

**Sayre Sportsmens Club**  
**Newsletter**  
**May 29, 2009**

**Annual Banquet**

The Annual Banquet was held Saturday evening, May 16, 2009, and was a huge success. The Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department catered the event again this year and did an outstanding job. One of their members, Rose Mary, does an excellent job preparing the appetizers. Again this year, we were full before the main meal was served. The attendance was great. We had to keep increasing our count as the event drew closer. We finally told them 55 and they prepared 60 chicken halves. If you didnt attend, you should make a mental note to do so next year.

The election of three Directors was held. The turnout for the election was the largest in recent years with forty-four members voting. The new Directors are Paul Brutscher, Ed Dawejko Sr., and Dick Decatur. Congratulations to them. They will serve a three-year term (2012). At the reorganization meeting, where the Directors elect the Officers, Mike Bean resigned leaving a two-year term vacant. The next largest number of votes (on the 16<sup>th</sup>) was a tie between Al Rosenberger and Anton Vatsnitsky. A secret ballot election was conducted at the monthly membership meeting on May 27, 2009, and Anton Vatsnitsky won. Congratulations to Anton. He will serve for two years.

We owe the three outgoing Directors, Mike Kelly, Paul Keysaw, and Al Rosenberger a big THANK YOU for all they have done for the Club.

The new Officers, voted in by the Board of Directors are William (Bill) Jordan, President and Randy Cornell, Vice President. The Board appointed Shannon VanDewark, acting Secretary; and Dale Anthony, Treasurer.

**Monthly Membership Meeting**

The monthly membership meeting was held on May 27, 2009. The following items are from the unofficial minutes of that meeting.

**Old Business:**

- a. The herbicide for the pond has arrived. Randy Cornell stated that the weeds in the pond were not big enough to warrant using the herbicide at this time. Fred Johnson is to contact Mike Kelly to discuss the best time to use the herbicide.
- b. Ed Dawejko is soliciting town businesses and asking for donations for 3-D targets. So far he has received \$865 in donations and gave the donations to Dale Anthony to put into the treasury.
- c. Dale Anthony reported that the Sayre 7<sup>th</sup> grade gym classes went fishing at our pond on May 18 and 19. He stated that the kids had a great time and pictures have been placed on the Club website [www.sayresportsmensclub.com](http://www.sayresportsmensclub.com)

**New Business:**

- a. Paul Brutscher would like a copy of the Club by-laws as he only received a draft amendment. Dale Anthony is going to make copies of the by-laws and will make about a dozen and will give the directors each a copy.
- b. Dan Barrett would like to run a steel target shoot on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> and wanted to know if it would be conflicting with the Owl League also scheduled for that day. He was told it would not be a conflict as rifle range is open during Owl League shoots.
- c. Dick Decatur suggested that the club raise soda prices from \$.50 to \$.75. John Mann added that coffee should also be raised from \$.25 to \$.50. John Crossett made the motion that the prices be raised. Fred Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- d. Dick Decatur suggested that the cost of shooting trap and skeet be raised from \$3.00 to \$3.50. After much discussion, Dick Decatur made the motion to increase the price and the motion was not seconded. The motion

did not pass.

e. Anton Vatnitsky. Discussed the possibility of Sayre to become part of the Southern Tier High Power League. The other clubs running the league would be willing to help. Cost to the club would be targets, scorecards, and potential backstops. Anton said that the cost to the shooter is usually \$10. Ed Dawejko made a motion to investigate the possibility of running this type of shoot and Dick Decatur seconded the motion. The motion was then passed.

f. Ed Dawejko shared that the club might think about having a novice day for people in the community to come and see the club and try shooting various types of firearms and bows. A motion was made by Shannon VanDewark to form a committee to coordinate a novice day. Anton Vatnitsky seconded and the motion passed.

g. Ed Dawejko shared that he thinks the club should think about become more kid friendly, for example, putting in a swing set or having the cub scouts have a retreat.

h. Dale Anthony stated the website is going to be updated with the names of the new directors and officers.

Dale Anthony Made the motion to adjourn and Randy Cornell seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Submitted by Shannon VanDewark, acting secretary

### **Membership Info:**

The Club membership meeting is held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Our membership year started on May 1, 2009. Memberships can be obtained for \$45 at the Clubhouse, Pattons Country Store, Alexanders, and Athens Agway.

### **Upcoming Events:**

On June 6 and 7, the Owl League Skeet and Trap shoot will be held at our Club. Even if you dont shoot these events, we can use help running the shoot.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, Dan Barrett may have a steel target shoot on the rifle range. Keep an eye out for this to be posted.

June 13<sup>th</sup> is an IDPA Action Pistol shoot. Please be aware that the rifle range is closed while the pistol shoot is in progress.

The calendar of events is posted on our website - [www.sayresportsmensclub.com](http://www.sayresportsmensclub.com)