

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## Newsletter Article May 2014

The Road Clean up by the Rockford Sportsman's Club was a big success with 17 members participating. Within three hours the total project was complete which saved the county over 40 hours of labor maintaining our highways. Thank you to the crew and the efforts put forth. There will be another date in the fall to do a final clean up after the summer.

Have you seen the new look in the club house? Three 60 inch screen TV's have been installed and the audio system to match. We will soon be able to host rentals that need this type of venue for seminars, classes or business meetings and also maybe some video enhancement at our membership meetings.

The quotes have been presented for the ceiling repair thanks to Terry Stuart and Gordon Pickerd. The damage from the snow melt is covered by our insurance less the \$1,000 deductible. To keep the repair cost to a minimum a crew has been assembled to do the tear out and they can always use a little assistance. Hopefully the replacement can be completed in early May. To keep the costs in line we expect to use the existing light fixtures in the new ceiling and sometime in the future switch to the more efficient LED lighting.

It is that time of year when the Bob Bond Scholarship is awarded to a student going to or in college who is looking toward studies in environmental management, wildlife, or outdoor recreation. If you know someone who may be interested in applying please contact a board member for more information. Tom Smith has been working with Rockford Schools, however the board wanted to see if students from other area schools would be interested. The scholarships are two \$250 awards or may be combined for one \$500 award.

We have members who volunteered at the April meeting to upkeep six gardens. The Milano's are taking care of three areas lining the club house and shoot building. Olinger's are doing the flag pole and skeet field three and Godlewski's have the plot on each side of the steps on skeet field two. We have a few more openings and will ask for folks to sign up at the next meeting for these areas such as the front entrance, etc. Being a volunteer club takes the involvement of the members to keep the club looking its best.

Just a reminder the second quarter Fish & Hunt ( Turkey) contest is underway with cash awards presented at the July meeting.

Have fun, It is your club.  
George

ROCKFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB  
Regular Meeting Minutes April 1, 2014

Call to Order and Pledges by Vice-President Gordon Pickerd 7:15 PM

Invocation: Tim Hall

**Next Board Meeting is April 15 – 7:00 PM - all members are welcome**

**The JOAD archery program has moved to the new archery facility on 10 Mile Rd. The club will be available for club activities on Saturday and Sundays once again.**

**Ray and Sue Klein and Mark and Amanda Eldred were accepted as new members – motion by Mike Roche supported by Dave DeVries – motion passed.**

**Bill Blain's wife passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to him and his family.**

**With apologies to Vincent Ferrarese the date for the Adopt-A-Road clean up is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The wrong date was listed in month's minutes.**

**The club did well with the food collection project at the sport show. This counts toward our annual competition of Sportsmen Against Hunger. We were credited with 36 man hours and there was over 10,000 pounds of food collected.**

◆ Minutes from the last regular meeting and board meeting accepted as printed in the newsletter.

**President's report** – George not present this evening.

**Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd** – The club is looking for project leaders for the following important projects.

- Ceiling in club needs to be replaced and reinsulated, the 100 yard and berm in the cowboy bowl needs to be finished, the tree that was planted in Wendell Brigg's memory has died and needs to be replaced (Gordon has a couple of trees that can be transplanted), the lawn tractors need to be serviced and made ready for the summer, a chairman is needed for the rifle venue for the Meijer State Games (this is a one day event), and help will be needed for our gardens around the club. Please contact Gordon or any Board member if you are able to help with these projects or if you would be willing to head up one of these projects.
- Bob Middlebrook will be installing an LED light on the north side of the clubhouse to illuminate the parking lot. This will be on a timer and will save the club a lot of money over what we are using now.
- Be sure to review the club rules regarding range use. These are posted at the entrance to the ranges. Everyone is responsible for range safety.
- There are two \$250 dollar scholarships available for students attending college. First choice will be given to students entering some type of natural resources curriculum. Students need to send a letter requesting a scholarship to the club and a committee will decide who gets these grants.

