

## **Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club**

**Monthly Meeting Date: December 28, 2018**

### **Officers in attendance:**

President: Terry Fitzwater

V.P.: Bill Farmer

Treasurer: Al Hubler

Fin. Sec.: Shawn Amick-absent

Rec. Sec.: Theresa Farmer

Bill Farmer read minutes from the November meeting and the Board of Directors meeting held on December 16, 2018. No corrections, minutes for both were approved.

**Financial Secretaries Report:** Shawn was absent, Chris Winters received email from Shawn and as of 12/26/18 this is updated member status report. Member Status: 1122

Current: 784 New: Life members: 426 Over the age of 80: 94

Military members: 6 Total: 1216 less

(over the age of 80)=1122

**191 members have not yet renewed.**

Motion to accept substitution report was given and approved.

### **Committees: Hunter**

**Safety:** Tim Helm Hoping to set dates in January.

**Fish, Game & Pond:** Ken Haines-Absent

Terry Fitzwater gave report. Last trout caught was between December 18th and the 26th, Ken will have tentative trout order and stocking date for January meeting.

### **Archery:**

## Closed

**Firearms Range:** Volunteers have been working to keep boards changed and trash emptied weekly.

**Federation:** Lowell Graybill-No report

**Booking Agent:** Terry Fitzwater-No report

**Building and property:** Ken Haines-Absent- Terry Fitzwater gave update. Two trees at front of club property were cut down and 7 trees were cut down on Trail Road by PPL.

**Youth Conservation School:** Tracy Graybill

Lancaster County Youth Conservation School celebrated its 40th year. School is for fourteen to sixteen year olds. It lasts one week and is in July. We sponsored three kids this year. And received thank you notes from each. The thank you notes were read. Hoping the kids can attend the January or February meeting to tell about their experiences. Two names of students interested for this upcoming July school have been received.

**Web-Site Management:** Jim Weymer Access to website was gained and Jim will be taking over the duty of web-site management. Working to update a few things on the website. Hope to have completed soon.

Trap Range: Chris Winters December shoots were not good due to wet weather. No one showed up. Oldtimers shoot had 2 guys show up, but was too cold and did not shoot. Sunday shoots at 12:30: Dates: January 13 Oldtimers coffee and shoot will be January 16th at 10am. Voice activation working well. 30 cases of clay birds purchased.

Watch for updates on Facebook/website. Open to public \$3.00 per round.

**NRA:** Frank Groff - no report given

**Facebook:** Bill Farmer Check out Facebook and like/follow/see first to receive updates.

**Old Business:** Reminders to check Website/Facebook for updates. Nomination committee is Chris Winters, Anita Sanford, Lowell and Tracy Graybill. Removal of Cap paper is here to review and sign. Motion to rescind the by-law amendment change was given by Tim Helm and a lengthy discussion followed. Bob Strickler read from by-laws where it states at least 7 signatures are needed OR the majority vote is needed for by-law change. The at least 7 signatures was put into place due to low turnout at meetings. Due to 80 members being in attendance, (81 people attended, but one was not a member and could not vote) **a vote was taken.** Vote results: In Favor of rescinding the by-law change :43 In Favor of keeping the by-law change :37 Motion to rescind the by-law change passed. Membership cap stands at 1350.

Powerpoint presentation was given by Bill Farmer to address the email received by the club members from Paul Thomas. A paper copy of the presentation will be attached to the December meeting minutes.

We still do not have access to the Milton Grove Sportmen's Club email. Chris Winters is working to get this resolved. We are able to SEND emails via a secondary email system. Members should be receiving updates from

the club via this email system. You should have received an email reminder of tonight's meeting via this service. But, we are NOT able to RECEIVE emails through this service at this time.

