

Sayre Sportsmen's Club
Newsletter
August 1, 2009

Hello fellow Club members. August is here and maybe summer will come with it. Before I get to the minutes of the July meeting there are some disturbing things going on at the Club grounds and we need everyone's help. There are apparently some bad apples among us. We have two very nice pistol pits. Although there were no signs stating otherwise some people thought the pistol pits would be a good place to use their shotguns and shoot up the place. We also were picking up a lot of beer cans there. So, Tom Bennett made us a beautiful sign – No Shotguns, No Rifles, No Alcohol. It was placed right between the two pits. Someone shot 64 holes in the sign, and someone shot up the backers with a shotgun. Also, sometime between last Sunday afternoon and Monday afternoon someone thought it would be cute to do figure eights on the rifle range. If you observe anyone doing senseless things, please try to get a license number or their name(s) and report them to any of the directors, or come to the Clubhouse and tell someone or leave a note. Your Club is for every member and we don't need a few bad apples ruining it for the rest of us.

I realize the meeting minutes may be boring, but I don't think it is right to put any personal opinions or comments in them. They are what they are; and here they are:

Sayre Sportsmen's Club
Meeting Minutes
7/29/09

- I. Meeting called to order by President Bill Jordan at 7:02 pm
- II. Secretary's report – Shannon VanDewark – motion made by Randy Cornell to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Dale Anthony – motion passed
- III. Treasurer's report – Dale Anthony
 - a. Month beginning 6/21/09 and ending 7/25/09

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$3723.07
Income	\$4659.15
Expenses	- <u>\$2622.17</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$5760.05
Project Savings Account	<u>\$4195.93</u>
Total Checkbook and Savings	\$9955.98
Key Savings Account	\$10218.33
Investments	<u>\$10515.57</u>
Total All Accounts	\$30689.88
 - b. Motion made by Randy Cornell to accept the treasures report, motion was seconded by Ed. Dawejko and then passed
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Novice Day – Ed Dawejko brought in a sample ad to be run in the Morning-Times. Will also put ad on cable network and WATS/WAVR.

Phone numbers to contact to RSVP will be Ed Dawejko and Randy Cornell. The date is set for Aug 15, 2009.

- b. By-laws – Dale Anthony had copies of by-laws for those that wanted them
 - c. Important dates to remember:
 - i. August 9th –IDPA – all ranges closed
 - ii. Aug 29th – Carbine shoot – rifle range closed
 - iii. Aug 30th – Owl league
 - iv. Oct 24th – Trap Shoot-off
- V. New Business
- a. Doc Redding would like to take 10 cases of bird to a dental get together that he is attending. Motion made by Dale Anthony to let Doc take birds and was seconded by Paul Brutscher. Motion was carried.
 - b. Response to Jack Petraskie's items to be added to this meeting's agenda
 - i. Draw down money (\$5000-\$8000) for projects: Bill Jordan - Club is going to use the money for projects but it is going to take time. Currently updating bathroom and have plans for kitchen in the near future.
 - ii. Directors take a verbal oath to obey by Pennsylvania laws and the sportsman's club by-laws – Ed Moore Jr. – read from the by-laws and if by-laws are abided by then there is no need for directors to take an oath.
 - iii. Repeat-members should get a \$10 reduction on cost of membership – Dale Anthony – Membership dues are based on the cost of running the club and paying expenses. Dues can only be changed at a directors' meeting.
 - iv. Election reform – Mike Bean. – The reason the voting is done in May is to ensure that only this year's members can vote on this year's directors.
 - c. 3 D Targets – Ed Moore – Club should buy a target and a backstop for archery. Member discussed and it was determined that the club will give \$400 towards the purchase of targets and backstops. John Mann made the motion to put \$400 towards targets and Frank seconded it. The motion was passed.
 - d. John Mann would like to put in a 15-foot culvert by the trap house so that people can drive up for firewood. The cost will be about \$215. Frank Bottone made the motion to accept and Mike Bean. seconded it. The motion was passed.
 - e. Pistol Pit – Anton Vatnitsky stated that the pistol pits need to be rebuilt as someone shot them with their shotgun again. Anton is to enlist people to help rebuild.
 - f. Winter Owl League - Dick Decatur – asked if the club was going to participate in the Winter Owl League. Was determined if enough people will shoot then join the winter league. Shannon VanDewark will attend the Winter meeting with Dick Decatur on Aug 28.
 - g. Pistol Pit – Dick Decatur. brought up that there should be a 3rd pistol pit put in. John Mann stated that 3 could be put in where the two already are.

Need to know the amount of room needed for each pit. The issue has been tabled to allow time to get prices and amount of room needed for a pit.

- h. Grill – Ed Moore Jr. – would like the club to purchase a new grill. Frank Bottone made the motion for the club to purchase a new grill, seconded by Dick Decatur and motion was passed.
 - i. Trap house – Bill Jordan - Bernie Sargent. took pictures of a stand for the trap scorer. Issue has been tabled until costs can be determined.
- VI. Dale Anthony made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Glen Gorsline. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon C. VanDewark

Editorial comment – The Novice Day is intended for anyone (or maybe family members or friends) who would like to get some hands-on in areas they may not be familiar with. The events are going to be shotgun, pistol, cowboy action shooting, rifle, and bow (hope I didn't miss any). The date is right around the corner – Saturday, August 15th. I think the time is from 9 am to 3 pm, but look for the advertising or check our website (www.sayresportsmensclub.com) in a week or so.

By the way, as of meeting night our membership count for the year was 198. That is great since we had 185 for all of last year.

Dale Anthony