**Chairman's report** – **Barbara Blough** -no report this evening

**Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart** – no report this evening

- Minutes and agenda are available on the check-in table.

**Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila:**

- March's Report – Total Income \$5,853.50, Total Expense \$5,981.99 Net Income for the month - **-\$128.49**. The Audio/Visual project is under way and accounted for a significant monthly expense of \$3,689. Three wide screen TV sets are mounted and ready to go. This part of the project should be completed by mid April.

**Updating the Bylaws:** Work is being done every other week in committee format. Information will soon be made available to the membership regarding these updates. The committee will be looking over the election process in April.

**Committee Reports:**

- Trap/Skeet is opened every Sunday from 10 AM on and every Monday and Thursday evening starting at 6 P.M.. Winter League continues and you may still join this shoot.. Shooting will be on Sunday from 10-3 and Monday and Thursday from 6-9. **Spring league begins April 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- NSSA Wednesday night events continue on the first Wednesday of each month. Next one is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **NSSA shoot on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – rifle range closed.**

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## Regular Meeting Minutes - cont..

- Hunter safety has 58 students signed up so far. Dates are April 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and all day Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed particularly on Saturday afternoon. Please call Bill Skallos if you would like to help. (see more information on the next page)
- Cowboys reported 7 shooters for the March Old Coot Shoot and 14 shooters for the March 1<sup>st</sup> regular match. Eye and ear protection are required for participants and spectators.
- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> IDPA begins – 6:00 PM – Cowboy bowl.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – small bore bench shoot begins – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month.
- Our JOAD program has now moved to their new building. This should be open to the public soon.
- MUCC – District 5 – Tim Hall represented the club and reported that the DNR representative at the meeting indicated there was a large loss of deer and turkey due to the harsh winter. License fees have changed. Tim asked about MUCC helping us with our tax free status (which we have had for years) and the response was that MUCC was reluctant to act on this due to so many clubs now property tax free and any action that MUCC took could affect their status.
- Apparel – Many RSC shirts will be available for sale at the next regular meeting.
- The annual tree give-away will happen either May 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. Help is needed at Van's Pines to distribute seedlings to other MUCC clubs starting at around 9:00 AM and finishing around 1:30 PM. Dan Hankinson is in charge of this project and will have the exact date at the next regular meeting. Also, Gordon is handling the tree give-away at the township hall starting at around 11:00 AM – we plan on giving away as many as 1,000 seedlings. The Board will be asked to contribute another \$100 toward this project. Gordon would appreciate club members helping at the township hall with the distribution of these seedlings.
- CMP reported the winter league is over. The summer league begins April 19<sup>th</sup>. Members pay \$25 for each event entered.
- National Shooting Sports Foundation – rimfire shoot – May 9-10<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around asking for volunteers to assist with this program. Many signed up a volunteer Range Officers – thank you! More help will be needed – this shoot is replacing the Ruger Rimfire Shoot held in past years.
- April Hunter Safety is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday – 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (evenings) and April 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday – all day. Helpers are always needed and welcomed. See Bill Skallos' contact information on our new website and let him know you are available or call him at 866-0096. Many thanks – Great program and many hands make light work. There are 58 students signed up already. If you have a child or grandchild ready for this hunter safety program the April class is a great time to complete the requirements.
- Publicity/Marketing: No report this evening.
- Food and Beverage: No report this evening
- Building and Grounds: **The repair and replacement of the ceiling and fixing where the leaks were, including removal of ceiling dry wall and insulation and replacement must start soon. We may need to hire a contractor if no volunteers step forward.**
- Work Hours: See web site
- **Road Clean-Up:** April 19 – volunteers needed and appreciated. Saturday, April 19, is the date for Adopt-A-Road Clean-up. We'll meet at 9:00 near the gate. Gloves and appropriate shoes are a good idea, Safety vests and trash bags will be provided.
- Party Committee: No parties planned yet but the annual dinner is scheduled for Sept. 13 catered by Kelly's of Cedar Springs.. Donations of prizes would be appreciated.
- Gun Show: A new replacement club banner is in the works to advertise all of our venues. Send your suggestions/art work etc. to [peter.kreutzfeldt@comcast.net](mailto:peter.kreutzfeldt@comcast.net). A new tri-fold pamphlet would be very helpful in introducing people to our club, its history, and its activities. Help would be appreciated.
- Annual tree give-away is in the planning. Dan Hankinson is seeking more information regarding dates, times and details. Stay tuned.

