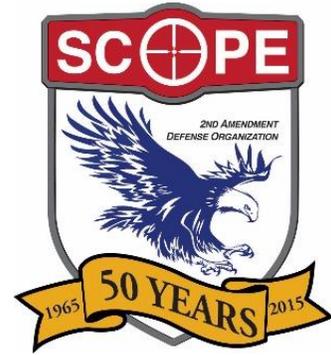


# Wyoming County Minutes



## Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2017

Call to Order 7 pm

- I. Pledge to flag led by Chairman
- II. Winston Platt to lead us in prayer
- III. The Second Amendment to the Constitution was read by Chairman.
- IV. Minutes- Gary Olcott presented the earlier emailed minutes on screen from the April meeting. Gary noted one change from the emailed minutes was addition that Treasurer Bill Popielinski resigned under Announcements at end of meeting. The minutes were approved on motion.
- V. Secretary Report- Gary reported he attended the state SCOPE Members meeting in Syracuse. He passed out the financial report from the meeting for the local chapter to review. From the meeting he learned that a Policies and Procedures Manual was a good idea for local chapters to maintain so that local procedures are kept in one place. With the document procedures will be easy to review and revise if necessary at annual meetings. Gary went back thru past minutes to establish the document for our chapter. He asked that it be reviewed and adopted by motion later in the meeting tonight. Gary also noted a laptop was purchased for the treasurer during the past month and set up with quicken software. The laptop will be maintained by the chapter treasurer and should make transition easier when future changes to the office of Wyoming County Scope treasurer occur.
- VI. Treasurer Report- Beth Lancaster reviewed the financial details of income and expenses since last meeting. On Motion the report was approved as presented.
- VII. Chairman Report- Mark reported that with Bill Popielinski resigning as Treasurer last month, the Secretary reviewed bylaws for local chapters to see procedure for filling position. Article 4 Section 2 of the State Scope Bylaws authorize the Chairman as overall responsible for operations of local chapters. **At this time Mark is appointing Beth Lancaster as Interim Treasurer until the next scheduled election of officers.**
- VIII. Wildlife Federation Report – The Federation recently had a report on hunter education courses by DEC. One significant change now is that some ‘Homework’ is involved for students to complete before attending the class. This will allow more ‘hands on’ training at the classes. The State Sportsman Advisory Council recently met in Albany and had a chance to interact closely with legislators. A plaque honoring Gerry Brown (long time fishing advocate in Wyoming County) will soon be placed at the new handicapped fishing platform on the Wiscoy creek.
- IX. Old Business –
  - a. The Wyoming County Scope Trap Shoot to be held this Saturday, May 13, 2017. Ron Heppner discussed the event and how it will be run. Members are encouraged to attend and participate. Bring a friend. Also volunteers to assist with registration, Scope Sales, etc. needed.

- b. The 100 Yard Shoot is planned for June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Attica Rod and Gun Club. Volunteers and participants are needed. This will be the second annual Shoot and we hope to have it at the Attica Rod and Gun Club again. Derrick Vail has come forward as a volunteer to help with this event. Many more are needed.
- c. Our local Scope Committee to amend the county law restricting no firearms except by law enforcement officers in county buildings is still active and things are moving ahead. Our Chairman, Mark Yount along with Brian Krawczyk met again this past month with the County Public Safety Committee to present research. The research showed the vast majority of county buildings presently have the ban only because of local law and are not required to have the prohibition by any state or federal law. Awaiting now some further review by Mark Dadd. Mr Dadd is on retainer by County for legal concerns.
- d. It was noted by a member that one person that won a gun in our recent raffle still had not received his rifle. There has been a hold up through the vendor on getting the precise rifle ordered and received due to unavailability. Motion was made and carried to: Utilize Scope funds to take care of and purchase the gun elsewhere if necessary and get to the winner. When the original gun does come into our vendor, Scope will resell the gun with FFL assistance.

X. New Business

- a. Motion made and seconded to adopt the Wyoming County Scope Chapter Policies and Procedures Manual. This document was created by the secretary from past motions and procedures established by the chapter. It is to be a working documented and to be occasionally revised by the membership. Each annual meeting it will be reviewed by all members present. The motion carried.
  - i. From the floor it was recommended that the local chapter write and adopt their own by-laws to fit within the state scope bylaws but be more explanatory about local operations.
- b. Chairman Mark mentioned that he would like us to have made and presented a couple plaques to honor local vendors that have been so supportive of our chapter. Secretary will look into cost and having them made. Noted that **K and K Guns**, 2720 Almeter Road, Varysburg NY 14167. Phone 585 535-0248  
Also **Ken's Shooting Supply** 24 Genesee St, Attica, NY 14011 Ph 585 591-0339. These two vendors have been very supportive of our chapter with large valuable donations and we should support them as individuals to show our appreciation.
- c. Member Ron Heppner attended the State Annual Members meeting and wanted to state that he believed at the state level our dues are not being utilized as intended by our organization purposes. As pointed out at the meeting, legislation efforts to keep members informed about legislative issues has been neglected. The State Website is out of date for current bills being considered and working through the state legislature. Much discussion followed and the summation is that our Chairman is on the board of directors and is asked to be sure our concerns are noted to State Scope Board.

XI. Announcements and Discussion

- a. Our June meeting will feature Ed Spence as our speaker from the Operation Injured Soldier organization. It will be a joint meeting with the Wyoming County Wildlife Federation.

XII. Adjournment

On Motion Chairman Yount adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

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Chairperson Signature      Date

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Secretary Signature      Date