

**Minutes**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 28, 2012**

President, Tom Brown, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice-President Melanie White, Secretary Wesley Morris, and Treasurer Sue Brown. Members present as shown on sign in sheets.

**Minutes** – Minutes were read by all in attendance. Motion was made to accept minutes by Karen Chitwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh House...

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's report was read by all in attendance. Motion was made to accept minutes by Jimmy Chitwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Chitwood.

**Membership** – The current club membership figure is **263**.

**Sunshine Report** – Melanie, Becky, Tom Moore's brother.

**Publicity** – Wes sent articles to Driller and Indy over Trout Pond.

**Trap Report** – Things have slowed up a bit and a few juniors have been out due to academic issues. Things are going well. As sun light lasts it is starting to pick up again. If needed some more clay birds might need to be ordered. Tom would like to order better lights. Paul Fedewa reports that there might be better bulbs we might be able to look into. Brock Fedewa and Mike Liljeroos got first place at a Welder's Shoot at 5 Dogs.

**Fireworks** – Phantom never got back to Mike Donnelly so he is going to stick with TNT. We will be putting more entries into the city draw for our different programs. We also need to look into better locations other than the Arena Cross if we do not get drawn for the City.

**Junior Pheasant Hunt** – Tom reported that we received the paperwork for ordering the birds. We received the FNRA grant. We have three different land choices this year so we will start looking into getting the best location choice.

**Action Shooters** – Wes Morris reported that there was no match in January, but they had a successful classifier match with 46 entries. The next match will be Saturday March 17, 2012 and there will be regular IDPA and DMG.

**Legislative** – Nothing to report.

**Correspondence** – Nothing to report.

**Game and Cover** – Bill Asserson appears to be doing well on his road to recovery. Tom will be inviting the new DFG contact to our meetings so hopefully we can see them now and then.

**Awards** – Craig Johnson would like to increase participation in the fish barrel by changing the requirement from just being weighed to having a picture. Craig Johnson moved to make this requirement so and Susan Brown seconded it.

**Old Business** – 22 Action Shooters - Josh House reported that he seems to be on budget. Everything has been ordered except clay targets. He has saved some money on some targets in order to buy more targets. The first match will be Saturday March 24 and will be the fourth Saturday of the month after that. There is a new website for the program at [www.taftsc.com/22.html](http://www.taftsc.com/22.html).

Sue Brown reported that the club received a letter from the Taft Police Officers Association, Pete Arranda, thanking us for our gift for Shop with a Cop program.

Larry Heptinstall is going to be doing CCW Training on the first Saturday of the month from 10 AM until 12 noon and they will be filling out club waivers.

We purchased two sea trains for the recent FNRA grant items. Melanie White found some really decent sea trains and Tom made the purchase. Tom is getting DJ Hamblin to donate his time to get the vents installed and the lock boxes. We will get the electricians out there to take a look at installing some lights in them.

Tom reported the Trout Pond was a lot of fun and Tom was sorry that so many of you missed out. The thank you list of people who helped can be found in the March/April newsletter. We raffled off a 10/22 and the gun brought in \$665. Susan Brown won the gun (she paid for tickets, so it was legit!). The fish cleaning took in \$366 and \$945 in general donations. The grand total take in for the Trout Pond was \$1976. Tom would like to set up a picture selling event for future events.

Wes Morris reported and demonstrated the new phone system that is in place for the club, (661) 745-0416. You can call and leave messages and someone from the club should call you back in a proper amount of time.

Fish and Game no longer needs our range for their range days.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**New Business** – The combination will be changing for the range gate on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will be published in the newsletter.

Tom would like to make some signs on the highway pointing towards the range. Craig Johnson reported that Design a Sign makes great aluminum signs, but we might see if we can find something more local first.

Tom and Susan are still working on getting the Chamber of Commerce paperwork and dues in. Josh House moved to approve the expenditure and Adrien Baker second the motion.

Craig Johnson moved to participate in the TUHS and Taft College scholarship programs. Susan Brown seconded the motion. Craig will do the selection, but might not be able to award the scholarship due to a scheduling conflict. There were plenty of volunteers to do so. Mike Donnelly moved to approve \$300 each and Melanie White seconded the motion.

Tom would like to see some more fundraising events since the Trout Pond and Fireworks Stand have been declining. Mike Donnelly stated that selling cherries at the Farmer's Market is quite profitable. Wes Morris brought up that a dues increase might be long overdue.

Wes Morris shared with the club that the Rotary Club is having its annual Peddlers Fair and Health Fair April 21, 2012 and they would offer us a free space with the Laser Shot Trailer if we want to attend. Josh House volunteered.

Wes informed the club about the newsletter assembly. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to stay after and get it done.

Coleen asked if anyone knows who has domestic rabbits for a field dressing class at Women in the Outdoors. If anyone has any information, please contact her at e-mail and phone.

The next meeting will be held on March 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.