### Old Business:

- As reported earlier the improvements to the club audio/visual systems are on track and moving forward. Help is needed to pull wires etc. Please contact Greg VerVeer or Steve Gardner if you can assist.

### New Business:

- MUCC camp is coming up. The club pays part of the cost of attendance. Let George or any Board member know if you have a child or grandchild interested in attending this summer camp experience.

### Open Forum:

- Curt Becker suggested the club investigate an automatic gate for the front entrance. If anyone is interested some prices could be gathered for Board consideration.
- 25/25 Drawing Winners: Bob Gillette and Paul Kazmierski (\$36 each) - \$36.00 to Sportsmen Against Hunger project and \$36.00 for club revenue. Thanks to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted:  
Secretary Terry Stuart

## Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2014

New members this month (motion by Mike Roche/supported by Len Laitila to accept these new members – approved) Tim Corcoran, Rodd and Lynne Blakeslee, and Mark and Amanda Eldred. Welcome all new members!

**Attendance:** George Mayhak, Bill Skallos, Mike Roche, Barbara Blough, Dan Vincent Gordon Pickerd, Len Laitila, Steve Gardner, Dan Hankinson, Dave DeVries, Steven Mitchell, Tim Hall and Terry Stuart.

**Absent Board Members:** none

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Barbara Blough. Tim Hall gave the invocation.

### Report #1

- By-Law committee update – Steven Mitchell – Presented to the Board information about membership type and count (total 369 members), meeting attendance by year and month for 2011-2014. Also meeting attendance (2013 – 39% attended no meetings, 29% attended 1-3 meetings and 32% attended 4 or more meetings. \*Secretary's note: what would be your suggestion to improve these numbers? Send to Steven Mitchell or give it to George at a regular meeting.
- The newsletter is sent to 189 members and emailed to 180 more. Those folks who have an email address will be getting a notice soon that their newsletter will be coming by email – a huge savings as it now costs over \$1,500 a year to mail out these newsletters. More information to come.

### Report #2

- Audio/Visual Improvement Committee – Steven Gardner – Progress is being made and the committee welcomes Curt Becker and Ben Schnepf who have offered to help with the wiring. Steve reported that the audio/visual project is about 85% done and under budget. It will be ready to go by Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in time for Hunter Safety- Great Job guys!!!!

### **Business Items**

Three bids were obtained and will be turned into our insurance company to assist us in paying for the new ceiling needed in the old part of the club house. It was decided to have members work on taking down the old ceiling and replacing the drywall. Thanks in advance! The insulation will be improved in this area as well as improvements to the old electrical system. A report will be given at the next regular meeting about the cost to the club for all the repair and new insulation that will be a big improvement over what we have now.

The rifle range backers are falling down. These need to be repaired by this Saturday for the CMP event. Planning is in the works for removable target stands (much like the ones on the 50 yard range) for the 200 yard range.

### **Officer's Reports**

**President** – George talked about a Scholastic Pistol Shooting project. The club will be looking for someone interested in taking on this project. Information will be in the newsletter.

A club brochure is in the works. Peter Kreutzfeldt, Jim Jones and Scott Albini have put together a draft which the Board reviewed. Since much of the information came from our website it is apparent that that information needs to be updated. George will contact Peter about some updates. More to come.

