

**Minutes**  
**General Meeting**  
**April 23, 2013**

President Tom Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice-President Melanie White, Treasurer Susan Brown, and Secretary Wesley Morris. Members present as shown on sign in sheets.

**Minutes** – The meeting minutes for March were submitted for review. Karen Chitwood moved to approved the minutes and John Miller seconded the motion.

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

**Membership** – The current club membership figure is **249**.

**Sunshine Report** – Paul Fedewa's mother and Gary Morris's mother passed away and Susan Brown sent cards to their families.

**Publicity** – Susan Brown submitted an article for the Trout Pond to Matt Henry. Wes Morris sent a flier to Steve Merlo for the Sporting Clay Shoot.

**Trap Report** – Wayne White reported that the NRA Grant ammo has arrived and they have plenty of ammunition. The Taft High Trap Club is going to be borrowing some ammo until their ammo comes in. They have submitted some gun information to Wes Morris to order the NRA shotguns. Wayne stated that Gary Morris can probably arrange for the Westside ROP to build a new trap field at the existing range for next fall. He will be proposing the project and because of our non-profit status that shouldn't be a problem. Melanie attended the NRA Shotgun Instructors Class and is now certified. Attendance is down slightly because it seems to be students are busy. Wayne isn't sure if it is because of the rate hike, ammo prices and availability, or what the exact cause is.

**Fireworks** – Mike Donnelly stated the drawing should finish up around the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and we will know then. If we are not drawn for the city, we will try to see about getting a spot on Harrison Street again.

**Junior Pheasant Hunt** – Tom Brown reported that the ordering of the birds is approaching. Wayne White asked about the reduction of shooters and how that is going. Tom said they will be reduced.

**Action Shooters** – Wes Morris reported there were 33 shooters at the April match. The Friends of NRA Grant items have mainly arrived and the steel arrived today. The clays have been delivered and the Steel Challenge targets should be on the way. Wes is having SouthWest Signs develop the awards pins and some T-Shirt designs finally. The Tactical Shotgun Match has been scheduled for Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM.

**.22 Action Shooters** – Josh House reported that his items are arriving from the Friends of the NRA, the new sea train has been installed, and the new targets have arrived, as well as the new guns. The new targets should be available this weekend so it will be a great match.

**Youth Trap** – Four shooters showed up on Sunday. The next shoot will be on the second Monday of the month in May. Hopefully attendance will improve.

**Legislative** – Nothing to report.

**Correspondence** – Susan sent a thank you card to Steve White thanking him for a donation of clay pigeons.

**Game and Cover** – Nothing to report.

**Awards** – Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Old Business** – Wes Morris asked about the donated generator for the Laser Shot as he heard that might not be delivered. No one seemed to know. Wes will call Cyndi and ask.

Wes reported that there are a few PayPal transactions for the Sporting Clay Shoot and he will note those funds and send them to Susan Brown. Tom Brown reported that there are about 15 teams signed up and there is still room for more.

Susan Brown reported the Trout Pond went well and she thanked Mike Hatcher. Tom reported that Fish Cleaning took in \$511.87. The gun raffle brought in \$1450 and the donations brought in \$858. After expenses the club made about \$2314 on the event. Tom shared what fun it was and how many kids were regulars.

Tom Brown presented the scholarship to Alex LeClair at the Taft Union High School Awards Night. Craig Johnson will be presenting the scholarship at the Taft College Awards Night and graduation.

**New Business** – Jimmy Chitwood asked the club if it is possible to have a turkey shoot to benefit the JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship Fund. The club seemed rather open to helping provide for the shoot with either the clays being donated or paid for.

Joe Acosta from the Bakersfield Vet Center is asking if they could come out and use the trap range to shoot once or twice a month. Mike Freeman is a range master and has volunteered to supervise the activity. Tom recommended that we offer to volunteer our range and clays for their shoots. The general consensus is that would be a great idea.

Wes Morris asked about the by-laws changes that were talked about earlier in the year, specifically the age of junior members and the requirement to have an awards funds meeting in the month of December.

Wes Morris also pointed out the inventories required by the by-laws are currently not completed for any programs.

Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Chitwood and seconded by Josh House. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.