



FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda

June 14, 2020

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – Troops / Prayer

Roll Call: Quorum [Yes] [No]

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| 1) Kim Stolfer | 4) Aaron Bernstine | 7) Chip Gallo | 10) Leon Baker |
| 2) Jim Stoker | 5) Ed Bogats | 8) Gerald Jackson | 11) Klint Macro |
| 3) Danielle Ohliger | 6) Open Seat | 9) Dan McMonigle | |

2. Approval of Proposed Agenda:

2.1.Changes (if any):

3. Guest Speaker(s):

4. Secretary's Report: FOAC Secretary: Dale Brackin – Minutes

- 4.1. **Meetings:** As we slowly return to normal after the China Flu Panic Covid-19 pandemic, the FOAC board is considering what our future monthly meetings should look like. The board is considering the day and time of future meetings as well as the format of the meetings.
- 4.2. Please let us know your opinion by taking our brief survey at <https://foac.fangorn.us>. Your input is important to the board as they decide when and how our future meetings will be conducted. Thank you!

5. Spring FOAC Gun Bash

- 5.1. A drawing for the guns on the Spring Gun Bash Tickets will be held Sunday June 14th at 2pm following the monthly meeting – the drawing will be available online via zoom. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81770266664> We have included several special complimentary packages to help compensate for the missed good food, drink and comradery that are a traditional part of our gun bashes. FOAC Board of Directors is also looking into alternative raffles to help raise funds for the upcoming critical challenging elections as well as ongoing legal actions. More to come....

6. Primary Election Issues

Amidst an unprecedented chaotic context the primary elections took place on June 2nd. FOAC has been heavily involved in support of candidates in numerous important elections during this primary. We continue, however, to face the censorship of Big Tech in deleting and denying tens of thousands of emails because they do not like the content of our efforts. The problem is only getting worse. FOAC President Kim Stolfer sent a letter to Pennsylvania Congressman, President Trump and the Director of the FCC describing this problem. If you have one of the problematic email providers Yahoo or Verizon or AOL and are not receiving FOAC information you can white list foacpac.org and foac-pac.org. The process is demonstrated in this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhNuBDztUPY&feature=emb_logo The extreme critical nature of this year's elections cannot be overstressed!!!! Our Constitutional Republic and our Freedom face serious peril.

PA Primary Developments Overview (uncertified): [Click Here!](#)

7. Current activist issues & efforts

7.1 FOAC vs Pittsburgh Lawsuit

Pittsburgh has requested and received a 14-day extension to submit their brief in regards to their appeal. Their appeal is absolutely frivolous and in complete denial of Pa law. Attorney Prince has filed FOAC's brief and the Pa House Republican Caucus has filed an amicus in support of FOAC.

7.2 Harrisburg Rally Postponement

FOAC received information regarding quantifiable threats of violence in connection with the Harrisburg RTKBA June 8th Rally. After thorough research and extensive discussion with Rep Metcalfe, Harrisburg Capitol police as well as State law enforcement, the threat was established as credible and the Rally was postponed. The subject of, and origin of, the threat is under investigation by law enforcement. It would have been

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unconscionable for FOAC to disregard the potential consequences of going forward with our rally and risk the lives of civilians.

<https://foac-pac.org/Gun-Rights-Rally-Outside-Pa-Capitol-Postponed-Over-Safety-Concerns-Organizer-Says/News-Item/11126> and <https://foac-pac.org/Pa-Gun-Rights-Rally-Postponed-Due-To-Threat/News-Item/11125>

7.2.1 The elements of the protests

Several elements are intermingling within the protests. One group is peaceful protestors who have a legitimate grievance against an abusive cop and the system that protected him for far too long. This incident happened in Democrat run Minnesota in the Democrat run city of Minneapolis with a Democrat Mayor, a Democrat Governor and Democrat Attorney General and Democrat appointed police chief. The officer in question had a history of questionable incidents but was continued to be retained. The second group is made up of violent radical elements that have hijacked legitimate peaceful protests. These outside anarchist agitators, such as Antifa, are exploiting the situation to pursue their own violent agenda. This group is well organized both nationally and internationally. Bricks and bottles have been secretly staged in advance of scheduled protests. President Trump has declared Antifa a terrorist organization. Some of the peaceful protestors are beginning to confront these agitators. The third group are the looters who are using the chaos caused by the violent agitators to steal everything they want that is not nailed down. They care little about the cause of the peaceful protestors.

