

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents Article

Hopefully after the last couple weeks of extreme cold the worst of winter is behind us. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and do something other than shovel snow. We've had safe ice and plenty of it for a while now so I hope we can enjoy it while it lasts.

I'd like to say thank you to those that have continued to help through the colder and snowier than normal weather we've had the last month. There has been a great group of guys volunteering Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays shoveling snow and pulling skeet and trap lines. We've had an outstanding turnout this year for our skeet and trap league and normal open shooting times. We continue to shoot Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays for the next couple of weeks. Winter league runs through March 11th so make sure you have all your lines in by then.

Both NSSA and CMP had shoots Saturday February 20th . Both had great turnouts with better than average weather both events had two full lines. Were still waiting for a report from the CMP card shoot but many birds live to see another day.

Once again Covid-19 is has affected us and our normal way business. The Ultimate sport show is cancelled again. This has always been a great opportunity for sportsman to give back the less fortunate in the area. We have always collected non perishable food items to donate to Sportsman Against Hunger. These items were given back the needy in our area. Since We cannot collect at the sport show we will be collecting food items at he membership meeting and in the shoot building for the foreseeable future. These donations will be brought to North Kent Connect.

As warmer weather is approaching make sure to check you calendar for open shooting times. We have many scheduled shoots coming in the next couple months Most shoots start back in April so keep searching for ammo reloading components. We can't wait to see you once everything starts back up.

Spring is just around the corner and that means spring clean up time. We just need the snow to melt. We will have garden bed signup sheets at both the March and April membership meetings. If you've maintained an area in the past or would like to start, please sign up or reach out to one of the board members.

Ryan Cordes

Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021
Call to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Steven Lomonaco, Ryan Cordes, Dan Vincent, Jim Hughes, Steve Mitchell, John Cordes, Bill Skallos, Tim Hall, Ron, Kevin Kubiszewski, Karen Kronberg, Len Litila, Dan Hankinson

Guests: Gordon Pickard sctp has sent out a letter to all of the clubs that will help with range development and range improvements, motion was made to get a proposal from Midway for trap and skeet improvements was made by Ryan C, seconded by Steve Mittchel.

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Letter by Tom Mroczkowski for sportsman against hunger was approved to be put in the newsletter.
- Mark Vandunk is asking for credit for one meeting due to Covid-19 was approved
- Ryan is going to take over long range planning
- John and Carol Cordes will take over scholarship
- Gordon Pickard will possibly take on financial committee

Vice President's Report: Dan Hankinson

- Donna Briggs is a lifetime honoree member

Secretary's Report: Steven Lomonaco

- No report

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- A new formal format for membership committee meetings for new members
- Going to try and get a format for meetings going forward

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

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Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- If you are going to use the ranges for classes, you need to ask for the range time ahead of time so it can get put on the calendar ahead of time
- We have had a lot of help keeping the walks clean
- Got a quote on a few different smaller snow blowers
 1. Toro 821e \$749
 2. Toro 21e \$599
 3. Setup fees are waved and prices are out the door.
 4. Both electric start
 5. Motion was made by Dan H, seconded my Bill S. motion passed
- 3 new locks were bought for the front gate
- People need to check the grounds before locking the gate

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Steve Mitchell

- sent out emails for website updates, and has heard back from just about everyone
- range etiquette rules will be published

John Crodes

- Needs scholarship info
- Mounted some of the old signs on the barn

Tim Hall

- MUCC convention packet was handed out to Ryan C.
- 380 for tracks magazine

George Mayhak

- No report

Bill Sakllos

- No new word on hunter safety classes

Len Laitila

- Shoot this Saturday card shoot.

Jim Tomson

- No report

Karan Kronberg

- Recommending putting a first aid in a different location, along with putting contact numbers in a different location in the kitchen.

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Lomonaco Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2021

Call to order at 7:15pm

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

Motion to approve the minutes from December was made by Ryan Cordes and seconded by Dan Vincent, January Minutes was made by Ryan Cordes, seconded by Dan Vincent

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Help out with the honor system
- Wood that is by the fire pit is for the club only
- If missing work hrs or meetings please get a hold of Kevin K, so I can be brought to the board

Vice President's Report: Dan Hankinson

- Keep Dan and his family in prayers

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

- George had surgery today and will be the board chair for another year

Secretary's Report: Steven Lomonaco

- No report

Membership Secretary's report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- new members to be voted in are:
- Motion to approve new members seconded by John O.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Total Revenue \$120,011
- Total Expense \$106,047
- Revenue in excess of Expense \$ 13,965

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep the grounds clean
- No smoking, vaping in buildings
- Please pick up your cigarette butts when on the ranges
- When going up to the ranges clean the ramp/stairs

Committee Reports

NASSA

Skeet and Trap- having a great crowd, February 20th shoot coming up

SCTP- new member meeting last night, 34 new students looking to join the team, looking to add more range time for the students, which means more targets will be thrown. 525 practice lines. The endowment really grew over the last year. Then endowment will be possibly be over \$100,000 by year's end. This year is looking to have over 40 students for the year. \$1,000 per student for the year which includes events. Looking at about \$10,000 in sponsors. Students paid up front for shells right from Federal ammo.

Membership Meeting Minutes Cont.

Committee Reports Cont.

CMP- February 20th will be a fun shoot will be a Poker shoot. \$12 buy in. Shooting begins at 10am.
March will begin the regular shoots.

Rimfire Bench Rest- spring

Well-armed women- Next meeting 6-8pm on Sunday.

Hunter Safety-was told to keep the date for the next field day for April, Bill is still in contact with the DNR.

Defensive pistol-spring

MUCC- nothing new

22 Reactive Target Competition- Next shoot is planned for February 9th ,2021 at 6:30pm, always looking for new shooters.

Rimfire challenge- new season begins soon. 22lr rim fire. It is an entry level shoot. Usually 100-120 shooters. May 8th is the next shoot.

Sunshine-

- George with back surgery.
- Dan H. and his wife.

Food and Beverage-no report

Sportsman's Against Hunger

- 939 deer was processed almost 100 deer more
- 80 deer were donated to sportsmen against hunter
- State 91,000 pounds of meat were donated in 2020
- Red Flannel Rod & Gun Club (Cedar Springs)1015 lbs. of meat donated
- Sparta Sportsman's Club 1060 lbs. of meat donated
- Rockford sportsman's club 1105 lbs. of meat donated
- Goes to City Impact, Cedar Creek, North Kent connect, and directly to families
- Over \$700 was collected, and 6 big boxes of food was donated
- North Kent Connect will also take the heart and liver as well
- Make sure of what you are donating is up to date, had to throw away a bunch of food that was outdated to be donated

Building and Grounds-

Apparel-Brian is taking up this commit, samples where showing at the membership meeting.

Marketing-no report

Safety Updates- keep shoveling the snow

Deer/Fish/Turkey-finally some safe ice to go fishing

Old business-

New business-

50/50 Raffle-

- Berine L.
- Don Yokom

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted

Steven Lomonaco Secretary

ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
HANDGUN & RIFLE RANGE ETIQUETTE

BASICS

- ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction down range.
- ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- ALWAYS make sure of what is in front of and back of your target.
- ALWAYS assume a gun is loaded.

RANGE COMMANDS:

CEASEFIRE

Anyone who spots a potential problem should call "Ceasefire"! All firing stops immediately. If you aren't sure what's happening, it's okay to call a ceasefire. It's better to call a ceasefire and be safe than not to call one and be sorry.

Ceasefire: Things to remember

1. Chamber is empty and ammunition source (magazine) is removed.
2. Action is open.
3. Hands off!
4. Step away from the firing line.

CLEAR (responsibility of the shooter calling the Ceasefire)

All shooters have made their firearms safe, that no one has a gun in his/her hand, and that there will be no handling of firearms until permission is given. Then, and ONLY then, may anyone go downrange.

RANGE IS HOT

Shooters ensure that no one is downrange before stating, "The range is going hot." This alerts everyone that the range is shifting from a ceasefire, but it doesn't mean that shooting may begin.

COMMENCE FIRING

Command given that tells everyone it's safe to shoot. That doesn't mean you start blazing away. It means that when you are ready, you may shoot your gun.

GENERAL THINGS TO REMEMBER

Safety is everyone's job. You are responsible for your own safety, the safety of others and for the behavior of your guests. If you see that someone else isn't following the Club range rules or etiquette, you should alert the offending shooter of the violating actions to correct their action without offending them. If your advice is ignored report the situation to the Club Sergeant-at Arms.

1. Do not fire at posts, supports or target frames. These are expensive and time-consuming to replace.
2. Shoot only range-approved targets as outlined in the Club Range rules. Check with a board member if you would like clarification about a specific target.
3. It's good etiquette to leave the range better than you found it. Picking up trash, cleaning your firing station, and obeying all of the range rules are not only good gun range etiquette—they're good manners!

SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

As mentioned at the last membership meeting, the Ultimate Sports Show has been cancelled for 2021. RSC has supported Sportsmen Against Hunger for many years by collecting non-perishable food items at the show in lieu of admission tickets. Those food items as well as monetary contributions were then donated to God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids. Typically a large truckload of much needed supplies would be collected.

Not being able to collect this year plus the increased needs due to the COVID-19 epidemic has put an added burden on their mission of feeding the needy.

It was suggested and approved that we will be collecting food items and monetary contributions during the year to help make up for their loss due to the cancellation of the Sports Show. Boxes will be available in the Shoot building and a container will be provided for monetary contributions. Larger monetary donations can be mailed to:

Rockford Sportsman's Club, Sportsmen Against Hunger, Box 624, Rockford, MI 49341

Tom Mroczkowski

Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Mar 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Winter League 10- SCTP practice 3- 10am - Trap & Skeet	1 Winter League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 7pm - Membership	3 NSSA	4 Winter League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	5	6
7 Winter League 10- SCTP practice 3- 10am - Trap & Skeet	8 Winter League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	9 22 RTC Set up 5:30 Membership	10	11 Winter League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	12	13
14 SCTP practice 3-5 10am - Trap & Skeet	15 5pm - Trap & Skeet	16 7pm - RSC Board	17	18 5pm - Trap & Skeet	19	20 Terry Burkholder CMP 100/200 yard
21 Well Armed Woman SCTP practice 3-5 10am - Trap & Skeet	22 5pm - Trap & Skeet	23 22 RTC Set up @ 5:	24	25 5pm - Trap & Skeet	26	27
28 SCTP practice 3- 10am - Trap & Skeet	29 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30	31	1 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2	3

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