Tom Smith has been working hard on the scholarship program. Rockford Schools offered to handle our scholarship funds providing the scholarship go to a Rockford Student. They also wanted to have the scholarship to be in the amount of \$500. After much discussion – a motion was made to allow Rockford Schools to handle this. This motion was defeated in a 7/5 vote. It was finally decided to advertise in our newsletter as well as the Rockford Squire that a scholarship is available and that students from all schools in the area are invited to apply.

Vice President – As mentioned above, Gordon has been getting bids and ideas on how to improve and repair our ceiling area with increased insulation and heat duct wrap. Terry also got two bids to help with estimating the final cost of all the repairs needed.

Secretary – Terry – asked if the club will need the big target butts that the outdoor archery was using. Bill Skallos indicated that we should probably keep 3 or 4. With the remainder it was suggested that they be sold and the money used to help with the building repair project. This could raise over a thousand dollars which would help pay part of the ongoing repair project. It was mentioned again that JOAD archery is completely gone to the new archery facility and they will be taken off the calendar. All archery events (except Bill's indoor winter league) will be held at the 10 mile facility.

Treasurer – Len – As of 4/15/2014 Total Income for April was \$32,046.00. Total Expenses \$3,676.48. Net ordinary income \$-\$1,630.48. It was noted that most of the expenses for the month had to do with the Audio/ Visual improvements. A detailed report is available from the treasurer at every regular meeting if you wish to look over the books. The secretary also has a copy for the official records.

Income – Jan. 1, 2014-April 15, 2014...\$21,425.00 (-\$4,500.00 short of budgeted income)  
Expense-Jan. 1, 2014-April 15, 2014....\$14,495.00 (\$916.00 over budgeted expenses)

Sgt. At Arms – Dan Vincent - announced that a clay target delivery is set for this Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. There are 20 skids of targets coming that need to be put away. The cost for these is \$10,331.75. A replacement pallet jack has been purchased as the old one has finally given up the ghost.

#### **Trustee Reports**

Dan Hankinson - stay tuned for the exact date of the tree give-away. The date depends on what the weather will be in the next few weeks.

Dave DeVries had no formal report but contributed to the general discussions.

Steve Gardner – Steve reminded the Board that our annual Rimfire Challenge has been scheduled to occur on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve thanked Jim Ruder for setting up a Pay Pal arrangement for this event. He also added a thank you for the NSSF website addition. CMP is set for this Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April which is the start of the summer league.

Tim Hall will be our MUCC representative for the next District 5 meeting. He is going to investigate which clubs are 501 C3 organizations and which are 501 C4 organizations and report back to the Board.

Bill Skallos – Next hunter's safety starts Monday evening April 21<sup>st</sup>. There are **89 already signed up**. Help is needed all three days – Monday and Wednesday evening and Saturday all day. The other 2014 dates are on the calendar

Steven Mitchell – Presented a new idea to help with membership. The committee working on the bylaws revision has come up with a new position that will greatly assist the club in regards to keeping track of membership. The position will be called the Membership Secretary and will help the Treasurer with transfer of dues among other duties. This will be presented to the membership in the future as a part of the update of By-laws. (As Secretary I have a proposed copy of what they are thinking about if you wish to look it over.

Mike Roche brought to the attention of the Board new members – Mike made a motion to accept these folks as new members supported by Len Laitila. Motion approved.

**General announcement – The range improvement projects this spring will follow this order – complete the rifle range, improvements to the South pistol range, then the major project on the North pistol range.**

Respectfully submitted by, Terry Stuart - Secretary  
Meeting ended at 9:35 pm by motion from Dan Vincent. Next board meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## BYLAW COMMITTEE UPDATE

After six meetings, the Bylaw Committee has completed the review of 40% of the planned topics. Seven sections have been finalized with a three more in final review. We are ahead of the planned schedule with almost 60% complete.

