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Monthly Business Meeting and Newsletter

President Don Copple Sr. welcomed all those in attendance to the annual meeting and dinner. He called the monthly business meeting of the Southern Indiana Rifle & Pistol Club to order at 8:30 PM on January 13, 2024 at the Indian Creek Shooting Center in Georgetown, IN.

Attending the meeting were: Charlie Davis, Don Copple, Ron Bekebrede, Tom Clark, Donnie & Linda Abbott, Alex Bache, Amber Bolen, Paul & Lori Cain, Don & Terry Copple, Devon Copple, Tim & Renee Copple, Don Jr & Lisa Copple Lisa, Dane Copple, David Dean, Larry Dison, George Eberhardt, Tom Graves, Adam Gregory, David & Jessica Harrison, Greg Hertzsch, Paul Jackson, Larry Klostermann, Mike, Crystal & Katie Korff, Mike Kummer, Jim Laurenza, Eric Leffler, Mike Martin, Patrick & Stephanie McCoy, Jamie McKown, Brian & Kelly Miller, Darryl Moore, Bronson & Brita Mulligan, Kevin Powell, Barb Rahn, Billy Ramser, Drew Rudd, Chris & spouse Sanford, James Sattler, Jim & Donna Schlise, Steven Schneck, JB Schreur, Mike Smith, Chris Stem, John Taylor, Matt Tirey, James Tyler, Alan & Theresa Whitlow, Wei & Jie Zhang, Robert & Sandy Owens, Bill Balda, Bill Penrod, Tad Darden, Jeff Harrell.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Secretary Ron Bekebrede needs 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. 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 December 2023 meeting. There were no comments and/or revisions. President Copple declared the minutes approved as is.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The club brought in \$37,000.00 for the year. The majority of the club's income was generated from initiation fees and membership dues (\$22,900.00 from dues and \$3,600.00 from initiation fees). It should be noted that this income was \$6,800.00 less than the previous year primarily due to changes in membership mix for the club with a large portion of new members applying for senior membership. The club paid out \$27,000.00 in expenses for the year leaving a balance of \$8,952.00 in the club operating account.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: **First reading:** JR Sattler, Eric Leffler, Billy Ramser, Adam Gregory and Chris Sandford.
Approved Second readings: Tad Dryden, JB Schreur, Alex Bache (2nd reading occurred previously), Bronson Mulligan and returning member Jeff Harrell.

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. President Copple indicated that the annual club audit took place at the conclusion of the December 6th meeting. The audit was performed by the club officers and no irregularities were found.

Secretary Ron Bekebrede made a request earlier in the year to increase the membership fees. While the club is not currently experiencing a financial crisis, this request for an increase in dues was made to handle the increase in the operating costs for the club preventing the club from saving money at a rate that the club has been previously able to achieve. As was noted in Treasurer Tom Clark's report the club has seen a decrease in income. The majority of new members joining the club are 60 years of age or older and

this results in a decrease in income attributed to the membership fee schedule for the club that charges less for senior members. This fee schedule also creates an inequitable situation where members who are using the outdoor range facilities the most are paying the least to be a member of the club. By eliminating the senior membership the club's income would return to previous levels allowing a continued focus on maintaining the club's saving's rate to prepare the club for the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to the 17 acres that are currently owned by the club, should it arise. Ron Bekebrede made a motion to remove the senior membership class effective January 1, 2025, thus increasing the dues by \$30.00 for membership year 2025 for those members currently paying a senior membership fee. This motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 29 votes for the motion and 7 votes against.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no nominations received for the club's executive board. President Copple asked the existing board members if they would continue the execution of their current position for the next year. All officers agreed and the board was unanimously voted for by the club members present. The Officer receives his/her respective annual dues paid for by the club as compensation.

Jamie McKown gave an update on the club's junior program. Mike Smith and Jamie McKown have been sponsors for the junior team for approximately 8 years. The team has grown considerably due to the promotion from Mike and Jamie, the equipment purchased by the club and club member donations including 8 precision rifles as well as the training and coaching provided by Ted Malone. Some accomplishments over the past year include junior shooter Logan Hall qualifying for the junior Olympics, the precision team won the American Legion championships as well as a top 25 finish at the CMP nationals. The number of junior shooters has increased from 6 shooters up to 40 firing points being occupied using multiple relays during the various practices. Parents of these juniors are also coming out and participating in other club matches making the team a true family event. This coming year the junior team plans on venturing into the air pistol discipline and will hopefully field a team as well. The program is the future of the club and its promotion benefits everyone and the shooting sports in general.

Paul Jackson publicly thanked all the match directors for their efforts in promoting a strong shooting program for the club that is regionally and nationally recognized.

Executive officer Charlie Davis announced that going forward match scores for club trophies will be recorded from November through November of the following year to make it easier for the scoring to be recorded and trophies to be made prior to the annual meeting.

Barb Rahn won the door prize through a random drawing.

Vice President Donnie Abbott presented the Annual club trophies.

2023 Club Trophy results:

Varmint Match:

Cottrill: Jerry St. John 108

Light Barrel: Jerry St. John 101

Unmagnified Pistol: Paul Jackson 39

Heavy Barrel BR: Dave McIntyre 109

Light Barrel BR: Charlie Davis 106

Magnified Pistol: Dave McIntyre: 57

Extreme BR: Dave McIntyre: 110

Smallbore:

Aggregate: Ted Carr 6742-526

High Power:

M1 Garand: Drew Rudd 832-11

CMP 3-Gun: Paul Jackson 824-8

Service Rifle Aggregate: Paul Cain 1905-

Long Range: Kevin McDonald 390-14

Senator Martin: Kevin McDonald 174-2

F-Class:

Slings/Any Rifle: Bill Balda 2358-78

Open Category: Dwayne Draggoo 2387-151

FTR Category: Todd Sanders 2394-147

Bullseye Pistol

Ray Wright Trophy: Don Copple 2318.063

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Scholl Handicap Trophy: Devin Copple 1159.990

Top Gun: Paul Jackson

MATCH RESULTS: Reported by Charlie Davis.

Club Indoor Bulls Eye Pistol; 22 NMC: Master: Ron Bekebrede 816-14 *NES Expert: Lenny Chopovsky 836-20 Sharpshooter: No Shooters Marksman: No Shooters Pro Marksman: Drew Rudd 724-3 *NES

Centerfire NMC: Master: Ron Bekebrede 770-5 Expert: Lenny Chopovsky 820-4

NMC Grand Agg: Master: Ron Bekebrede 1586-19 Expert: Lenny Chopovsky 1656-24

Center fire Handicap Match: Tim Copple 183 **.Revolver Handicap Match:** Tim Copple 183

22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Scope: Drew Rudd 97

22 Rifle Slow Fire Off Hand Open Sights: Donnie Abbott 96

Carry Gun Match: 3-1/2inch barrel & over: Mike Kummer 172 **3-1/2" barrel and under:** Mike Kummer 170

*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: Feb 17. Contact Dave Richardson at 270-766-7815 or taxmanky@comcast.net.

SIRAPC CMP Indoor Rimfire sporter: Feb 3 Contact Drew Rudd at 502-287-2561 or ukpharmd2003@hotmail.com

SIRAPC Indoor Smallbore Prone: Feb 10, contact Ted Carr at 502-337-2155 or maccarr@yahoo.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: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the indoor range located at the Indian Creek Shooting Center located in Georgetown, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM. Minutes of the January 13th meeting are recorded and transcribed by Drew Rudd and submitted by Ron Bekebrede.

