

**Minutes
General Meeting
December 17, 2013**

President Tom Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Officers present were President Tom Brown, Vice President Melanie White, and Secretary Wesley Morris. Members present as shown on the sign in sheet.

Minutes – The meeting minutes for November were submitted for review. Jimmy Chitwood moved to approve the minutes and Billy White seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read by all in attendance. Wayne White asked about the last two months' Trap Range deposits are not in the report. Wes Morris asked about the \$81.96 deposit from Pay Pal if it was transferred to the Taft IDPA account. All answers will be provided by Susan Brown at the next meeting. Motion was made to accept report by Stephanie House, seconded by John Miller.

Membership – The current club membership figure is **285**. Wes Morris has been advertising online and through e-mails that if you join in the last two months of the year, the membership will carry over through 2014.

Sunshine Report – Tom Brown reported we sent some flowers and a card for Erma Parrent's passing.

Publicity – Nothing to report.

Trap Report – Wayne White reported the youth night shoot had 10 shooters in attendance and stayed for about 3 hours. The regular shoot last week was 5 people and the cold weather the week before had two people in attendance. Billy White asked when he needed to have the birds picked up by and Wes Morris reported the NRA Grant report is due in March so if by the end of January would be best.

Fireworks – Tom Brown reported we still owe some sales tax on the fireworks and we are working on getting that paid.

Junior Pheasant Hunt – Tom Brown reported that we received a nice card from Chris and Dakota Hauser along with some nice pictures. This was their second year and they will be back next year. Wes Morris reported that Jassen Froehlich sent in a nice thank you and pictures via e-mail and that he will be putting it in this month's newsletter.

Action Shooters – Wes Morris reported that there have been no matches since the last meeting. However, IDPA will be shooting Fabulous Ferrous Fracas in January, a tactical shotgun match in February, and an IDPA night match in February.

.22 Action Shooters – Stephanie House reported that there will be a match on December 28 despite the holidays and wanted to remind everyone that juniors are free and receive free ammo. Wes Morris gave a report about the 2013 Taft Shooter's Challenge and it is included in the next newsletter.

Legislative – Wes Morris reported that the last day to buy a long gun without it being registered is December 31 at 10:59 PM.

Correspondence – Wes Morris reported we received an e-mail from David Hardt from Quail Forever wanting volunteers to start a chapter in Kern County. If you are interested you can contact him at 661 827-7383 or dhardt2@bak.rr.com. Wes has also placed the information on the Facebook page and will get it into the newsletter.

Game and Cover – Nothing to report.

Awards – Wes Morris reported that there are only 20 people eligible for awards this year. The Horn Measuring will be Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 6 PM at Pizza Factory.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Bill Blythe reported he has other contacts for shot reclamation if we want to start looking for other options.

Donny Pezer asked about any funds that were supposed to be donated to Sandy Koenig. Tom Brown reported that Sandy Koenig was not selected this year to be a part of that. The charities that were selected were \$250 for each Lions Club and \$500 for City of Taft's Shop with a Cop. There was miscommunication where it was assumed the money was definitely going to be donated to Sandy Koenig's Westside Community Resource Center. Stephanie House moved to donate \$500 for the WCRC program and Craig Johnson seconded the motion.

Tom Brown and Billy White met with the Westside Economic Development and progress is being made, but it might be some time before any deals are finalized. They will keep us updated.

Donny Pezer reported that four people attended the range clean up on December 14. There is still more to do and he recommended we do another clean up in January. Weather permitting they will do another range clean up on January 4th at 8 AM. Wes Morris will get it into the newsletter.

Melanie White reported the Christmas Parade went well.

Tom Brown reported that the 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot and Raffle will be February 22, 2014 at 5 Dogs Range. There will be a flier in the next newsletter.

New Business – Bill Blythe asked about the possibility of the Taft Sportsmen's Club sponsoring an ATA sanctioned trap shoot at the Kern County Gun Club. Wes Morris said he would offer club support where necessary if the interested people in the trap program wanted to set up the event and run it.

Wes Morris moved to advertise the 2nd Annual TSC Sporting Clays shoot as also benefiting the JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship Fund and Billy White seconded the motion. The final amount that the club will donate will be determined after the event.

New Club Officers

President – Melanie White

Vice President – Josh House

Treasurer – Stephanie House

Secretary – Wesley Morris

Two Year Board Member – Craig Johnson

One Year Board Members – Billy White

Two Year Board Member – Josh House

One Year Board Members – Karen Chitwood

Two Year Board Member – Wes Morris

One Year Board Members – John Miller

Two Year Board Member – Don Pezer

One Year Board Members – Jeff Miller

Nominations for Sportsmen of the Year were Tom Brown, Melanie White, and Karen Chitwood.

Lifetime Achievement award was approved for Susan Brown.

Motion to adjourn by Craig Johnson and seconded by Karen Chitwood. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.