

Minutes for  
Monroe County SCOPE/Patriots Meeting  
June 20, 2017  
American Legion Post, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta  
Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
(Rev. C)

Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm Welcomed members of  
Local SCOPE – 20. Local GOA – 5, guests - 2

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Paloma  
Ken played “God Bless America” as sung by Kate Smith

**Old Chapter Business**

Secretary’s Report from May meeting approve and motion to accept. Motion made and passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Monroe Chapter – PAC - \$9K, Checking account \$100 (these are figures from May)

**Guests/Speakers:**

Paloma spoke on the status of our current law suits. It is disappointing that, after several trips to Albany, only a couple of legislators have signed on to the Civil Rights Bill. It was also mentioned that there was an official statement from the State Sheriffs Association that they do not support the Civil Rights Restoration Act. This is in direct contrast to Sheriff Gregory Seeley’s, Oath Keeper’s Sheriff Award recipient, statement the immediately following Saturday at the Oath Keepers Banquet that he works for us and stands next to us.

It has also been noted that SCOPE NY has not supported the Civil Rights Restoration Act either. They may have, however, had a change of heart given the push back they are experiencing with SCOPE chapter chairs resigning with chapter members leaving as well.

I suggest that if any of us attend a town hall meeting held by our Albany representatives, we ask them if they support the Civil Rights Restoration Act. If not, then why not. I would give the speaker a copy in advance along with distributing copies to the gathering.

Kevin Sisson was in Albany at the Capita District Chapters meeting and could not make our MC Chapter meeting. Tim Andrews met with chapters at this meeting. (see below)

Anthony Daniele was unable to attend. We want him to champion CCW in the parks. We need to talk to individual legislators with a bill in hand and bring it before the total MC legislative body in October to be held on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. One needs to call in early to get on the speaker’s list. It should be noted that many of us were present when this issue was brought up last time. This is a case of pre-emption. Does

State law trump MC law or is it the other way? At first, the MC attorneys said that state law over ruled MC law. When it was apparent that this position did not please everyone in the legislature, the attorneys then went behind closed doors to discuss their initial position. When they returned to the floor, they had changed their mind and stated that MC law superseded State Law. They got the loving they wanted this time from the left and the republicans didn't want to take the heat and argue the issue. We need to fill the room and the hall ways leading to the legislative room in October.

### **Issues brought up at our meeting:**

#### **Notice of MC Chapter Elections:**

Per the March minutes, notice was given for election of officers for the MC Chapter of SCOPE to be held in April 2017.

#### **The use of Team A and Team B designations in MC Chapter minutes and discussions.**

This is basically a short hand notation to differentiate between the leadership team prior to April 2016 through June of 2016. Team B is the leadership team designation after June 2016. Some members of Team B are carry over members from Team A. Team B's argument was that the April 2016 election was not valid because they felt that there was not a quorum present. Also, because of the accusations made against certain individuals in Team A, these individuals decided to leave and pursue other endeavors in regards to their previously elected positions in SCOPE NY. Team B followed Team A with a law suit. To my understanding, it was to invalidate the April 2016 election and to validate the June 2016 election and not to pursue the accusations of impropriety of certain Team A members. As it turned out, the Judge ruled that the April 2016 election did have a quorum and Team A was the valid leadership team. Because those leaders had left, the Judge allowed Team B to run SCOPE NY until the next election which was held in April of 2017. So, because of delays in the court's judgement, a court appointed leadership team, Team B, was in charge of running the April 2017 Annual meeting and election of officers which Team B handily won.

**Chris' leadership style was questioned.** Chris had already won our MC Chapter election defeating Tim Andrews, current SCOPE NY president elected at the April 2017 election after our MC SCOPE meeting had already elected Chris. Team B is still trying to have Chris thrown out. **A resolution to support Chris and keep him as MC Chapter Chair by Bill Robinson was proposed, in spite of this effort, and seconded. A vote was taken by a show of hands. All but three supported the resolution.**

Examples of Chris' leadership have included his steadfast support for our chapter, the previous leadership team and standing up in front of the entire April 2017 annual meeting attendees requesting that the signed court stenographer's notes be entered into the SCOPE NY 2017 meeting minutes. His request was rejected by members of Team B stating that there was no raised seal on the copy stating that the April 2016 election was valid.

A leadership team is made up of individuals with different skills, experiences and personalities. It is always easy to criticize the lacking of some skill in any one individual. That's why there is a team.

**MC Scope not being at the last Empire State Arms Collector's**

**Association at the Dome.** MC SCOPE did put in an application for a display. Another county, however, submitted an application before MC. ESACA only allows an organization to have one display at their shows. It was felt that two 2A displays would be better than one so a GOA display was set up.

**Explanation of this past year by Tim Andrews.** We listened politely to what Tim shared. There was one point I believe Tim left out. He mentioned there was a law suit. He did not, however, mention the Judge's decision in favor of Team A.

**Comment about only our chapter being a problem.**

This past weekend there was a meeting that Tim had with the Capital District Chapters. These chapters were not happy with SCOPE NY. The big issue was trust of the current SCOPE NY leadership team and the way they got elected. Many chairs have left SCOPE and it is believed that many members will follow. When the SAFE act was signed, SCOPE's membership grew to 8000 members. Current financial planning for 2017 is at a membership level of 4000.

**Summer break:** As we have done in the past MC SCOPE will take a break for July and August. During this break, GOANY will hold meetings in the American Legion Post, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta on the Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm. SCOPE members are welcome to attend.

Call for adjournment was made at 8:45 and seconded.

Submitted by Ken Hann, MC Chapter Sec.

## **For Information on 2A issues**

Please tune into WYSL for the following shows at 1040 AM and 92.1 FM on your dial.

### **Wednesday**

8:00pm - 9:00pm - [2nd Amendment Show](#)

### **Saturday**

7:00am - 8:00am - [Gun Owners News Hour](#)

12:00pm - 1:00pm - [2nd Amendment Show](#)

5:00pm - 6:00pm - [Gun Owners News Hour](#)

6:00pm - 7:00pm - [2nd Amendment Show](#)

7:00pm - 8:00pm - [Homeland Security & Straight Talk](#)

### **Sunday**

6:00pm - 7:00pm - [2nd Amendment Show](#)

7:00pm - 8:00pm - [Homeland Security & Straight Talk](#)

Larry Pratt is the Executive Director Emeritus of Gun Owners of America. GOA is a national

### **A note I sent to the SCOPE review board**

Gentlemen,

I would like to remind you of a few things before you vote on a proposal to remove Chris.

1) Chris, Bill Robinson and I are the ones who have approved the use of GOANY monies to cover the cost of recent months of SCOPENY advertising on WYSL 1040 AM radio.

2) MC SCOPE has not received any return on our membership dues.

3) Those SCOPE members who you have sued have not been reimbursed for their legal costs.

4) Initially you did not support the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Not sure if you do now.

5) It has been noticed that you are behaving like Democrats or the left. Don't like the results of an election, hold another one to get the result you want and then criticize, marginalize and sue the previously elected and court upheld election results. And you wonder why members and officers are not happy with the you. We are loyal 2nd A supporters. It has been put forward that you seem to have another agenda and it is not for the benefit of our Constitutional rights or SCOPENY.

Ken Hann  
Sec. MC Chapter SCOPE