Monthly Business Meeting 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 7:12 PM on Dec, 6 2023 at the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN.

**Attending the meeting were**: Charlie Davis, Don Copple, Ron Bekebrede, Tom Clark, Donnie Abbott, Bill Thomas, Drew Rudd, Tom Graves, Rick Cooley, John Thomas, John LeMay, Dennis Pruett, Tim Burke, Mike Martin, Greg Hertzsch, Brian Brough,

Larry Black, Tad Dryden, Amor Royer, Richard Dorman, Bob Ritz, Daryl Moore, Jeremy Adams, Robert Beatty, Lenny Chopovsky,

George McDonough, Bronson Mulligan.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** Secretary Ron Bekebrede accepts your renewals for **2024**. 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. Dues for 2024 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](mailto:gippbeke1@gmail.com). New members if your current card shows 2024, you don’t have to renew till December 2024.

**MINUTES:** President Don Copple Sr. asked if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the minutes of the

November, 2023 meeting. There were no comments and/or revisions. President Copple declared the minutes approved as is.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The balance in the operating account at the end of October was $6,550.00 A deposit of $4,336.00 was made and expenses of $4,341.00 was paid out leaving a balance of $6,445.00 in the operating account.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: First reading:** Tad Dryden, Amor Royer, Bronson Mulligan. **Approved Second readings:** George McDonough, Jeremy Adams, John Thomas, and Richard Cooley.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 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. Contact Jamie McKown at 502-376-0750 if you are interested in a club T-shirt.

Donnie Abbott reported on the updated address for the outdoor range to assist emergency services in locating the outdoor range should the need arise. Street numbers were added to the club sign at the road as well as emergency placards being placed in the Pit, covered benches and the pistol range. A question was raised about the incident at the outdoor range describing a member with a mismatched muzzle brake that was too small for the caliber of the rifle resulting in a sliver of bullet jacket striking another member. The member was driven to the emergency room for treatment after EMS deemed the injury noncritical and transportation by ambulance was not required.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The annual club audit will take place at the conclusion of the December 6th meeting and will be performed by the club officers. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday January 13, 2024 in the clubhouse (Wanda’s) of the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM, but people should plan to arrive around 6:30 PM. Spouses are invited as well. Please RSVP by 01/07/2024 to Ron Bekebrede at 502-649-5507 or email [gippbeke1@](mailto:gippbeke1@)gmail.com. In addition let Ron know if you can bring a desert for the dinner. Once again the club will pay for dinner so we need an accurate head count. If you get sick or cannot attend the meeting after you have signed up, please notify Ron Bekebrede immediately. 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 2024, 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. A candidate must declare him/herself by contacting Ron Bekebrede at 502-649-5507 or [gippbeke1@gmail.com](mailto:gippbeke1@gmail.com). 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 or cash. Don Copple announced that the club will be exhibiting at the New Albany Gun show located at the National Guard armory on December 16th

In accordance with article 7 of our club’s constitution, notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting the membership present will be asked to vote on a potential increase in the annual dues for 2025, a potential revision of the age limit for senior membership in 2025 and a potential increase in the initiation fee. A two-thirds majority vote of those members present, who are eligible to vote, is required to pass these potential amendments to our constitution and by-laws.

Donnie Abbott also provided an update on the recent brushfire that impacted the outdoor range resulting in its closure for approximately 10 days. To date there has been no official cause to the fire as DNR is finalizing their report. There is no evidence that the fire was caused by any action of a club member, however anyone using the outdoor range should use extreme caution especially during dry weather. Club members are also reminded that absolutely NO tracer ammunition is to be used on the outdoor range and any member caught violating this rule will be expelled from the club. This incident also highlights the importance of checking the club’s website or Facebook page to keep up to date with unexpected closures of the range and other critical information regarding the club.

A question was raised to inquire if officers of the club are covered by the club’s liability insurance should an incident occur. The insurance provides coverage to anyone acting in an official capacity for the club such as officer or match director. Treasurer Tom Clark also indicated that he would inquire about the cost of additional umbrella policy and report back to the board next month.

Bill Thomas provided an update on the annual meeting of the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association. The club is active in the association and he reported that Donnie Abbott was elected as the Southeast region director, Bill Thomas stepped down as recording secretary and assumed the position of Director At Large and Drew Rudd accepted the position of recording secretary for the association. He also encourages club members to consider joining the state association to assist in furthering the mission of the state association in safeguarding our right to bear arms protected by 2nd Amendment as well as promoting the shooting sports in state.

Donnie Abbott wanted to recognize club members who represented the club very well at the recent CMP Talladega 600 matches at the Talladega Marksmanship Park in Talladega, Alabama. 14 members represented the club including Paul Jackson winning the 3X600 match, Mike Korff winning the M1 Garand match. Donnie Abbott and Jerry St. John placing 3rd in the vintage sniper team match in the manually operated category as well as third place finish by David Harrison and Drew Rudd in the semi-auto class.

Drew Rudd invited anyone interested in learning about the CMP matches to attend the CMP match clinic hosted by the club on January 27th at the indoor range in Georgetown, IN. There is a live fire portion using .22 rifles. The completion of this clinic, along with proof of citizenship, and membership in a CMP affiliated club, qualifies a person to purchase a rifle or surplus ammunition from the CMP. If you are interested, please contact George Eberhardt.

**MATCH RESULTS**: Reported by Charlie Davis. **Club Indoor Bulls Eye Pistol**; **22 NMC**: Master: Ron Bekebrede 816-9 \*NES Expert: Lenny Chopovsky 844-16 Sharpshooter: Devin Copple 772-7x Marksman: Amber Bolen 690-5 \*NES Pro Marksman: Drew Rudd 723-7 \*NES **Center fire Handicap Match**: Don Copple 148 . **Revolver Handicap Match**: NES

**22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Scope**: Barry McKim 92

**22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Open Sights:** Barry McKim 97

**Carry Gun Match**: **3-1/2inch barrel & over**: Bill Thomas 174  **3-1/2” barrel and under:** Ron Bekebrede 99

**\*NES=Not Enough shooters to make an award**

**UPCOMING MATCHES: (Check the website for changes in scheduled matches)**

**SIR&PC Outdoor 500 yard Practice Match:** Every Wednesday 12:00 PM until dark during the winter months; Contact Dwayne Draggoo at 502-759-0541 or dwaynedraggoo@yahoo.com. The Outdoor Range will be closed to other shooting from 12:00 PM till dark on practice days.

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

**SIRAPC CMP Indoor Rimfire sporter:** January 6 Contact Drew Rudd at 502-287-2561 or [ukpharmd2003@hotmail.com](mailto:ukpharmd2003@hotmail.com)

**SIRAPC CMP M1 Garand Clinic (indoor range):** January 27 contact George Eberhardt at 502-724-8970 ebbie5313@gmail.com

**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**: Saturday, January 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse (Wanda’s) of the Indian Creek Shooting Center located in Georgetown, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. Minutes of the December 6, 2023meeting are recorded and transcribed by Drew Rudd and submitted by Ron Bekebrede.