7.2.2 Once again it is affirmed that self-defense is an individual responsibility

Odds are 25:1 Democrats govern the cities with the most violent protests, riots, looting and arson and attacks on innocent Americans <https://www.glennbeck.com/radio/odds-are-25-1-democrats-govern-the-cities-with-violent-protests-riots-looting-and-arson> These are the same mayors/governors who enforced the strictest and usually irrational COVID-19 lockdown measures and used force to fine/arrest and close down law aiding business owners who were trying to feed their families and pay their bills yet these elected officials fail to address the violence and the looting – with the social distancing mantra flying out the window. In fact, some have even approved of this violence as social justice in the Marxist sense of “getting my share of the productive pie” or as one looter put it to “Get my portion”. The scale of the violence makes it impossible for law enforcement to immediately address it effectively. Some police chiefs are refusing to protect private property from arsonists and looters, ex Raleigh Police Chief “ I will not put an officer in harms way to protect property inside of a building.” Even more tragic than property destruction are the many deaths of innocents that have occurred in these violent riots. There are calls for the reduction and even elimination of police departments - the national guard has been disarmed and removed from riot ridden cities. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8393169/Pentagon-orders-remaining-active-duty-troops-leave-Washington-area.html> and <https://foac-pac.org/Those-Telling-Police-To-Stand-Down-They-Also-Want-Your-Guns/News-Item/11119> Chicago Mayor Lightfoot condemns residents arming themselves to protect their lives, families and property amidst violence and chaos in the streets. Lightfoot said, “It is absolutely not appropriate for people to take up arms, bats, pipes, whatever in patrolling neighborhoods.” Violence and looting are lauded as actions expressing social justice while law abiding citizens defending themselves their families or their property are condemned as vigilantism. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/mayor-lori-lightfoot-denounces-vigilantism-in-chicago-after-white-men-patrol-neighborhood-streets-with-bats/ar-BB152S4r?li=BBnbfcl> Many are realizing the number one rule of self-defense: Self Protection is an individual responsibility. Firearm sales and concealed carry permits have soared – even some antigun activists are attempting to purchase firearms but are finding themselves hamstrung by the same unconstitutional laws they have supported. In many instances armed private citizens have successfully protected both their families and their businesses. <https://foac-pac.org/More-Than-2-Million-Americans-Became-First-time-Gun-owners-This-Year-Trade-Association-Says/News-Item/11123> and <https://foac-pac.org/Anti-gunners-Quiet-As-Armed-Citizens-Protect-Businesses-Communities/News-Item/11114> and <https://www.itsmac.com/2020/06/02/coeur-dalene-idaho-stands-up-antifa-stands-down/>

7.2.3 More Pittsburgh Insanity

Amid the lawless destructive violence occurring nationwide Pittsburgh City Council has decided that they need to ban the use of “less lethal devices” by law enforcement as well as by citizens in order to keep the community safe. “No person shall use these devices in any manner in Allegheny.” Keep in mind that in addition to law enforcement effectively utilizing these options in circumstances where unrest is likely to expand far beyond the means of control, this also applies to things like pepper spray whose use by law abiding individuals

for self-defense is ubiquitous. This is totally irrational as a means to ensure safety – what it does do is further the disarmament and helplessness of the public as well as decreasing the safety and effectiveness of police officers thereby strengthening the position of criminals and promoting increasing lawlessness and violence. This ordinance is also another Pa state preemption violation by Pittsburgh. FOAC as well as Allegheny County Sportsmen’s League issued press releases vehemently opposing these intended ordinances.

7.3 Status of [HB 2440](#) (Sportsmen’s Clubs and Ranges)

[HB 2440](#) was passed in the House on May 20th. This version included the FOAC supported Prince language Dush amendment as well as a tactical procedural sunset amendment (two other “bad” amendments were rejected)

: Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary now existing or enacted in the future, consistent with the inviolate rights enumerated by Article I, Sections 21 and 25 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities, and firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, and distributors, inclusive of their employees and agents, shall always constitute life-sustaining businesses in the Commonwealth, which shall never be shuttered or limited in their ability to produce, provide, sell, or otherwise offer firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories, component parts of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories, and all services, training, safety, and practice related to firearms and hunting.

It is was sent on it way to the Pa Senate for consideration. This process has been excruciatingly slow considering the immediate need. How many Pa firearm owners have contacted their legislators to pressure them to move this???? <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB2440/State-Law/3967>

7.4 US Deaths of Despair could top 75,000 with worst case scenario 150,000

Deaths of Despair are suicides and deaths by drugs and alcohol related to the government and medias handling of COVID-19.

