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## Monthly Business Meeting Minutes and Newsletter

President Don Copple Sr. welcomed all those in attendance. He called the monthly business meeting of the Southern Indiana Rifle & Pistol Club to order at 7:01 PM on December 6, 2017 at the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN.

Attending the meeting were: Tony Herberger, Tony Walker, Jack Marshall, Steve Herberger, Mike Hunt, Dave Albert, Dennis Pruett, Donnie Abbott, Don Copple, Charlie Davis, Ron Bekebrede, Bill Thomas, Tom Graves, Greg Hertzsch, George Eberhardt, Darrell Joslin, Jim Whitsitt, Bob Cahoon, Wendell Allen, Reed Allen, Dan Tate, Mike Smith, Mike Elick, John LeMay, Terry Copple, Bill Tracy, Tom Clark, Chuck Kiefer, John Shafer, Doris Ooley, Larry Klostermann, Tom Nikitas, Charlie Cartwright, Chuck Barnhart, Robert Beatty, Mark Ellnor, Richard Wayne, Dwayne Draggoo, Lou Casale, Roy Hughes and Kevin Powell.

**MINUTES:** President Don Copple Sr. asked if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the minutes of the November 1, 2017 meeting. There were no comments and/or revisions. President Copple declared the minutes approved as is.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Tom Clark presented the income and expenses for the past month. The balance in the operating account as of October 31 was \$15,118.00. The balance in the operating account as of November 30 is \$16,922.00.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** First reading for Tony Herberger. Second reading and membership approved for Tony Walker, Jack Marshall, Steve Herberger, Dave Albert, Dennis Pruett, Jasper Burden and returning member Mike Hunt. The second reading for Jasper Burden was executed at the Indoor Range.

**ATTENTION:** Our current rules prevent the use of tracers and all Binary Explosive Targets at our Outdoor and Indoor Range. The use of 50 caliber center fire rifles is allowed, but make sure that your impact area is to the immediate right of the pits. At the so-called pistol line, the area enclosed by the sidewalks is still off limits to all recreational shooting except to Ransom Rest a pistol. However it is allowed to use Pistols and Rifles on the other part of the pistol line. On a busy day it might be necessary to move firearms from one bench to another. There are several safe ways to execute this process. One method is to unload the firearm, take the magazine out and place it in its case, while the line is hot. Next you move the case with rifle from one bench to another and do the same thing in reverse. Again all is done when the line is hot.

Another method is to unload, remove the magazine, insert an empty chamber indicator and with the barrel pointing in a safe direction, walk over to the other bench while the line is hot.

Don't drive through the fields. The roads have a hard bottom even with standing water.

For those members who wish to renew their NRA membership through the club, please note that the cost of an annual NRA membership is now \$30. Please read your newsletter and/or check the website to avoid going to the Range when a match is scheduled. Please take your trash home. When entering and leaving the Outdoor Range, lock the chain behind you. Wear your membership card on your clothing or equipment while at the Outdoor Range. Every member has the right to and is encouraged to, ask you for your card. The entire membership is responsible for policing our facilities and keep non paying shooters out.

Tennant farmer Sam Hagest is asking that we no longer park behind the red barn in case of high water. Instead please park alongside the road parallel to the field closest to Borden. The reason is that due to the new ownership of the house, the Hagest brothers have to use this road to access the fields.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The club still has T-shirts for sale in various sizes. The cost is \$10 and you may come to the Indoor Range on Wednesday or Friday evening if interested. Mike Elick asked the membership to re-consider his motion to start the monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance which was tabled at the October meeting to allow the purchase of a flag with stand for proper indoor display. Mike complimented the club on the new display of the flag. President Copple mentioned that the meeting was not a sporting event and he did not find it necessary to start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Clark and Ron Bekebrede expressed a similar opinion. Tom Nikitas seconded the motion and after more discussion the motion passed on a majority vote with several members abstaining. Don Copple mentioned that Mike Elick was to lead the Pledge at each meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Secretary Bekebrede mentioned that he is accepting membership renewals for calendar year 2018. Please see the notice towards the end of this newsletter. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday January 13, 2018 in the clubhouse (Wanda's) of the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN. Please note that the club will not provide a full meal this time. Instead there will be hors d'oeuvres and snacks. We will start around 7:00 PM, but members are encouraged to arrive early between 6:15 and 6:45 PM. Spouses are invited as well. We need an accurate head count in order to have enough hors d'oeuvres.

