

## **Taft Sportsmen's Club     ~~~     General Meeting     ~~~     October 25, 2016**

President Jimmy Chitwood called the meeting to order at 6:302p.m. Officers present were President Jimmy Chitwood, Vice-President Billy White, Treasurer Karen Chitwood and Secretary Sandy Ross. Members present can be found on the sign in sheet upon request.

**Minutes** – The meeting minutes for September were submitted for review. Billy White moved to approve the minutes and Sue Brown seconded the motion. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Karen Chitwood submitted her report from September 28<sup>th</sup> 2016, thru October 25, 2016. Sandy Ross moved to approve the treasurer's report and John Miller seconded the motion. All approved.

**Membership** – The current club membership is **323** - up 6 from last month. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, any new memberships will roll over and into January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Sunshine Report** – Sympathy card to be sent to Steve Merlo's family. Steve was very instrumental in advertising any and all events for us in the Bakersfield California with just a couple of days' notice. He will be missed by many.

**Publicity** – Nothing to report

**Correspondence** – Nothing to report

**Trap Report** – Nothing to report -

**Skeet Shoot** – Bob Morris reported \$123.00 turned in for the month -

He turned in receipt for reimbursement for work completed at the range. Requested to change Skeet shooting days to change to Thursdays at 2pm before trap shoot starts at 4pm and this will start November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sporting Clay Shoot** – Eric Ross reminded everyone the event is February 4, Saturday before Super bowl and will be held at the Kern Count Gun Club. When Tom returns, guns will be selected from 10% Firearms and flyer will then be completed for distribution. Eric also suggested we send out a mass email along with it being inserted into the December Newsletter issue. Sandy Ross asked for everyone at this time to start getting donations and raffle prizes gathered up for this scholarship fundraiser.

**Fireworks** – Nothing to report – Currently no one has offered their services to oversee this fundraiser.

**Junior Pheasant Hunt** – Sue Brown reported Tom Brown, Billy White and Eric Ross will pick up birds from Chowchilla. Friday morning, November 18<sup>th</sup>- everything will be moved from our range to the pheasant hunt's field location. Tom will check on a couple of guns to raffle off for this event. The Lyons Club, once again will be on site for available lunches for members and non-members. Tom is asking for volunteer's for use of low bed flat trailers to haul shooters. Volunteers workers are welcomed and encouraged to come out and help assist with sign up, waiver signing etc. As of right now, there are only 60 kids signed up. Sandy Ross to contact the Bakersfield Californian for our new contact to promote our Jr Pheasant Hunt and get back with Sue Brown so she can email them the flyer.

**Taft Sport Shooters** – Wes Morris turned in 3 months' worth of proceeds.

**Legislative** – nothing to report

**Game and Cover** – nothing to report

**Committee Reports** – Banquet is to be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Eric Ross suggested Happy Hour to start at 4pm and dinner to start at 5pm. Billy White suggested changing up the raffle prizes to help cut down time. Raffle prize monies - \$1500.00 for adults and \$500.00 for kid. John Miller the made the motion to approve dollar amount and Karen Chitwood seconded the motion. Eric Ross has volunteer to buy raffle prizes.

**Old Business** – Karen Chitwood has not heard back from the IRS after contacting them again. Billy White also has a call in to our local politician and is also waiting for a return call.

Jimmy Chitwood reported since tomorrow is due date for turning in Grants, we will not be submitting Grants this year.

### **New Business** –

- Newsletter will not be sent out until after the Jr. Pheasant Hunt so we will have pictures for the front page. We will also be submitting the Sporting Clay Shoot flyer which will be Decembers issue.
- Chad Miller requested he rent a bob cat from Tru Value for range clean up but Billy White will look into this and get back with the Club
- Jimmy suggested having an end of the year work party in December to clean up the range, trimming trees, raking and hauling off debris etc. December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8am approximately 4-6 hours depending on number of volunteers that show up.
- Taft Christmas parade is December 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm – theme is Christmas in Candy Land – tabled for next meeting
- Jimmy Chitwood and Billy White will be looking into the issue regarding the Taft PD staff qualifications and the time slots they have reserved. Craig Johnson made the motion to have the pistol shooting qualifiers to be on even calendar days, Eric Ross seconded the motion. Also mentioned was their range master will be a paid member and who will be on site at all times as was the agreement.
- Sandy Ross is involved with the Kern County Honor Flight and would like our Club to sponsor a Guardian to be sent with a Veteran in 2017 – both being TSC members. Flights are from April thru October. Several of our members have had the opportunity to go on this memorial flight as Guardians, but none have been sponsored by our club. Veterans fly for free of course and the cost for the Guardian is \$1200.00. Veterans are not allowed to be accompanied by their spouses.
- Billy White mentioned he and Kal Vaughn are running for the West Kern Community College Board of Trustees and would like to be endorsed by the Club. The Club voted and it was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Chitwood, Sue Brown seconded – All approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

