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Monthly Business Meeting and Newsletter

President Don Copple Sr. welcomed all those in attendance. He called the annual business meeting of the Southern Indiana Rifle & Pistol Club to order at 7:00 PM on March 1, 2023, at the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN.

Attending the meeting were: Ron Bekebrede, Brad Stiles, Don Copple, Bill Thomas, Barb Rahn, George Eberhardt, Donnie Abbott, Charlie Davis, Max Stillwagon, Dennis Pruett, Bill Ray, Mark Huth, Jamie McKown, Alan Whitlow, John Sexton, Drew Rudd, Tom Graves.

ATTENTION: Eye and ear protection is Required while on the firing line at all times while using the outdoor range. Please do not drive through the fields. The roads have a hard bottom even with standing water. **DO NOT DESTROY CLUB PROPERTY! ANY MEMBER CAUGHT SHOOTING THE METAL PISTOL TARGET CARRIERS OR ANY OTHER PIECE OF CLUB PROPERTY WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE CLUB AND REQUIRED TO PAY REPAIR COSTS OF THE ITEM DAMAGED.** 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 is allowed to ask you for proof of membership.

CHECK OUT THE CLUBS UPDATED WEBSITE! WWW.SIRAPC.COM Member David Harrison has graciously volunteered to assist with updating the club's website. He has added new features and reorganized the site making it much more user friendly. The website is the best place to keep up to date with everything going on with the club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LAST CALL: Secretary Ron Bekebrede must have your renewals for **2023**. 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 2023 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 gippbeke1@gmail.com. New members if your current card shows 2022, you don't have to renew till December 2023.

MINUTES: President Don Copple Sr. asked if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting. There were no comments and/or revisions. President Copple declared the minutes approved as is.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no Treasurer's report.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: **First reading:** John Sexton and Max Stillwagon **Approved** **Second readings:** Bill Ray, Brad Stiles. **Returning Members:** Paul Schaffer, Ben Conner and John Grimley.

OLD BUSINESS: The club exhibited at the National Gun Day Show at the Louisville Expo center.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a significant safety event that occurred. A shot was fired down range while another shooter was down range. Thankfully this was a near miss event and no one was injured, but this highlights why it is important to obey ALL club range rules while shooting at the outdoor range. SIRAPC maintains a "cold range" during all cease fires. This means that all guns must be unloaded, actions open, magazines removed and an empty chamber flag installed. There is no handling or transporting of a gun during a ceasefire. While the range is in a ceasefire it is imperative that all members on the line be accounted for and return behind the firing

line. This includes both the pistol line, the rifle line and any area used East of the pistol line to shoot clay targets. Every member of the club using the outdoor range is a safety officer and is responsible for assisting with the safe operation of the club's ranges. Flagrant disregard of the club rules will result in disciplinary action by the club's executive board and may result in expulsion from the club.

A reminder to club members that no centerfire rifles are allowed on the pistol line, even if the rifle is chambered in a pistol caliber. This also applies to AR-15 pistols. The only firearms allowed on the pistol line are centerfire pistols and .22LR rifles. In addition, a member may only bring a guest one time. After that visit, the guest should begin the initiation process to join the club if they want to use the range again. Violating these rules will result in disciplinary action by the executive board.

Donnie Abbott made a request for funds to purchase 6 additional shooting bags used in the vintage sniper matches. A motion was carried and approved for the purchase.

Donnie Abbott made a request for the club to provide sponsorship for the upcoming Friends of the NRA banquet in April. The club would sponsor at a \$300.00 level. A motion was carried and approved for the sponsorship.

Jamie McKown spoke on behalf of the youth program announcing that 5 of the club's juniors have qualified to shoot at the regionals held at Camp Perry this summer. He went on to thank the club for the continued support of the juniors by the club. Thanks to the generous support of our fellow members the juniors have access to eight, club owned precision small bore rifles as well as several precision air rifles, accessories and a gun safe purchased from Hoosier Hills gun club who is liquidating some of its club's equipment. These acquisitions have allowed the junior program to grow significantly in the past year. Jamie also highlighted the amount of support that the juniors have gotten from the NRA. The junior program has received a grant of \$4,300.00 this year to purchase equipment. The NRA has given around \$14,500.00 since the junior program began. The Juniors are selling Club t-shirts with all profits benefiting the juniors. Short sleeve shirts size S-XL are \$10.00 and Long Sleeve are \$15.00. 2XL are \$2.00 more.

MATCH RESULTS: Reported by Charlie Davis. **Club Indoor Bulls Eye Pistol; 22 NMC:** Expert: Len Chopovsky 844-15*NES Sharpshooter: Devon Cople 730-6*NES Marksman: Amber Bolen 715-2 *NES Pro Marksman: Drew Rudd 733-5 *NES **Centerfire NMC:** Expert: Lenny Chopovsky 812-13 *NES **NMC Grand Agg:** Expert Lenny Chopovsky 1656-28 *NES **Center fire Handicap Match:**No Shooters . **Revolver Handicap Match:** Don Cople 162 **22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Open Sights:** Drew Rudd 97. **22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Telescopic Sights:** Drew Rudd 98. **Carry Gun Match:** 3-1/2inch barrel & over: No Shooters , 3-1/2" barrel and under: No Shooters ***NES=Not Enough shooters to make an award**

UPCOMING MATCHES: March through April (Check the website for changes in scheduled matches)

SIR&PC Outdoor 500 yard Practice Match: Mar 1,8,15,22,29; Apr 5, 12, ,19, 26. Contact Dwayne Draggoo at 502-759-0541 or dwaynedraggoo@yahoo.com. The Outdoor Range will be closed to other shooting from 2:00 PM till 8:00 PM on practice days.

SIR&PC F Class Match: Apr 1 Contact Dwayne Draggoo at 502-759-0541 or dwaynedraggoo@yahoo.com.

SIR&PC Indoor Rimfire Sporter match: Mar 4 contact Drew Rudd at 502-287-2561 or ukpharmd2003@hotmail.com

SIR&PC Indoor Small Bore Rifle Match:: Mar 11; Apr 22. Contact Ted Carr at 859-608-8539 or maccarr13@yahoo.com

SIR&PC Indoor IN State Pistol Championship: Mar 18; Contact Dave Richardson at 270-766-7815 or taxmanky@comcast.net.

SIR&PC Outdoor 2700 Pistol Match: Apr 29. Contact Dave Richardson at 270-766-7815 or taxmanky@comcast.net.

SIR&PC Air Rifle/Pistol Match: Mar 25 Contact Ted Malone at 502-931-1527 or coraem02@bellsouth.net

SIR&PC CMP Service Rifle Match: Apr 8 Contact George Eberhardt at 502-724-8970 or ebbie5313@gmail.com

SIR&PC CMP M1 Garand/Sniper: Apr 23 Contact George Eberhardt at 502-724-8970 or ebbie5313@gmail.com

For a Basic Pistol Course or Seminar on Legal Concepts for Concealed Carry and Self Defense with a Firearm by O2 Gun Group: Contact Doris Ooley at 812-786-4188 or via email at info@o2gungroup.com for more information.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the SIRPC meeting room of the Indoor Range located at the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting recorded and transcribed by Drew Rudd and submitted by Ron Bekebrede.

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