Southwest Conservative Republican Women

DRAFT Minutes July 15, 2017

Call to Order:

The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the home of Diane Weyrick in Webster, MN on July 15, 2017. The meeting convened at 9:00AM. Rita Hillman-Olson presiding, Ann Boyd volunteered to take minutes.

Opening Ceremonies:

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Rindy Koukal and Lori Crumb

Introduction of new members and guests (5)

Volunteer hours binder routed for completion.

Discussion of volunteer opportunities at County fairs. Guest, Bruce Morlan, from Rice county BPOU encouraged volunteering at the Rice County fair (July 19 – 23) and discussed posting contact information for Dakotah (August) and Scott County (July 26 – 30) fairs. Sharon to collect. Ann will post on website as well.

Guest Speaker: Greg Reis – Personal defense and certified firearms instructor

There was lively and informative instruction on how and why to carry a gun: Take a good class and do follow up study on the statutes pertaining to carry; the goal is to stop crime and defend oneself; after a shooting there will be a court action; we are a “shall” issue state – which means that a permit will be issued if you qualify, not at the discretion of the Sherriff. Greg opined that a carry permit is a way of life that means that normally one would carry at all times except for work. He said that it is best to train regularly and shoot regularly. It was also mentioned that a firearm for defense means a loaded ready weapon in the house. Biometric locks were considered the best way to safeguard unwanted access to firearms by others.

A traffic stop was discussed. The best way to inform an officer that you have a firearm in the car is to say, “I have a permit to carry and I am carrying today.”

Also discussed was the “No guns allowed on this premises” signs and what they mean. You are allowed to carry in all buildings except federal ones (ie. P.O.) But if, for example, a store owner would see your firearm and ask you to leave the premises – you must comply or risk a trespassing citation and $25.00 fine. If you have a policy at your workplace, then following it is important for your continued

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employment. But, it can be kept in your car. Even the courthouse is permissible if the sheriff is notified in writing of the possibility of your carrying in the courthouse. This is a one-time written notification in every county you may go in.

Because of the likelihood of court action after using your firearm, insurance is available to cover a legal representation and fees. One company mentioned has a link at [www.mnpersonaldefense.com](http://www.mnpersonaldefense.com). The NRA also offers carry insurance as well as others. The seriousness and consequences of owning a gun and perhaps using that gun for self-defense of oneself and others was discussed. They include legal, moral and social consequences that will impact your life and family.

Greg Reis was thanked for his very informative presentation and discussion – his first of this kind. He then went to the range to serve as our Range Master.

Club business: Rita Hillman-Olson

* Minutes approved – motion to approve by Sharon Sykora, seconded by Diane Weyrick
* Treasurers report – motion to accept by Rindy Koukal, seconded by Ann Boyd

Committee reports:

* Membership: Ann Boyd reported will have a membership push in Sept.
* Communication: Diane Weyrick, none.
* Hospitality: NA
* Executive Committee: 4th Tuesday of the month, 7-25-2017, location TBA

Volunteers for Aug. meeting – Sharon Sykora for pledge

Reminder:

* 75th anniversary celebration in Hastings on August 5th. Everyone was encouraged to take 3 or 4 invitations to send this month.
* MN State convention (MNFRW on October 7th. Delegates and alternates will be elected during August club meeting.
* PCR is back! Political Contribution Refund program allows $50.00 per person and $100.00 per couple every year to be contributed to a MN state candidate or state party and refunded. Everyone is encouraged to contribute- also included in that program is our local BPOU.

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Motion to adjourn by Ann Boyd, seconded by Rindy Koukal (about 10:10 AM)

Shooting range: Everyone who wanted to participate was encouraged to use ear and eye protection and firearmas and ammunition was provided for target practice.

Next meeting on August 19, 2017

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