Please RSVP before January 6, 2018 by contacting Ron Bekebrede at 502-649-5507 or email [gippbeke@bellsouth.net](mailto:gippbeke@bellsouth.net). We will elect the club's officers and present the annual trophies as well as conduct our regular business meeting including first and second readings for new applicants. President Copple invited any adult, card-carrying member with dues paid for 2018, to run for office, if so desired. Keep in mind that these jobs take time and require a commitment for one year. The Officer receives his/her respective annual dues paid for by the club as compensation. Any candidate has to declare him/herself by contacting Ron Bekebrede at 502-649-5507 or [gippbeke@bellsouth.net](mailto:gippbeke@bellsouth.net). The declaration period is open till December 31. After this date no candidates will be accepted. Please note that at the annual meeting you may renew your club membership by paying with a check. No cash will be accepted. President Copple mentioned that the club's financial audit will be done on December 13 after the shooting has been completed. The audit committee will consist of the club's Officers. Dwayne Draggoo reminded all that the 500 yard practice scheduled for the Wednesdays of each month is open to all members and all type of legal rifles. You do not have to be an F-Class shooter. However the distance shot at is 500 yards.

The O2 Gun Group headed by Doris Ooley and family, is planning to hold a seminar on the "Legal Concepts for Concealed Carry and Self-Defense with a Firearm" as a fund raiser for the club. 75% of the funds raised would go to the club and the remaining 25% would be split between the NRA and the Second Amendment Foundation. Members and their guests are invited to attend, Maximum of 40 attendees / Minimum of 10 attendees, Pre-registration (including payment) required in advance, Location - Indoor range, Completion certificates provided and a digital booklet sent via email.

Date and costs to be determined. Watch your email for more information on this event in the near future.

Charlie Davis announced that starting December 13 at 5:00 PM the Indoor Range will be open to recreational shooting for all members on the next 3 Wednesdays in December. You may bring your own targets or use the club targets for a small fee. You will have to pay the \$4 range fee to cover the cost of utilities and rent. Magnum ammunition will not be allowed. However you may use a magnum caliber firearm and shoot non-magnum loads. For example a 357 magnum revolver with 38-special rounds. A rifle in 22 LR is allowed as well. For questions please call Charlie at 812-267-3392.

Secretary Bekebrede asked if the members present had received his email dated December 5 concerning the proposed action to be taken regarding the easement and new access road at the Outdoor Range, as recommended by the Executive Committee. All present answered in the affirmative. Said email is shown below in the body of these minutes. Don Copple and Ron Bekebrede answered various questions about the financial and legal aspects of the new easement agreement and road to the satisfaction of the membership present. Charlie Davis made a motion to accept the new easement agreement negotiated with Troutman LLC for a 50 feet wide strip of land located on the far West side of the Troutman LLC property, connecting IN Hwy 60 to our existing 30 feet wide easement on the Wright property and to build a new access road to the Outdoor Range on the new 50 feet wide easement and to expend the necessary funds currently estimated at \$23,000.00. The motion was seconded by Chuck Barnhart and passed unanimously. Till the new road has been completed we are allowed to use the existing driveway with a deadline of April 30, 2018. Please be considered of the new property owners when you enter or leave.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At its last meeting held November 14, 2017, the Executive Committee decided unanimously to pursue building a new access road to the Outdoor Range, located on our easement on the far West side of the farm house property, recently sold by the Wright Heirs to the Troutman Family.

The driveway we are currently using is not located on our easement and the new owners of the farm house property have revoked the permission to use said driveway with the stipulation that they will give the club till April 30, 2018 to create a new access.

The club will bear all expenses, estimated at \$23,000, associated with the construction of this road. In return the Troutman Family agreed to President Copple's request to increase the width of said easement to 50 feet and pay half of the combined legal expenses, surveyor's cost and recording fees up to a limit of \$500.

Given the magnitude of the expense, the members who will be present at the next business meeting on December 6, 2017, will be asked to approve or reject this expenditure/agreement by a show of hands.

You have to be present to vote. The Executive Committee recommends approval.

Sincerely,  
Ron Bekebrede  
Secretary SIRPC.

**MATCH RESULTS:** Reported by Charlie Davis. **Club Indoor Bulls Eye Pistol;** 22 NMC: Expert – Jamie McKown 828-9.  
All other classes not enough shooters.

**Center fire Handicap Match:** Ron Bekebrede 187. **Revolver Handicap Match:** Not enough shooters.

**22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Open Sights:** George Eberhardt 98. **22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Telescopic Sights:** Ashton Smith 94.

**Carry Gun Match:** 3-1/2inch barrel & over Bill Thomas 161, 3-1/2" barrel and under no shooters.

**SIR&PC Youth Program, Junior 3 position Sporter Match 22:** John Hamilton - 556-2X, Virginia Puckett - 536-6X, Cameron Christie - 528-6X. **Junior Offhand Standing:** John Hamilton 86, Sam Whallen 84, Bradley Outland 81.

**SIR&PC Indoor Air Rifle and Pistol Match:** November 25. *Air Pistol:* Mike Smith 514, Larry Dison 478, Jerry Thomas 467.

