

Meeting Minutes for January 2022 DSA General Membership Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:30 PM – 24 members in attendance
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Need to find the minutes from the October meeting to post on website.
4. Treasurers Report –
Balance as of October 28, 2021 (Last Meeting) \$58,616.82
Income – \$12,317.69
Expenditures - \$2089.72
Balance as of January 24 - \$68,844.79
5. Membership –
We have 460 current members with 191 people on the wait list. We will start filling the open membership slots in the few weeks. Membership is capped at 500.
6. Events
 - a. Eastern Shore Renegades – No report
 - b. Geezer guns – No Report
 - c. Steel Challenge –Jan Match had 13 shooters firing 16 guns.
 - d. USPSA – First match of 2022 is February 26.
 - e. DSA Rifle – First match of 2022 is May 8
 - f. Appleseed has requested 2 dates this year. 1 event sometime late spring and a second event in October. Look for information on the club bulletin board and in the club Newsletter.
7. Old Business
 - a. We are looking for volunteers to be “Range Safety Officers”. These volunteers will be trained and certified per the NRA training program.
 - b. With the new berms, new rules, new target backer system and recommendations from the safety committee, we are going to require all members to attend a re-training on the new club rules. As well as a refresher on some current rules. The rules have been updated and are posted on the club website. When attending the re-training, each member will receive a copy of the updated rules. Please remember that all other club rules, not listed on this refresher document, are still in effect. We are only going over the changes, and a few reminders of rules that folks seem to ignore. We will make this as convenient as possible for all members. We have scheduled some regular dates/times where members of the club safety committee will go over the rules in group settings. The deadline to complete this training is March 3, 2022. After which if you have not attended one of these sessions, your gate card will be deactivated. There will someone available every Sunday from 1 to 3 PM. (3rd Sunday follows the steel challenge match.) There is also availability every Wednesday from 10 AM to 3 PM. Other opportunities include 1 hour before the monthly club meetings in January and February. All of the match directors for the club matches are instructors for this training so you can show up at the end of any of the club matches. (these events usually end around 1 or 2 PM) Additionally, the certified instructors have also been approaching members as we happen to see them and offering this training whenever we are here at the club. Lastly, if all else fails, contact one of the certified training officers or a board member and we can setup a time that is convenient for you.
8. New Business
 - a. New Flag – Old Flag has been replaced with a nice new one. We dropped the old flag off at the Middletown DE VFW for proper disposal.
 - b. Dues renewal changes. A few years ago we instituted a late fee as a way to help folks who, for one reason or another, missed the deadline. We thought we were being helpful in a way. This has turned into a debacle and creates extra work for the membership officer and treasurer. In the past few months, between the Membership officer, Treasurer and the President, we made efforts totaling approximately 245 attempts, between emails and phone calls, at contacting 49 members who had not renewed their dues and were fast approaching the December deadline for even the late fee addition. This will no longer happen. We have decided that we will eliminate the late fee as well as the grace period. Your dues renewal must be postmarked October 31. After that, you are no longer a member. Please make sure we have your correct email, home address and phone numbers. Check the settings on your SPAM folder so you can receive club emails. This information is YOUR responsibility. We are not your mama. All that being said, please check out the next item below concerning online dues payment in the future. (we’re still trying to make things easier)

- c. New web page project. Working on a new webpage that is easier to use for both members, club officers, match directors etc. Future project..... online dues renewal. Hopefully that will happen this year. If not, then next year. No more excuses for being late with your dues.
- d. Spring work party date - TBD

9. Legislative Updates

- a. Queen Anne's county restrictions on shooting ranges. Mr. Shrader is a guest this evening.
There has been a citizen's request to make a change to the definition of a shooting club in Queen Anne's county. The wording of the proposed change basically allows anyone who owns property next to a shooting range can have the range shutdown for no reason whatsoever. The individual that is pushing for this is a known activist who tries to stop any kinds of changes in Queen Anne's county. This proposed change is pretty much directed at Schrader's Sporting Clays. They are attempting to relocate to the CURRENT trap club near Millington and put in a very nice, safe shooting facility.
There is a public meeting/hearing of the Planning Commission, scheduled for February 10. We don't know a time yet for this meeting, but will send an email as soon as we get more details.
Please contact your commissioners with POLITE requests to not allow this change.
For reference, the proposed change is ..." Text Amendment/County Ordinance #21-09" It changes the definition of a shooting club as set forth in Appendix A of Chapter 18 of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.
- b. Maryland – Nothing happening at the moment
- c. Delaware – SB3 – "Permit to Purchase" and SB6 – "Standard capacity magazine BAN", are both still alive in the Delaware legislature. Please watch for updates on these bad bills. Even though they are not currently being addressed, please contact your Senators and Representatives.
- d. National – Nothing happening at the moment.

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM