April 2017 Article

The Scholastic Rockford High School team concluded their first inter-school competition shoot with Carson City. All shooters fired off two rounds of skeet and two rounds of trap on Sunday afternoon. There were quite a few fans from the two groups for moral support. Trap and skeet scores are posting the school building. The following is a summary: Rockford top 5 team in skeet 211, high individual Chris Freeman at 44 Rockford top 5 team in trap 181, high individual Adam Parker at 41. Rockford teams won both events by a comfortable margin.

Spring has sprung and clean up is needed at RSC. After 5 or 6 years the septic tanks were in need of pumping and this was completed last week. The toilets flush really good now. Another completed project that Dan Vincent went right to work on was to re-shingle the large area on the south roof of the original building. The high wind this month took its toll on the roof. Fortunately we had two spare bundles of shingles.

At the April meeting the garden /landscape areas will be available for sign up for maintenance this year. There are already several volunteers.

Some other projects available are clean up of leaves and winter sticks around the parking and club house area. The barn needs a good sweeping. If you need someone with a key to open the barn, call Gordon Pickerd at 616-401-1862. Window washing and general club house/shoot building is another way to accomplish volunteer hours. Thank you to Jerry Rice who rebuilt the South Range target frame and did a nice area clean up.

The trap and skeet league has concluded the winter with an awards dinner at the club on March 29. The Spring league has started and five stand will be open on Sundays for open or league scores. Help for the five-stand is needed as it requires two people to navigate the scoring and pushing the button. Easy to learn.

For the families looking to take advantage of the many activities, check the calendar and show up for an event. New shooters are always welcome and experienced member are very willing to help.

George Mayhak
Invocation was given by Steve Gardner.

Introduction of Guests: Doug Ouendage.

Motion made by Dan Vincent to accept the minutes as published, supported by Terry Eicholtz, motion carried.

President’s Report: George Mayhak (Absent)

Vice President’s Report: Gordon Pickerd

Trap and Skeet was recognized as club sport at Rockford High School. Already have list of individuals and club making donation and this will be matched by Midway. There are events scheduled for the season against five other clubs. Currently they have seven kids in program. Kevin Freeman is Head Coach for RSC and Gordon is Assistant Coach. National Shoot is usually attended by all members and individual matches are attended by those who can make the event. If program does not continue the endowment would go back to the original organization.

Chairman’s Report: Lee J. Christensen (Absent)

Secretary’s Report: Barbara Blough

No report.

Membership Secretary’s Report: Mike Roche

Mike made motion to accept new members Doug and Kim Ouendag, Dennis and Becky Malone, supported by Steve Gardner, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Len Laitila

Total Income $2,728.00. Total Expense $2,546.09. Net Income $181.91. Investments are on target with expected growth.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Please dispose of backer boards. 25 yard south range, do not use clay targets.

Committee Reports

Winter league ends next week. Spring League will be starting. NSSA Shoot first week of next month.

Pistol, free shoot on April 3rd. Pistol league may be every other week; more information will be announced later.

CMP. Saturday March 25th.

Rimfire Challenge, 30 registered so far. Limited to 96 shooters so if you are interested get registered soon. This will be Saturday, May 13.

Bench Rifle, starts in May, second and fourth Thursday.

Rimfire Bench Rest. April 27th. 4pm, free match.

Centerfire Bench Rest starts March 14th.

Hunter Safety. Next class is April 24, 26, 29. Please see Bill to sign up or to volunteer.

MUCC. Tim Hall did attend meeting.

Sunshine. Tim Hall’s daughter had house fire.

Sportsmen Against Hunger, Thursday, March 16th at the Ultimate Sport Show. Gordon is looking for banner. If you bring six items to donate you will get a free ticket to the show on Thursday.
Dented cans will not be accepted. Tom has discounted tickets for the show available at the meeting.
Fish Contest. Entries due April meeting.

New Business
Jennifer German from KDL. Thank you for your continued support. She would like ideas for how to use donation. This would allow us to be listed as sponsor for the program. Possibly leading outdoor programs. See Jennifer after meeting if you have any ideas.

Open Forum
Dan Vincent, there was a clip on light that is used on the Trap Field and is missing, let Dan know if you know if you have seen it.
Gary Dredge, April 1st is a CPL class, please see him to sign up.

Raffle: 50/50. $39, Jack Sherburn, Doug Grimes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted

Attendees:
Members/Guests: Gordon Pickerd, Len Laitila, Ryan Cordes, Steve Gardner, Dan Hankinson, Bill Skallos, Lee J Christensen, Dan Vincent, George Mayhak, Steve Mitchell

Invocation was given by Gordon Pickerd

President’s Report: George Mayhak
Proposed Rental Rates and Policy. Motion by Dan Vincent, Second by Steve Mitchell

Vice President’s Report: Gordon Pickerd
1st preseason shoot for Youth 3/19, 5 kids from Carson City. Rockford won 211 to 145. Adam Parker won high over all with a score of 85/100
Next meet 3/26 at St. Joe County. 100 trap.
Kevin Freeman is taking 2 or 3 shooters to Bald Mt. skeet and sporting SCTP event. Rockford will combine with Carson City/ Crystal for combined team.
Della Shirly passed away last week.

Secretary’s Report: Barbara Blough
absent

Membership Secretary’s Report: Mike Roche
Issue last month with rejoin and dues and restart vs backed dues.
March board meeting new member applicants, Eric and Julie Prins. Motion to accept new members by Steve Mitchell, Second by Gordon Pickard.