*Air Rifle Junior:* Erio Tsukada 579, Kylie Greer 453, Ian Carr 419. *Air Rifle Adult:* Julie Klusmeier 576, Ted Carr 529, Bill Balda 469.

**SIR&PC Outdoor Vintage Sniper Rifle Match:** November 4. Kevin Powell/John LeMay 373-7,

Wayne McLeod/Lyle Abbott 352-8, Will Abbott/Jordan Baker 352-5, Shehan Kenneth/Larry Klostermann 349-3,

James Smith/Ashton Smith 341-6, Tom Helwig/Donnie Abbott 311-1, George Eberhardt/Dylan Eberhardt 321-5, Dan Helwig/Ben Helwig 292-2.

**SIR&PC Outdoor Vintage Military Rifle Match:** November 4. George Eberhardt 258-2, Donnie Abbott 258-0, Ben Helwig 253-1, Kevin Powell 251-3, Dan Helwig 248-4, Tom Helwig 243-6, James Allen 190-0, Curtis Stephen 100-0. *Modern Military:* Mark Mann 281-6, Jordan Baker 272-4, Jim Smith 261-0, Dylan Eberhardt 233-1, Ashton Smith 225-0.

**SIR&PC Outdoor Annual Center fire Varmint Matches:** October 15. Matches were cancelled due to weather.

#### **UPCOMING MATCHES:**

**SIR&PC Outdoor 500 yard Practice Match:** December 6,13,20, 27. Contact Dwayne Draggoo at 502-759-0541 or dwaynedraggoo@yahoo.com. The Outdoor Range will be closed to other shooting from dawn till 2:00 PM on December 13 and 27. *On December 6 and 20 the Outdoor Range will be closed to other shooting from 2:00 till 8:00PM.*

**SIR&PC Indoor 1800 Pistol Match:** December 16. Contact Dave Richardson at 270-766-7815 or [taxmanky@comcast.net](mailto:taxmanky@comcast.net)

**SIR&PC Indoor Air Pistol and Air Rifle Match:** December 23. Contact Doris Ooley, PO Box 70 Borden, IN 47106 or 812-786-4188 or [doris@o2gungroup.com](mailto:doris@o2gungroup.com)

**Self Defense Pistol Training Class at Indoor Range by O2 Gun Group:** to be announced. Contact Doris Ooley at 812-786-4188 or via email at [info@o2gungroup.com](mailto:info@o2gungroup.com).

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** Secretary Ron Bekebrede accepts your renewals for **2018**. Please send your payment with a copy of your NRA card to his attention at 107 Wickfield Drive, Louisville, KY 40245-4055. Keep in mind that a current NRA membership is required for renewal. If you are a NRA Life Member, please ignore this request. Dues for 2018 are as follows: Individual \$75.00, Family \$100.00, Senior - Age 60 and over \$45.00, Senior Family - \$70.00, Junior \$25.00. Make your check out to the SIR&PC. Ron's phone number is 502-649-5507. His email address is [gippbeke@bellsouth.net](mailto:gippbeke@bellsouth.net). New members if your current card shows 2018, you don't have to renew till December 2018.

#### **FOR SALE:**

1 - Feinwerkbau 601 Air Rifle, .177 caliber, single stroke pneumatic. For International Air Rifle matches. Excellent condition. \$635.00.

2 - Remington 870 pump shotgun, 12 ga 2 3/4", 2 barrels (one is 20" and the other is 28" vent. rib. Nice shape. Asking \$335.00.

3 - Marlin Camp 9 semi-auto carbine in 9mm caliber. It has had the buffer upgraded to a BlackJack recoil buffer. It comes with padded nylon sling, 2 nylon magazine pouches, Weaver scope base, and THREE magazines. One magazine is the original 12 round Marlin magazine and the other two magazines are nearly new Mecgar 17 round magazines. The carbine has functioned flawlessly with all three of these magazines. The only flaws I see are scratches on the pistol grip of the walnut stock. I sanded them smooth and applied oil. Asking \$550.00.

I want to see current Indiana Driver's License and Handgun License for the firearms, otherwise the firearms will be transferred through FFL's and shipped, at the buyer's expense. The air rifle can be sold to an adult without regard to residence.

For items 1, 2 and 3 contact Mike Snyder, cell phone: 812-946-1238, e-mail: [bemike2@gmail.com](mailto:bemike2@gmail.com)

*Tula/Wolf small rifle primers both magnum and standard. Asking \$30 per 1,000 or \$140.00 for 5,000.*

*Call Tom Nikitas at 843-441-2600.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday January 13, 2018 at 7 pm in the clubhouse (Wanda's) of the Indian Creek Shooting Center located in Georgetown, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM. Minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting submitted by Ron Bekebrede.