**New Business:** Nomination committee announced election for President would be the only position being voted on at this time. Tim Helm was nominated to run for club president at the November meeting by Frank Groff. Tim accepted the nomination. Terry Fitzwater and Tim Helm are the only candidates we are voting on this election. A ballot election was taken and the results are as follows: Terry Fitzwater-41 Tim Helm-33 Some members present did not want to vote. Terry Fitzwater will remain as Club President for 2019. Jim Weymer ran unopposed for the open Board of Directors position.

**Next meeting will be \_\_\_\_\_ January  
25th\_ at 7:30 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned  
at \_\_\_ 9:21**

**pm.**

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**Information Regarding Email sent to the membership on  
December 5, 2018**

**SPoRTSMANSHIP**

**What is the definition of true Sportsmanship? \* Fair and  
generous behavior or treatment of others, especially in  
a sports contest.**

**What are the five core values of Sportsmanship? \*Be  
Cooperative**

**\*Be Fair**

**\*Be Gracious**

**\*Be Honorable**

**\*Be Humble**

**This is a copy of the unauthorized Email**

# that was sent to the membership on December 5, 2018.

Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:30:14 PM Subject: MGSC

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Terry Fitzwater your club president called a special meeting in November. There has not been a meeting in November for 30 years or more. He took advantage of his special meeting to pass an amendment to the constitution that he has wanted changed for years. He wanted to remove the membership cap. I was not at the meeting but I heard that he even brought people to the meeting to get the vote his way. The membership cap was set at 1350 members not counting those over 60 years old. We all know that there is only so much room in the sand box. You can't put 20 children in a sand box built for 10. We only have four 100 yard benches and approximately 1400 shooters. Your president let 8 people decide what the future will be for all 1400 members. Does anyone think that's right? In all honesty it's not the removal of the cap that should worry you. It's how the club's president manipulated the process to get what he wanted with this under the table move. Does Terry Fitzwater want what is best for the club or is his personal agenda placed above all else.

This is my final email because I want no parts of a club with a president that will stoop to any level to get his wishes. It is not his club it's your club. I will no longer take care of the rifle and pistol ranges or the Milton Grove web site or answer emails Almost 11 years ago I created the web site and as a club we have made many improvements to the range areas. I'm sorry to leave you buti cannot stay with this man in charge.

Paul Thomas

**Dates that the scheduled November meeting was  
Announced and Discussed. Below are club minutes  
that were accepted and approved,  
March 30, 2018, September 28, 2018.**

There will be a November 30 duo meeting Taking nominations for new officers. Check Facebook and website for updates Camera was returned to Ed Rogowicz. He had left it on bench at clubhouse. Thanks to Paul Thomas for return of camera.

New Business April 11, Boy Scout Troop 47 will come up to clean the grounds. Request a motion for April 28-29 for Boy Scout Troop 47 to use the club for a camp out for fishing and trap shooting. Motion approved. For the good of the order,

discussion on moving meeting date from Friday to another day. November 30, 2018 will be club meeting. November is nominations meeting 12 meetings this year.

New Members stayed for orientation

New Business:

Questions and discussion regarding membership cap due to a past member coming to on he was told he could not at this time

Next meeting will be April 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be \_

\_October 26 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at \_\_8:22\_\_pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

## **Also noted in the Club minutes from October 26, 2018.**

Firearms Range: Paul Thomas New wire put up, and new caution signs. Fixed broken flag holder. All new back boards up. Trees trimmed.

**Federation:** Lowell Graybill-Absent

Booking Agent: Terry Fitzwater

Adventure Scouts using clubhouse November 9, 10, 11th. Trap shoots: November 11 at 12:30

Old timers coffee and shoot: November 21st at 9am. Next meeting will be November 30, 2018

**Building and property:** Ken Haines Done mowing for year. Walnut/Ash trees will be removed, large oak tree will not be removed.