Treasurer’s Report: Len Laitila
Total Income $8729.00 Total Expenses $4113.74 Net Income $4615.26

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent
Dan would like to know if anyone is currently doing sunshine on behalf of Rockford Sportsman’s Club.
Wind storm took Shingles off roof. Dan repaired.
Winter Skeet banquet 6:30 pm 3/29 catered by Carols Catering.
Spring league starts 3/26. Events include Skeet- 12ga, 410, Trap, 5 stand(Sundays only). Shooting takes place Monday and Thursday from 6:00pm-9:00pm, Sundays 10:00am-2:30pm
Dan would like to replace corded trap remote with cordless. Cost of Cordless controller is $320
Motion by Dan Hankinson, Second by Len Laitilla.

Trustee Reports

Steve Gardner
CMP start this weekend (3/25) sat 8-2.
Nssf Shoot will be May 12-13, signups are still coming in. Participation is ahead of last year. We are looking for more prizes for participants. May need to ask board for money for prizes at April board meeting. NSSF shoot will have a cap of 96 shooters plus volunteers that would like to shoot.
During NSSF promotion Paul Zimmerman contacted 20 area clubs in. Ionia rifle and pistol asked for posting banquette in newsletter, website, and direct mailing. Board believes this should be a one for one advertising campaign. We will only do what other clubs will do for us.

Dan Hankinson
Nssf Rimfire challenge guns have come in.
Hunter safety ammo has come in.

Steve Mitchell
Request for feedback on investment from last member meeting. Two numbers were not accurate. Need to set precedent on reporting. From now on first meeting of new quarter.
Added new activity page for new league to website (Benchrest centerfire league). Started last Wednesday(3/15)
Ask board to sanction vote to approve new league. Motion by Len Laitilla, Second by George Mayhak
Asked to make recommendation to change Max operating budget. (see sheet)
Raise dues $20 Motion by Steve Mitchell Second Bill Skallos July 1st start Bylaws, remove no guest clause for associates. May have 2 guests after first year. (Motion by Dan Vincent, Second George Mayhak
New Definition of or retired. (Motion by Dan Vincent, Second by George Mayhak)

Ryan Cordes
No Report

Bill Skallos
Hunters safety April, 10-12 sign ups. Est. 40-50 kids.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm.

Please Note

Shooting in Cowboy Area is not permitted. Only special events
First one at Club leaves Gate Open, Last one out Locks it
Only Full Members can bring Guests, All events are open to public
BYLAW REVISION

At the March 21st Board meeting revisions to the RSC Bylaws were discussed and approved for submission to the general membership. The revisions are specific to the Full and Retiree sections of the current Bylaws. The change to the Full membership is to remove the word ‘guest’ as it is ambiguous and does not clearly define observational guest, shooting guest or simply a visitor. Where appropriate, the guest definition will be included in the Club rules instead.

The revisions to the Retiree description are driven by the fact the Board believes the current definition is not sustainable in the long run. It should be noted that ALL Retiree memberships that are currently in place will retain that status. They will be responsible for the change in the dues outlined in the revision as we want to encourage more participation in the Club.

Following is the proposed Bylaw revision

SECTION 2.1 Classifications of Membership

All memberships are family memberships which include the spouse and children under the age of 18. Children that are students attending college or on active military service are included until the age of 24. All members are expected to respect and obey the rules and guidelines set by the Board and the committees that report to the Board. There are four (4) classes, Associate, Full, Retired, and Honorary memberships.

Associate Membership
An Associate Membership requires submission of the membership dues and acceptance of an application by a vote at either the Club general membership or the Board meetings. Associate members and their families are entitled to use the shoot ranges, attend Club-sponsored events, and membership meetings.

Associate Membership is available as long as the member(s) continue to meet Club obligations

Full Membership
A Full membership is an Associate membership in good standing that has paid dues and met the service hour/meeting requirement as set annually by the Board. Full memberships have all of the privileges of an Associate membership plus the rights to participate in the MUCC Camp scholarship program, vote in Club elections, hold elected office, and have a key to the buildings.

Failure to meet the service hour/meeting requirement at time of renewal will cause a Full membership to revert to Associate status. The member, with good cause, may petition the Membership chairman for a reinstatement of status. The chairman will bring the request to the Board of Directors for a decision.

Retired Membership
A Retired membership will have maintained a Full membership of the Club for fifteen (15) years or more and the primary member have reached the age of 65 before the renewal date. The membership has all of the same privileges as a Full membership.

A Retired membership has no service hour or meeting requirement. Dues are assessed at 50% of the dues of a Full membership which has met the service hour requirement. Additionally, the
dues may be offset by volunteering and earning service hour credits.

To qualify for Retired status the primary member of a Full membership must obtain the recommendation of the Membership Secretary. The Secretary will petition for approval of the Board of Directors and the membership at a Regular Club meeting.

Adopt-a-Road clean-up will be Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 9:00am. Meet at the gate. Bring some gloves and wear your walking shoes. We'll be done about noon.

Thank you for your attention.

Vincent Ferrarese
## Calendar

Please check website for latest changes  [http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/](http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/)

Calendar and website Changes  Dan Vincent, Steve Mitchell or Mike Roche

Web Design—Jim Ruder

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