



## Shongum Sportsmen's Association

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**President Rich Gajda** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rich** asked for a moment of silence for all our US Military personnel in harms way. **Rich** reminded all in attendance about the meeting rules for the membership.

The minutes for July meeting, as posted on the Website, was accepted by the attending membership.

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Fortunato** read the Treasurer's Report aloud:

Bank Balance (as of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019): \$33,958.34  
 Receipts: \$13,195.46  
 Disbursements: \$24,275.10  
 Excess Disbursements Over Receipts: \$11,079.64  
 Bank Balance (as of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019): \$22,878.70

Money Market Fund:  
 Available for use: \$17,606.51  
 Restricted for Contingencies: \$72,351.00  
 Balance (as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019): \$89,957.51

**Jack Bowden & George Rutkowski** Memorial Fund Balance (as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019): \$7,083.88

### **Officers & Committee Reports:**

**President—Rich Gajda—** A short list of important items which need attention:

**Elections—**We are seeking much needed help. Our **Treasurer, Mike Fortunato** is seeking retirement. **Mike** would like to train the new volunteer, to have a smooth and painless transfer of duty. Our **RSO, Mark Rosenbach**, has indicated due to work and home environment changes, **Mark** can no longer devote the time to perform these duties. Please contact **Pete Hefferan** to get on the ballot for the October elections. Please step up and assist to make this club a great club to belong to.

**Trap Range—**Our landscaper told us that during last property service, there was an equipment failure with the weed killer sprayers. A large portion of the grass on the trap range will perish in the coming days. The landscaper will repair the damage.

**Membership Outsourcing —** We have a very mature Membership software system supporting our organization. This software is no longer supported by the vendor, and there is no upgrade path. We have reached a critical point with this system. **Vince M.** is already working about 70 hours a month doing membership with this present system. I (**Rich**) have used this system and it is difficult to use. **Vince** has no additional volunteer hours to commit to transferring our membership database to a new system. **Vince** submitted a proposal to have the membership database transferred to a newer system done by an outside firm. This outside firm will be an LLC run by **Vince** himself, with the ability to have some of the efforts delegated to additional personnel

**Red Flag Law—**I am sure you are all aware that the Red Flag law has been passed. This "See Something, Say Something" law may have some merits. On the other hand, you know that domestic breakups are often rough and this law may be used as a way to 'Get Even". Anyway, we shall see, going forward.

**VP – John Gumann —** A short progress report on the work on the apartment. The work complete, although carpeting and baseboard needs to be installed. The apartment will be open of inspection at the picnic September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary** – No Report. **Shotgun** – No Report.

**Rifle** – **Nick Dewar** mentioned that the next match is Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> and is a Hi-Power match on the outdoor range, rain or shine. You'll need 50 rounds plus sighting rounds. The cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. The event starts at 10:00 AM and finishes about Noon time. Come a little early to help setup before the match can run.

**Pistol** – **Jim Owings** announced that the pistol league is open to all shooters and takes place every Tuesday evening. We are shooting Police "L" right now. More detailed information and the schedule are available on the Shongum website.

**Range Safety** – **Mark Rosenbach** reported on several range infractions which were handled with verbal warnings. The reoccurring issue on the Outdoor range is target height placement at the 50 yard line. Make sure the trajectory of the rounds land in the backstop. We are all always learning and continuing to strive for safety while shooting. We had eight members learn how to use the steel targets last month. We'll run another session in November. Please reference the schedule calendar on the website for current training events.

**Events** – No Report. **Building & Grounds** – No Report. **Hunting** – No Report. **Legislative** – No Report. **NRA Training** – No Report.

**USPSA** – **Ron Gumann** reported that the August 3<sup>rd</sup> event was good even with the ducking the thunderstorms two times, we had 47 shooters. The next event is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Cowboy Action** – We had a good shoot, even with the extremely hot & humid day, on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We had eight diehards enjoy a good round of Cowboy Action. Please consider coming out and try CA. Please consult the events calendar for Cowboy Action event days.

**Woman's League** – **Elizabeth Mackee** reported that the evening typically starts at about 6:00 PM or so, with a Pot Luck Dinner and range safety instruction is held about 7:30 – 8:00 PM for any new women shooters. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, the phone number is listed in the minutes, and the E Mail address is womensleague@shongum.org.

**Juniors** – No Report.

**Black Powder** – No Report

**Membership** – **Vince Martino** reported the following:

#### **August Membership Readings:**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Matthew Davis, Joseph DiFiglia, Jonathon Gans, Wayne Infusino, Anthony Rizzo

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Attended Safety Orientation**

Vincent Basile, Michael Carvino, Sabatino Falgiano Jr, Kenneth Goryeb, Santino Lamenta, Melissa Meyer

##### **Probationary to Regular Membership**

Dennis Frischmann, David Spence

#### **July Anniversaries**

**5 Years** — Ralph Amirata, Ronald Koumaras III, Charles Meyer Jr.

**10 Years** — Martin Kolenut, Michael Luke, Michael Santasieri

**15 Years** — Daniel Caulfield

**20 Years** — Brian Brennan

**25 Years** — Glenn Deitz, George James

**35 Years** — Jerry Sachs

#### **Special Anniversaries**

**41st Anniversary**— Imre Von Balinth

**By-Laws Committee** – Pete Hefferan reported that the new version is nearly complete, and a finalized version will be presented at the September meeting.

**New Business:** – The Friends & Family Memorial Jack Bowden Summer picnic is September 14th. All members and their families are invited, as well as friends. The parking lot can only handle about forty cars, so there is an attendance cap of 80 people. Look for E Mail and reference the website for the latest information.

#### **Good & Welfare**

**Will Jones** – Mentioned several gun shows in the area. Remember to check the Links Page on the SSA Website for copies of the latest gun show schedule.

#### **Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 PM**

##### Calendar of Regular Events

Club Meeting- Third Wednesday of each month, begins at 7:30 PM.

CMP Rifle Match- Fourth Sunday of each month, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, First shot @ 10:00 AM.

Cowboy Action Shoot (CAS)- Third Sunday of each month, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (except Nov & Dec, 2nd Sunday)

Executive Committee Meeting- First Monday of each month, begins at 7:00 PM.

USPSA- First Saturday of each month, January through December, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Junior League- Friday evenings (indoor range), refer to Web Site calendar, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Pistol League- Every Tuesday evening, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Trap Program - Every Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
(Unless noted on the Web Site)  
Every Tuesday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.  
Friday Nights 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
(Through the middle of October).

Women's League - Final Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Black Powder- First Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. In the colder months, start time moves forward to 11:00 AM.