## **Email to the MGSC Recording Secretary from Paul Thomas**

**requesting a copy of the November 30, 2018**

**Monthly meeting notes. Note the email was sent on  
November 15.**

On Nov 15, 2018, at 3:51 PM, MGSC Thomas

<[miltongrovesc@gmail.com](mailto:miltongrovesc@gmail.com)> wrote:

Theresa,

I will **not** be at the monthly meeting on Nov.30 could someone please send me a copy of the minutes.

Thanks in advance!

Paul Thomas

**Paul also noted on the website twice that there WOULD be a November 30, 2018 MGSC Meeting but left events calendar for November as no meeting.**

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October Meeting

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Club Meeting November 2013 PT

Trap Shoots November 11, 2014

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The meeting began at 7:30 14 members present Membership is closed for the year. 74 trout were taken since the fall stacking

Trap shoot November 11th starts at 12:30 w We will host an Old Timers coffee at 9:00 on

November 21st Followed by a trap shoot There will be a meeting on November 30 34 students graduated the HTE class in September

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**No November meeting for 30+ years. Not having a November Meeting is a violation of the MGSC**

# Constitution and BY-LAWS

## BY-LAWS

### Article VI

#### **Meetings**

##### Article 1

###### Section 1.

###### Nomination and Election of Officers

The regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the last Friday of December at 7:30 PM or at such other date and time as the Board of Directors may set.

###### Section i.

###### Section II

Nomination of candidates for the elective offices of the Association shall be made by a nominating committee of five members, appointed by the President. The committee shall present the names of the nominees at the regular meeting in November. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this time. The election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting in December and the candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected by the President.

The regular meetings of the Association shall be held monthly on the last Friday of the month

###### Section III.

Special meetings may be held at the request of either the Board of Directors or at the request of the members present at any meeting. Every member shall be notified of all special meetings.

###### Section II.

vacancies in any office by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors whose action shall be valid until the next annual election

Section IV. A quorum to transact any business at any regular or special meeting of the Association shall consist of the number of members present.

## **Membership Cap**

MGSC was founded in 1953, the club has existed for 60 years without a cap. The membership cap was only put in place on May 31, 2013. Past records show that the club's membership never exceeded 1400 members.

The cap was voted on and put in place by a small number of members at a regular monthly meeting and was due to mass shootings in the news at the time. There was a fear at the time that the club would be over



ran with new member's and they felt the facility could not handle this possibility. The only intention for removal of the cap is to put MGSC back as it was originally ran for 60 years. Membership totals should be controlled on a year to years basis and not with a cap. When the club feels the membership numbers are getting to high, a motion and vote to stop accepting new members for that calendar year should take place. Then this information should be posted on the website and sent out to all members in an email form.

**Removal of the Membership Cap is not new. It has been discussed at 3 meetings during 2018. It has been noted in the MGSC minutes on August 31, September 28 and October 26, 2018 meetings.**

**New Business :**

New Business:

Discussions regarding the need to streamline membership possibilities and ending dues and eliminating The cap . Questions and discussion regarding membership cap data a past memberoving to join he was told he could not at this time.

If anyone interested in helping with yard work, ranges or would like to help out in any other area, please see a board member.

Next meeting will be

October 26th at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at \_

\_8:22\_\_ pm.

**Next meeting will be \_**

**November 30, 2018**

at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at\_8:48

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## Monthly Meeting Attendance

The MGSC average monthly meeting attendance for 2018 was 16 members. This is during the 9 monthly meetings that we are not accepting new members. For 3 months in 2018 we accepted new members the attendance was over 50 people.

Paul Thomas's claims of a special meeting and personal agenda are false. The only personal agenda here was by Paul Thomas. He used his power as the SOLE administrator of the MGSC's website and email to cause problems within the club. He misused these tools to manipulate the information that goes out to the membership. He made false statements about the MGSC President Terry Fitzwater. MGSC's email

and website are tools that are only to be used for club business and information. Not to spread false information and lies because you are against a Proposal to the By-Laws or having 12 meetings a year as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws.