

# Delmarva Sportsman Association, Inc.

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### March 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ken Danz. Tracy Kilby, Exec. Officer and Debbie Kilby, Secretary, were present by Skye. John Merson, Chief Instructor, was excused. There were 17 members at the meeting. The minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting were approved as posted.

**Treasurer's Report** - The Balance on 2/28/2019 was \$51,831.63. Expenses since then were \$6,876.76. Income was \$4,157.26. Our balance as of March 28, 2019 is **\$49,342.13**. A motion was made and accepted to file the Treasurer's report for future audit.

**Membership Report** – There are currently 420 members with a wait list of approximately 80 people. John Merson will be doing a walk through with 7 new members this Sunday and it will be the final walk through of this year.

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

- **Cowboy** – Cancelled due to rain. Cowboys just can't get a break!
- **Geezer Guns** – Cancelled due to rain.
- **ESPS** – 64 shooters were at the March match.
- **Battle Rifle** – 10 shooters shot the March match.
- **Silhouette** – 8 shooters with 16 guns shot this match. It was the last one until October.
- **Steel Challenge** – This was their largest match – 39 shooters firing 64 guns.

### Old Business –

- We have a contractor to fix the broken lights on the clubhouse and fix the broken dusk to dawn light. The work should be complete in a couple of weeks.
- The new flooring has been started in the clubhouse and looks great. It is nearly complete. We added on new flooring in the closet. Additional flooring has been ordered for that and will be finished shortly.
- **Club Rules and Disciplinary Policy** – The Board met and approved some changes to the Club Rules and the Disciplinary Policy. The changes include clarification of shooting ranges and distances, and the number of point that can be assigned for disciplinary infractions. There is also clarification on target height. **Please be certain to read and know these rules.** There are far too many violations regarding the use of incorrect target height. The new Rules and Policy are posted on the website. The changes are in red so that you can easily see the new wording.
- **Spring Clean Up** – April 13 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. will be Club Clean Up. Please bring gloves, leaf blowers, rakes, pruners, etc. You will get \$50 off your membership renewal and it is a great way to get to know other members.

- **Survey** – The results are in! Of the members responding, 87% belong to the NRA. Of members responding, 49.65% believe that membership in the NRA should not be required and 34.6% believe that membership should be required. 65% of the membership disagrees with the requirement of belonging to a state organization. The Board reviewed the results and decided that membership in a national or state organization will not be mandatory at this time. However, the Board was disappointed to hear that some members just want to come and shoot but not be political. We feel that the shooting has become an extremely political topic and if you want to maintain your privilege of owning and using guns, you need to be politically active. We will be posting on the website the names and links to national and state organizations. Additionally, we strongly encourage you to call, write or email your representatives or Senators and voice your position on legislation. A copy of the survey results will be emailed to members for your review.

### **New Business –**

- Washington College – Aaron Amick, a member and a professor at Washington College. He is also an assistant coach of trap and skeet shooting. He asked if we would again be a sponsor for his shooters. We agreed to donate \$2,500 to them. In return for our donation, 10 members can go to the annual benefit sporting clays shoot (free to the member) to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Schrader's. Each shooter gets 75 rounds, the use of a golf cart for 2 – 5 member teams. The 10 DSA members will be selected on a first come-first served basis. Please contact Ken Danz if interested.
- Two club members have recently been disciplined for use of improper target stands resulting in rounds bouncing on the ground short of the berm. We were able to determine that their rounds did not leave the range. These members were assessed points, had their gate cards deactivated until they receive retraining. We have stressed this over and over again. The new Club Rules are specific. It is up to you to know these rules.
- Richard Updkeye has resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons. We are in need of a new Treasurer for the remainder of this year and hopefully for next year. It is an important position. It requires going to the post office, making deposits and paying bills. Please step up and help your club. The club is only as good as its membership.

Thank you to Richard for his work with the club. He headed up the pole barn construction, the construction of the wall, electrical work and the repair of some outbuilding roofs. Thank you!

### **Legislative Updates –**

- MD has passed the bill disallowing the 3D printing of guns. DE passed HB 63 which deals with the storage of guns. It is a poorly written Bill but is being pushed through. It is extremely important that you contact your senators and representatives asking them to support gun rights. You do not have to belong to a group to fight for your rights and we strongly encourage that you become active in that area.

**New Members** – Tonight we had two new members present. We welcome you to our Club and if you have any questions at all, please call a Board member. Their contact information is at the top of this newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned 8:24 PM. The next meeting will be held April 25, at 7:30 PM. We would very much like to see you there.