

Membership Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

Called to order at 8 pm

With 22 members present, and YES/NO guests present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of silence

Minutes of prior meeting: Were approved as posted

Roll Call of Officers: all are present unless as noted

President:	Mike Kuga	
Vice President:	Tom Runovitz	Excused
Treasurer:	Peggy Kohler	
Secretary:	Kelsey Cade-Bosse	Excused
Membership Sec:	Mark Bombara	
Combat Exec:	Chris Perry	
Pistol Exec:	Anita Alberti	
Rifle Exec:	Lorin Meeder	
Trap Exec:	Jack Budacki	
Jr. Rifle Exec:	Kevin Foltz	

New Member Applications: *Mark* – Presented the names of 12 New adult members, no new Jr Members, and no Life Member(s). All candidates are NRA members. All members present voted in favor for these new members -

Correspondence: *Kelsey - Presented by Mike*

Sent: - None

Received – None

Executive Board report: *Mike*

- Both bathrooms have both D-Lead soap and regular soap in them

- Indoor range step off pad has been installed
- Audit - we are awaiting response
- Internet - hardware is here and will be installed soon.

Gun Raffle

We sold 130 tickets making a total of \$1300, we had one winner; Daylight #841 Larry Honneffer sold by Theresa Honneffer, I notified him on the First via email and haven't heard back from him if he had issues or questions. I went and purchased the gift card (\$500) and left it at Survival Ready in Ambridge for him to pick up at his convenience; they have his name and contact information as well. They will call me if they haven't heard from him in 30 days. After expenses (prize and ticket Cost) we profited \$646.46.

Executive Reports:

Membership Secretary: *Mark*

Reported membership is at **821** Regular members, **11** junior members, **99** Life members, for a total **931** members. Including the 12 new members approved earlier.

January 25th and 26th 1pm-3pm in-personal renewals and indoor range orientation - late fee still applies.

Currently we have brought in roughly \$14k on indoor range memberships.

Rifle Exec: *Lorin* –

Cabin Fever Matches - Rifle Range -0700-1200 – 3rd Sunday of the Month (Matches start at 1000 with signup at 0915) – **January 19**, February 16, March 16

High Power Matches – Rifle Range – 0700-1300 – 3rd Sunday of the Month (Matches start at 0900 with signup at 0815)– May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19

Nothing to report other than having a Cabin Fever Match on Sunday

Cowboy: *Chris Perry*

Cowboy shoots – Training Range, Bays 3 & 4 – 0700-1600 – 4th Sunday of the Month – March 16, April 20, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23

Nothing to report.

Steel Challenge: *Mark*

Steel Challenge Matches on Ranges Bay 4, Training Range, and Bay 5 from 0700-1600 – 2nd Saturday of the Month – January 11, **February 8**, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13. –

January 11th match was canceled due to safety concerns.

Pistol: Anita

Training range Rental for December 2024: Law Enforcement 20 hours = \$125, follow up classes \$140 for a total of \$265

Anita presented the dates for holding multiple NRA Classes in a motion made to hold these classes by Anita, seconded by Mark Bambara - Motion passed by all members present.

First Shots Handgun Classes: March 7th with f/u classes on March 13 & 27; June 5th with f/u classes on June 19; July 11th with f/u classes on July 17 & 31; August 8th with f/u on August 14 & 28

First Steps Pistol Orientation Classes: April 5th with f/u classes on April 10 & 24; October 25th

Women on Target Class: May 17th with f/u class on May 22nd; September 20 with f/u session on Sept 25.

Additional Follow Up sessions: January 16, 30; February 13, 27; May 8; June 5; September 11; November 6, 20; December 4, 18

IDPA: Anita

2nd Sundays of every month starting in March - March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12

Nothing to report at this time.

Combat: Chris Perry

Motion by Chris Perry for Combat to use the indoor range on Wednesday from now till March 7th from 5pm-7pm for indoor Combat - \$3 for first match, \$1 each for additional matches - seconded by Mark Bambara - Motion Passed by all those present.

Appleseed: Mike Jehle (Pronunciation: yaley)

Beginners Rifle Class from 8am-5pm on June 21st and 22nd on the Training Range

200 Yard Rimfire Match October 4th and 5th, using the Combat range on the 4th and the 5th using the rifle range

Trap: Jack

Wants to work with high school shooters to join their league that starts in April

Jr. Rifle: Kevin

- One of our new left handed air rifles isn't filling all the way so I reached out to Pyramyd Air who we bought them from and they outsource the warranty repairs to Blue Line or Diana direct. Diana direct is overseas and Blue Line is in Washington. I sent them an email and they replied back to me with the shipping address and advised that they would be out of the shop from the 18-25 for being at shot show so the gun needed to arrive before or after those dates. So Kelsey will take care of this
- I dropped off both our Scuba Tanks that the Jr Team uses for filling our air rifles Thursday the 9th at Splash Water Sports in Pittsburgh for hydrotesting and refill. Cost estimation right now is \$98 but not sure if that's for both or for each. While there I asked if there was a gauge I could buy so I could know how much air was in the tanks instead of just going off of how well they're filling our rifles and he referred me to one on Amazon which is going to cost \$67. Estimated turnaround time for them to test them and refill is going to be about 2 weeks.
- The Jr Team also needs to renew our Orion Computer Scoring license for the year which is going to cost \$170.
- Jr Teams Facebook page got recognized and is currently being followed by PA State Representative Roman Kozak of the 14th Legislative District for Beaver County (Republican)

Legislative Reports: Lee

Legislative & FOAC Reports:

Over 15.2 Million Background Checks for Gun Sales in 2024 - AWR Hawkins: There were over 15.2 Million National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) checks performed for gun sales at retail in 2024, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). Breitbart News noted that November 2024 was the 64th consecutive month of over one million NICS checks a month for gun sales. And November was followed by a December which also saw over one million NICS checks for gun sales, bringing the current consecutive streak to 65 months.

GOA Announces Top Priorities Under the New Congress - John Crump: One of the GOA's top priorities is for Congress to force the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to destroy what it calls the illegal gun registry. The ATF has around a billion digitized records at its Martinsburg, WV Out of Business Office. The ATF claims that these records are

not a registry, but the gun rights group disagrees. GOA will push Congress to take action against the ATF and demand that the government agency delete its database. The ATF is legally not allowed to keep a registry but has played fast and loose with semantics to claim that its a database not a registry because it isn't searchable. The system keeps files in FDF format, and with just a few clicks, documents can be accessed through optical character recognition (OCR) to make them searchable. Another priority the gun rights group is pushing is national reciprocity for concealed carry permits. Although the final goal is for national constitutional carry, the chances of that happening are low. National reciprocity actually has a chance of passing, with President Trump signaling his openness to it. A national reciprocity bill would force all states to recognize each other's concealed carry permits, much like how every state must recognize each other's driver's license. GOA also wants suppressors removed from the National Firearms Act (NFA) registry. The United States is one of the only countries requiring additional suppressor registrations along with a \$200 fee for a tax stamp. Deregulation of suppressors will save American's millions of dollars and will save their hearing. There is a misconception that suppressors are tools for assassins and that they make guns completely silent. In reality, the purpose of suppressors is to lower the noise levels to a safe volume to prevent hearing loss. Several bills have been introduced in Congress to remove suppressors from the NFA registry, including the Hearing Protection Act (HPA). These bills now have a real chance of passing.

'Nightmare' for Anti-Gunners: Conceal Carry Reciprocity Act Introduced - Dave

Workman: National concealed carry reciprocity legislation has been introduced: H.R. 38, and it has more than 120 co-sponsors. Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2025, **H.R. 38** by Congressman Richard Hudson (R-N.C.). The measure is already picking up support from major gun rights organizations including the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, National Shooting Sports Foundation, and Gun Owners of America, along with the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action and U.S. Concealed Carry Association, Fox News said.

*If you wish to read the full articles, they are posted on the bulletin board.

County League Report: Lee

12/12/24 Meeting: Youth Field Day will be July 19,2025 at Midland Sportsman's Club; Five Points Hunting Club has spent over \$26k on lead abatement so far.

1/3/25 Meeting: Youth Conservation Camp will be June 15-21 at Raccoon Creek State Park. Camp Fee is \$250. Volunteer Committee Meeting is 1/16, 6pm at Aliquippa Bucktails. FOAC has been meeting with the new Executive Director of the Game Commission to encourage implementation of big game hunting with semi-automatic rifles. The BCSCSCL President's Meeting will be held at Hopewell VFW on 3/25/25. Laurel School District Sportsman's Night Out will be 2/28/25, doors open at 5:30pm, seminars start at 6pm. Midland Sportsman's Club Gun Bash will be 5/4/25

*All Flyers are posted on the Bulletin Board with additional information on how to register or volunteer to help - all of these events are looking for volunteers to help

Unfinished Business

- **3 Gun Matches (Member Douglas Mikec)**
 - Made a list of the rules and presented them. Would need Rifle Range and as many of the pistol bays as Available. Looking at starting in March or April on the 3rd Saturday or the last Sunday of the Months. Cost would be between \$25-30 fee. Is still working on dates and range assignments.

New Business –

- **Edward Duplatis takes office as Rifle Executive** - He would like to bring .22 rimfire shooting to the club.

Good of the Order:

- Lee made a motion to dedicate Bob Oles to the Environmental Stewardship Plan - Mark Bombara with second; All approved.
- Dale - Driveway pipe - talked to Tony Sedaka - he will contact the DEP and see what's needed - advised that it may cost around \$8k - Dale will head this up.
 - Indoor range - Why not plated ammo? People confuse plated vs jacketed. We don't feel that the backstop will hold up if people shoot jacketed ammo
 - Dale looked into the rubber curtain for less than \$3k and presented the information.
 - Why the restrictions on Indoor range time? Late night users were intoxicated - Dale feels that those issues were probably resolved when the hanging target apparatus was removed.
 - Why sand? We went backwards in technology putting in sand
- Chis Lemmon - Plated ammo (copper washed) problem is an optics issue. Mike advised that can shoot polymer coated bullets. Chris brought up that some clubs only shoot jacketed ammo to reduce lead exposure.
- Dave Lozier - Any Zip line considerations? Yes - Discussion on this brought up that it would need a permanent station & would eliminate a spot for the Combat users and the JR Team.

Jr. Rifle Raffle: Brought in a total of _____ Winner was _____ Donated/kept the money - Not held - Don says just to put out a donation can instead of holding a raffle. - all agreed

Next Meeting: February 10 @ 8pm

Motion to Adjourn: Mark Bombara/Chris Lemmon @9:03pm