

Location: Gilmore's Restaurant, Petersburg, Illinois

Present: Ken Engel, John Castro, Monte Stuhmer, Gary Sumpter, Dave Tanner, Dane Eggertsen, Steve Whitehurst, and Sheryl Garfat.

President Dane Eggertsen called the monthly meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Sheryl Garfat presented the minutes from the September 3, 2008 meeting. Dane Eggertsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Sumpter presented the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as submitted.

Range Captain:

Report tabled –awaiting Steve Whitehurst's arrival.

New Business:

John Castro was the team leader at the September 21st shoot. Appx. 60 shooters present with appx. 50 being paid shooters. Several people participated in the long shot. The weather was good. Chad and Sheryl also worked the shoot.

The September 28th shoot saw about 70 shooters. There was a 1-hour rain delay. The September shoots were good shoots overall.

There are some leftover cans of chili – perhaps we could serve the chili at the January meeting.

Targets were picked up on September 28th. Special thanks to Steve, Gary, Dane, John Castro, Ken and Sheryl with the target pickup and club house cleanup.

Appx. six (6) 3-D targets are still out on the course. The bag targets also remain out, at the range.

Rushville Auction Archery Follow-up: Per Gary Sumpter – There were about a dozen Rhinehart targets auctioned off and they were not in good shape. They would need inserts, etc. There were also some Mackenzie targets auctioned off. Fence posts were auctioned off which would make for nice "bow hangers" when combined with re-bar and hose.

Dane will send a letter to the members stating: Nominations for officers will take place at the November meeting. Officers may serve 2 consecutive terms – each term being 2 years. The letter will also include membership applications. Members can pay early or at the January

meeting. Early payment confirms the necessary 10 memberships to qualify for the ASA insurance.

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Old Business:

Benefit shoot in August for Menard County youth – discussion was held regarding the donation to each school for the Archery programs (PORTA and Athens). Discussion was also heard regarding making the donation now or wait until Spring. Motion was made by Sheryl Garfat to donate \$100 to PORTA and \$100 to Athens now. Dave Tanner seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion approved.

Dane will check to see when the Archery youth season actually is – in order to schedule next year's fundraiser.

Range Captain Report – Target needs per Steve Whitehurst:

Inserts cost anywhere from \$40 - \$104 each. \$60-\$70 each is about average. Menard Archers need about 20 inserts – cost of about \$1500. Two (2) targets need replaced – 1) a feeding deer (appx. \$275) and 2) a fallow deer (appx. \$325). The retail price on the fallow deer is about \$376. Roughly, \$2150 (\$1500 for inserts and \$650 for the 2 targets) = \$2150 - \$2200. This allows us to only *maintain* the current targets. Does not allow for purchasing any new ones. John Castro inquired about quartering-away shots vs. straight on. Would this prolong the life of the targets? Decision = Yes.... maybe.

Other Business:

We currently have about 30 paid members with about 10 of those members being active. The incoming memberships will pay for the ASA insurance.

Ken Engel stated we need 5-targets/ year (6-yr. life/target) to maintain the thirty (30) 3-D targets. Dane agreed, we need a replacement schedule.

Ken suggested the members support the club by purchasing and then selling 50/50 tickets. Gift certificates could also be awarded. The members would sell tickets and conduct a drawing on a given date. Tickets could be printed at the Observer, etc. Members could donate nominal amounts to add to the drawing. X number of tickets would be sold with a \$1000 (example) pot. Ken will compose something for mailing. Per Ken: Need a committee to include Gary (Treasurer) and at least one other person. No other discussion was heard. Dave Tanner made a motion to conduct a fundraiser for 2009 with Ken Engel to chair. Steve Whitehurst seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dane – any other discussions ?

- Gary asked how many free passes were actually used this year ?
- Ken asked how many businesses do we send postcards to? He noted we used to send appx. 700 – 800. Perhaps we could provide free passes to businesses.
- Gary – Since there is no cost for our leasing the archery grounds, he suggested we send a gift certificate to the landowner. It was decided a “Thank You” in the newspaper would be nice with perhaps a picture of the signage. Dane will take care of this.

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Adjournment: Gary Sumpter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at Gilmore’s Restaurant in Petersburg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Garfat