The projection ranges from 75,000 to 150,00 additional people who will die who did not have to. As many as 50% of our population may experience anxiety, depression and some PTSD symptoms. Suicides are historically tied to down turns in the financial economy. A 2015 study found that unemployment linked suicides worldwide were 45,000. In addition to mass job and income losses, loss of life sustaining businesses(many which have been lifelong endeavors), due to arbitrary closures and the fear promoting media, as well as prolonged isolation due to stay at home orders, individuals have been socially isolated and disconnected from their usual support systems such as friends, family, social groups and churches. In some areas suicides are out pacing deaths attributed to COVID-19. In Walnut Creek California for example a trauma department head said “. we’ve seen a year’s worth of suicide attempts in the last four weeks.”, and a trauma nurse comments “I have never seen so much intentional injury.” <https://foac-pac.org/Suicides-Lockdowns-And-The-Real-Risks-Involved/News-Item/11077>Top down, one size fits all cookie cutter solutions the favorite of government does not work with human beings. We are a complex myriad of differing individual factors. As President Reagan said in his 1981 inaugural address: "Government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem."<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/128618/inaguration3.mp4>

7.4.1 Suicides are not reduced by laws restricting firearm owners

It is only the last decade or two when those who want a disarmed population in the West have started to stress "suicide" as a reason for disarming the population. The early pushes for population disarmament were predicated on the excuse of reducing violent crime, particularly homicides. As gun control policies were implemented in various countries, it became clear violent crime and homicides were not reduced by gun control. The homicide rate topped out in 1993. As more and more handguns and semi-automatic firearms were sold in the United States, and more and more people obtained carry permits and used them, the homicide rate dropped in half. During the same period, fatal firearm accident rates fell to record lows. The idea that "more guns = more homicide" had been demolished. This posed a dilemma for those pushing for population disarmament. They needed a new approach to take the place of the old one which failed miserably. As Dsouza comments, this class of people have no idea how to

create wealth – but they do have a talent – they create words. So that is what they did. While homicides had decreased to an unprecedented low, suicides had increased. So, they created the Orwellian term “Gun-Violence” which included all deaths associated with firearms, homicides justified or not, legal intervention or not, accidents, and suicides. The response of those who wish to disarm the public then became focused on suicides.

<https://foac-pac.org/Suicides-not-impacted-by-gun-control-laws/News-Item/11088>and

<https://www.ammoland.com/2016/10/315155/#axzz6MjD5dxR5>

Suicide is absolutely a problem; it is, however, a mental health problem not a firearm problem. There are multi factors associated with suicide. The belief that if there were fewer guns there would be fewer suicides is false. Research has borne out that the number of firearms in a country has no relation to overall suicide rates. Examples: Canada has a similar overall suicide rate as the US but only one third as many firearms – poisoning is the main lethal tool; Lithuania has one of the highest suicide rates but only .8% firearms compared to US – hanging is the most frequent lethal means; due to the extreme measures to decrease firearm ownership in Australia suicides related to firearms decreased but the overall suicide rate has increased as means switched to hanging. The various efforts pushed by anti-gun zealots such as standard capacity magazine bans, ERPO laws, and banning certain classes of firearms such as modern sporting rifles have had no effect on reducing suicides, murders or violent crime – the purpose of these is simply disarmament. The solution is making good use of what we already know not obscured by an irrational obsession with demonizing and eliminating access to firearms. In a clinical setting screening and follow up by a thorough suicide assessment where indicated including means (plural not just firearms) assessment, safety planning, commitment to life and implementing the various available support options reduce suicide.

7.5 [HB 102](#) (Act 27) law promoting Hunter education in PA schools signed by Gov.:

From Rep. David Maloney: This is quite a story you probably won't see printed but my 10-year quest and going back to my Dad being born in Phila. left fatherless on the street at 3 raised in an orphanage and Someone planted a seed with a day trip to a camp to later becoming an adult hunter with 3 avid sportsman sons. The stories like this that get blocked by the media and their destruction of the greatest country on earth!!!

7.6 Less Than Lethal Weapons: should they be curtailed or eliminated?

This past week Allegheny County Council brought an ordinance up to ban the use of less than lethal weapons covering a wide array of chemical, electronic, and even ammunition based less than lethal options for law enforcement and civilians. What are your thoughts?

8. Events: The event situation is very fluid currently. Please check the FOAC website for updates

<https://foac-pac.org/Events>

9. Good of the Order:

10. Adjournment