

# Delmarva Sportsman Association, Inc.

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## January 31, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ken Danz. Tracy Kilby, Executive Officer, was excused. Debbie Kilby, Secretary, attending via Skype. The minutes from the October 25, 2018 meeting were approved as posted.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer reported a balance of \$60,695.38 as of 1/31/2019. The report will be filed for future audit.

**Membership Report** – There are currently 406 members in the Club. The waitlist is quite lengthy and John Merson will continue to take in new members as time and weather permit.

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

- **Cowboy** – The December match was cancelled due to snow. The next match is this Saturday, Feb. 2nd.
- **Geezer Guns** – The January match was snowy! Match Director John Merson shoveled snow and four shooters braved the elements for a good time.
- **ESPS** – The October match was rainy and had 17 shooters. Nov. was cancelled due to thunderstorms causing unsafe shooting conditions. ESPS requested an extra date to give them seven for the year. December 29<sup>th</sup> was their 7<sup>th</sup> match and they had 66 shooters.
- **Battle Rifle** – January also snowed out Battle Rifle. They shoot the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Check the website for more information. You can call Dick Deale at 410-703-7108 to get information on any upcoming match.
- **Silhouette** – October had four shooters and November had approximately 10. December was rained out. January's match had about 12 shooters.
- **Steel Challenge** – November was cancelled. December had 13 shooters and January was again cancelled due to the rain.

## Old Business –

1. A new light fixture will be put on the pole in the parking light, 2 new LED lights on the side of the clubhouse and a motion activated light will be placed at the gate. Work will be done when the weather warms up.
2. The wall is up! We always had to yield the firing line to the first shooter at the line. With the new wall between pistol bays 2 and 3 that is no longer a problem. You can shoot down range with complete safety. The wall allows for more use out of the range and greater flexibility. It is suggested that if you

are shooting from the 50 yard line that you use bays 1 and 2 and if you are shooting down range, use bay 3. The regrading and sodding will be done when the weather permits.

3. There was a leaking pipe in the men's room which ruined the vanity. A new vanity and sink have been installed.
4. A year or so ago a tree fell on one of the garage roofs and punched a hole in it. Ken asked the contractor who was removing the cover from the pistol range if he could repair the roof. The contractor suggested that a metal roof be installed. They are much longer lasting and less prone to damage. It was agreed upon and the work on both garages has been complete. The roof should last for many, many years.
5. The clubhouse has been painted. The walls are a light gray and the woodwork is white. It is brighter and fresher looking in there now.
6. The flooring is the next project. We need to get bids. Richard will obtain one bid. It is suggested that we get luxury vinyl tile which will hold up much better than other linoleum types tiles or laminates. They come in square and rectangular shapes or tongue and groove. We will check to be certain that they will resist the chemicals used for cleaning guns.
7. The Club and Range Rules are in the process of being revised. The Board will continue working to close up some holes in them and add clarification where necessary.
8. In the last few months there have been 3 or 4 incidents – minor violations involving improper target height. One incident involved a member using a 4 foot target frame and shooting in a seated position. We were able to determine from the cameras that no rounds left the range. Another incident that we are currently dealing with involved one member sweeping a group of people with a loaded gun. He will be expelled. Another involved a member and his guest who had their guns pointed down range when they went down range but the guns were closed. He will be assessed points and put on probation. He will require retraining of the rules and safe gun handling before being allowed at the range again.

The club belongs to all of us. We are all range officers while we are here. If you see something unsafe, say something. You don't need to be rude or aggressive but point out the infractions. Be nice. If they get nasty about it, stay nice and polite and report it to the Board.

As we have repeatedly said, if one round leaves this range and strikes someone on the other side, the range will be shut down. Make certain that every round that leaves your gun impact the berm. The side berms are not backstops. The only time any angled shooting is allowed is during a club sanctioned match.

### **New Business –**

1. Yearly reports from the various shooting groups are due. You can give your report to Treasurer Richard Udyke.
2. Appleseed has requested dates again this year. We have given them June 29, September 29, and October 12. This is a very interesting class to take for both adults and children. For more information or to register for a class go to <https://appleseedinfo.org/>
3. Boy Scout Day on the range is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. Wes has done this for quite a few years for his grandson's boy scout troop. The boys receive classroom instruction and then go outside to shoot 22 rifles. They are able to earn merit badges through this program.
4. One member pointed out that our membership in MSR&P has lapsed and needs to be renewed. The Treasurer will send a check for it. Another member suggested that the club consider requiring all members to join either the DSSA or MSR&P. When they groups fight legislation on our behalf, numbers are power. It was decided that the Board would discuss it and then take it to the membership.

### **Legislative Updates –**

- Please check out the website for updates on pending legislation.

**New Members –**

- There were 9 new members present tonight. We'd like to welcome you!

Meeting was adjourned 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be held February 28th, at 7:30 PM. We would appreciate your support of our club.