membership renewal.
- **Electric Use** – Richard Updyke reported that the electric bill saw an increase last month. Possible reasons could be the fact that in the warmer weather the heat pump uses more electric than the propane heat in the colder times. It was also noted that the thermostat has been set to a high temperature and not turned down. If your group has turned up the heat for an event, please remember to lower it before you leave.

New Business –

- **Required Membership to an Organization** – Last month a member suggested that there be mandatory membership to a pro 2nd Amendment Organization such as DSSA, NRA, MSR&P, etc. It was suggested that there is strength in numbers and that all support should be encouraged. This suggestion has been brought up numerous times in the past and was always voted down. Because the political climate is significantly different, it is being revisited. People have strong feelings for and against this requirement. Delaware Gun Rights (DGR) is a Facebook group that in just one week's time grew to over 22,000 members. They were instrumental in Delaware for beating out some antigun legislation. It requires no fee to join. They did ask for donations which they gave to the NRA to help fight the legal battles. Some obstacles to required membership in an organization were:
 - Verifying membership is difficult. DSSA, MSR&P and NRA are not quick or accurate in identifying current members and getting information from them has proven to be quite difficult.
 - Which organizations are better or best? There are many varying opinions on that. MSI is a more politically active organization than MSR&P, etc.
 - Some people are against forced membership to any organization and think it should be free will.

The Club will be sending out an email survey to all Club members asking things such as are you currently a member of the NRA, DSSA, MSR&P, etc.; are you in favor or opposed to mandatory membership, etc. There will be a deadline for responding. After that deadline the Board will meet, discuss the results of the survey and make a decision.

The one overwhelming statement at tonight's meeting is that whether or not you belong to a group, it is imperative to become active. You must be active by calling and writing your Representatives, Senators, Congressman, etc. You must show up! The political climate is getting much more difficult and many political gun fights are ahead. Being a member of a gun club will not insure your gun rights. You must be proactive.

- **Spring Clean Up Day** – Is scheduled for April 13th, from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There will be coffee and donuts provided. Please bring leaf blowers, power washers, rakes, etc. This is an excellent way to get those much desired work hours to lower your annual dues.
- **Announcement** – There will be an Antique Arms Show on March 16-17 held at the Maryland State Fair Grounds. The flyer is posted to the website.

Legislative Updates –

- Maryland has introduced two Bills – MD 737 and 882. The Bills are aimed at chipping away your rights as gun owners. An email was sent earlier this week and information is on the web. Please get active in fighting these Bills.
- Please check out the website for updates on pending legislation.

New Members –

- Tonight there were 19 new members present. We would like to welcome you to DSA and would hope that you will be involved to make this a Club, not just a shooting range.

Meeting was adjourned 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be held March 28, 2019, at 7:30 PM. We would be appreciative of your support at these meetings.