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NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

Do you want your newsletter and Club meeting Minutes sent via email or prefer a hardcopy edition? It is both for your convenience, and time and cost saving for the Club. Let me know which you prefer.

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Minutes

Treasurer Richard Roof called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: MOTION I: Mike Turner moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the online newsletter. Seconded and approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Richard Roof distributed the financial report. The Club cleared \$757 for May. Roof said that most memberships are in for the year and that membership is better than anticipated. He stated that the forensic work has been completed.

MOTION II: Glen Newtown moved to accept the Financial Report. Seconded and accepted.

The Club has been charged \$10 a month in service fees. He recommended moving the checking account to CFSB where there is no fee.

MOTION III: Glen Newtown moved to accept the recommendation to move the checking account to CFSB. Seconded and approved.

DISCIPLINE CHAIR REPORTS: The year's match dates are on the website(Schedule). For more information on specific disciplines click on Disciplines.

ARA State Championship: Ken Richards stated that the turnout was good with 19 shooters from Kentucky and surrounding states including three of the best shooters in the U.S. participating. The state match rotates among five clubs and it was the Club's time to host this year. Bench Rest will have more Club matches during the year.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

There was no Continuing Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership: Glen Newtown announced two renewals and that there are 89 names on the roster.

Monthly Meeting Range Day: Richard suggested that the next meeting be on Range 3 and the meeting include a fun shoot for Club members and family. He also suggested a Range Instruction Day and a Public Day. He will contact Lynn McCutchen to reserve the range for the meeting and other dates available for a public event.

Distinguished in a shooting discipline is very difficult as a person has to obtain 30 total points in competition with at least one individual point collection being a 10 or an 8 which means that you were in the top 1/3 of the top 10% at a competition having more than 30 competitors. Congratulations to Bill for obtaining a 10 point "leg" putting him well on his way to becoming Distinguished. The program was started by the Army in 1891 and as of today there are less than 3000 civilians to obtain the "Distinguished" ranking.

To quote Al Pacino, "Bill was just getting warmed up!" In the M1-Carbine match Bill was first with a 358-5X. In Vintage bolt action military he was first with a 290-7X. In Modern Military, AR-15, Bill was second with a 292-7X. In Springfield rifle 14th with a 275-5X and in Garand rifle he placed 22nd with a 273-8. In the 3 gun aggregate bill was 5th among all who competed with 3 different guns and 3rd in the four gun aggregate category. Finally 6th place was obtained in the vintage sniper team category of Bill Fairless and Bill Ellis (who was 7th in the EIC rifle match, earning 6 points and becoming the first competitor from Britain to earn the Distinguished rating). All in all a great effort indeed for the shooter from Vienna Illinois.

As for Robert and Larry, well, there is always next year. If you have never participated in a large turnout rifle or pistol match it is exciting, frustrating and a little bit stressful. And if things don't go your way just tell yourself that competing against the best will bring out the best in you as well.

HIGH POWER MATCH

By Robert Cantrell

Our next High Power Match will be Saturday, September 16, at 10am; Range 3; entry fee is \$20.

This is a great opportunity to improve basic rifle skills and speak with like-minded rifle enthusiasts like myself. If you have never competed in rifle competitions before, the first time will be somewhat challenging. Take heart, we all started at the same spot and with a little practice you will be generating good scores also!

By competing in NRA approved competitions you will be issued a Classification Card by the NRA and as your skill level improves you will increase in designated rank. Ranking has the following tiers: MU = Master Unclassified; MK = Marksman; SS = Sharp Shooter; EX = Expert; MA = Master and HM = High Master. The keys to improvement are practice and equipment control.

It is a four-position match fired as 12" targets at 200 yards.

Standing: 22 shots fired one shot at a time in 22 minutes Use of sling is **not** permitted.

Sitting: 2 sighting shots; 10 shots fired in 60 seconds, followed by a pause then another string of 10 shots in 60 seconds. Sling use is permitted. (A rifle that accepts magazines or stripper clips is a necessity)

Rapid Prone: 2 sighting shots; 10 shots fired in 70 seconds, followed by another 10 shots in 70 seconds fired. Sling use is permitted.

Slow Prone: 22 shots fired one shot at a time in 22 minutes. Use of sling permitted and shooting mat encouraged.

Please look on the internet for answers to specific questions and decide to expand your shooting experiences by competing and finding out how you stack up against the rest of the shooting community.

ed: Share your experiences and pictures with Club members . Send to the above address.

The Fourth of July

In Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming independence from Great Britain and its king; 442 days after the first volleys were fired at Lexington and Concord.

Initially, both the Americans and the British saw the conflict as a civil war within the British Empire. Parliament, unwilling to negotiate with the American rebels purchased German mercenaries to help crush the rebellion. In response, the Continental Congress began to pass measures abolishing British authority.

In the spring of 1776, Continental Congress called for states to form their own governments, and a five-man committee was assigned to draft a declaration. Largely the work of Thomas Jefferson, it began, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve separation from Britain. On July 4, the declaration was formally adopted by 12 colonies after minor revision. New York approved it on July 19. On August 2, the declaration was signed.