During May we will be covering Rules & Regulations, Financial Policy and Dissolution. Any member with input on these topics, particularly the Financial Policy scheduled May 13<sup>th</sup>, is welcome to attend.

Before attending, please confirm that the committee schedule by contacting the chairman, Steve Mitchell, via Email at: [stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com](mailto:stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com)

Bylaw Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7pm in the Shoot Building

## ADOPT-A- ROAD

What a response from RSC members on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> for Adopt-A-Road. Vince Ferrarese counted 17 members present plus himself. He was way short on safety vests, but we were ok.

They worked through the morning cleaning up along Northland Drive from 12 Mile Rd. to 14 Mile Rd. All in all, they collected at least 16 bags of trash and a fair amount of objects too big to bag.

The Club wants to express a great big THANKS to Vince and the members that put in the work. Just know that it made difference!!!



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## 2014 Calendar.

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>  
Calendar Changes Dan Vincent, Terry Stuart, Barbara Blough or Mike Roche  
Calendar and Web design by Kyle Van Leuven [kyle@appicstudios.com](mailto:kyle@appicstudios.com)

Thu May 1, 2014 - All day Spring League 2014, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Sat May 3, 2014 - All day CPL Class Gary Dredge (shoot building) Range time 1-6, 8am  
Cowboy Action Shooting  
Sun May 4, 2014 - All day Spring League 2014, 10am Maryly Skallos Open House, 10am  
Trap & Skeet Open to Public  
Mon May 5, 2014 - All day Spring League 2014, 5:30pm Pistol League, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Tue May 6, 2014 - 7:15pm General Membership Meeting  
Wed May 7, 2014 - All day NSSA, 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol  
Thu May 8, 2014 - All day 22LR Bench rifle league 5pm, All day Spring League 2014,  
6pm Trap & Skeet  
Fri May 9, 2014 - All day Ruger Rimfire Challenge 2014  
Sat May 10, 2014 - All day Ruger Rimfire Challenge 2014  
Sun May 11, 2014 - All day Spring league 2014, 10am Trap & Skeet  
Mon May 12, 2014 - All day spring league 2014, 5:30pm Pistol League, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Wed May 14, 2014 - All day Old Coot shoot 8-3, 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy  
Bowl/Rifle/Pistol  
Thu May 15, 2014 - All day ES Team 100 yd range 10-2, All day Round Robin 5-9, All day  
spring league 2014, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Sat May 17, 2014 - All day Brad Rittenhouse Wedding Reception 12-12, 10am Defensive  
Pistol-Cowboy Bowls  
Sun May 18, 2014 - All day NO spring league 2014, All day Round Robin @ Rockford 9-4  
10am Trap & Skeet  
Mon May 19, 2014 - All day spring league 2014, 5:30pm Pistol League, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Tue May 20, 2014 - 7pm RSC Board Meeting  
Wed May 21, 2014 - 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol  
Thu May 22, 2014 - All day 22LR Bench rifle league 5pm, All day spring league 2014,  
6pm Trap & Skeet  
Sat May 24, 2014 - All day CPL (PPITH) Stuart pending, 10am CMP - 100/200 Pending,  
12pm Ducat wedding reception ( Paid deposit GM)  
Sun May 25, 2014 - All day spring league 2014, 10am Trap & Skeet Open to Public  
Mon May 26, 2014 - All day no spring league 2014, 5:30pm Pistol 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Wed May 28, 2014 - 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol, 5pm Defensive  
Pistol-Cowboy Bowls  
Thu May 29, 2014 - All day spring league 2014, 6pm Trap & Skeet  
Sat May 31, 2014 - All day Samantha Smith Reception (pending)

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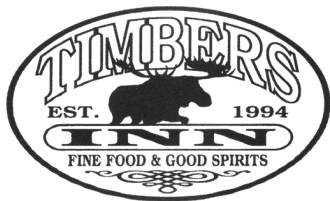
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