

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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October 2014

The initial comments for this month are a tribute to Mark Willis Bradley, (aka Willie) a long time member who passed away September 17, 2014. Willie was a friend to all and was well known for his wide brim hats with a bandana. Many of the contributions he made that will be remembered are the times he did many chores around the club that were unnoticed to the general membership. He was very much appreciated by those who were aware of his involvement. Many members gave their last respects at the Friday viewing and Saturday funeral. The two most long time members of Rockford Sportsman's club attended the funeral and the luncheon at the club. These one and two most senior retired members are Bob Wilkerson and George Laitila. Willie will be missed as a club icon.

Work hour forms have been revised to add a place for suggestions. If you have any comments just put them on the form and the board of directors will review them each month. The same form is used for volunteer hours and/or suggestions. Continuous improvement can be accomplished with membership involvement. Take a look around to see many upgraded areas. Cowboy action building safety fences, garden by the skeet field steps completely replanted (also other landscaping maintained), two five foot trees planted by the skeet building by John and Kim Olinger, construction of overhead structure to prevent bullets travelling over the berm and eyebrows on the 100 yard range.

On another subject, the long range planning is being reactivated with Steve Mitchell as the leader. Many of the items on previous planning sessions have been completed, and new plans will need evaluation. Anyone is invited to serve on the committee as Steve schedules various meeting dates.

Welcome to the new members who have joined recently, we hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities at RSC.

September was the RSC fundraising event with a catered dinner, gun and general item raffles. Dan Hankinson's team did a great job of coordinating the social event with at least 18 winners of the gun raffles. About 140 people attended and a profit of \$1,000+ was the final tally.

October's meeting will feature the awards for the fish/game entries. Bring your pictures with the length of the fish shown. Antlers and turkey beards/spurs in the game category. We are continuing the silent auction table. If you have something to sell, set a minimum acceptable bid. If you sell, donate 10% to the club. If it doesn't sell, take it home and try again.

Good luck to all in your fall pursuits and remember sight in days for the public are the first two weekends in November. Members can also sight in during that time or anytime when the range is open.

George Mayhak

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2014

7:15 Flag pledge & conservation pledge
Invocation by Time Hall

Guests—New members introduced. Mike Roche made motion to accept associate members.
Second by Pete Kreutzfeldt

Previous Meeting minutes Accepted.

President report—Terry Stuart in hospital with heart issues. He is scheduled to be home tomorrow.

October Corporate paperwork submitted to State of Michigan for annual renewal with \$20 fee.

Vice President—Insulation done in club house.

Barn painted by Tom Waters

Post on 100Yard new retaining wall by Joe Schwark

Safety Tip: beware of each other—be sure to mention if someone is not doing things safely.

Secretary—Michigan Outdoors Youth Camp. RSC received Certificate of appreciation.

Treasurers Report—Income \$9,346.84 and expenses \$6,870.23.

Fly Hunt update by Curt Becker—need more hunters. Dan Hankinson top score at 7 for 10 at 100 yards. Jim Lund shot so many at the 25 yard range they lost count.

Cowboy—21 shooters.

This Saturday Fall Shoot

Michigan state championship was attended with many Rockford Regulators placing in 12 classes including seven championships.

Pistol League—Monday league going on this Fall

Rifle—2nd and 4th Tuesday

CMP-- 12 shooters last Saturday. 2 new shooters. 3 matches in September

NSSA State Championships—Dan Hankinson five person team: of 500 targets, missed 12 and won that division.

Defensive Pistol—Match on 27th. 2 more shoots left this year.

Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Hunters Safety—88 students-new record for August. September also has large class.
Sign up early. See Bill for work hours.

MUCC—No meetings in July or August. Sept 25 meeting at RSC you are invited to attend
at 7 PM.

Apparel—Should have new items at October meeting.

Membership—Mona Irvine-Retired membership. Mike Roche made motion.
Bob Middleton second

Sportsmen Against Hunger—Donate venison at Barb's on 10 Mile.

Dinner—See Dan to volunteer. Any donations of prizes for fundraising banquet.

MUCC Signatures collected for the wildlife referendum passed by the House and the Senate to become law.

By-Laws—Gordon Pickerd made motion to approve the by-laws as written. Jim Carr Supported. Motion carried. This is the second meeting to vote affirmative on the by-laws, and they are now implemented.

50/50— Jim Jones and Bob Nowak each received \$38.

Minutes recorded by Barb for Terry Stuart.
Adjourn 8 PM.

Thank you to all who attended this year's Banquet!
Next year's RSC Banquet will be September 12, 2015

Wheelin' Hunters used RSC on September 13 and had a great time.
They very much appreciated our handicap ramp.



Upcoming Winter League Schedule

Saturday, Oct 18 (10-2)

Saturday, Nov 22 (10-2)

Saturday, Dec 20 (10-2)

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 11, 2014

Contact: Drew YoungeDyke, Grassroots Manager | 734.272.2584 | dyoungedyke@mucc.org

No Wolf Hunt in 2014, No Matter What Happens on November Referendums

Natural Resources Commission Asks DNR to Review Science, Data on Wolf Depredations for 2015

EAST LANSING—The Natural Resources Commission today announced that it would not consider a wolf hunt for 2014, even if the two referendums on the November 2014 ballot which originally authorized a wolf hunt were approved. A separate law, the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, will grant the Natural Resources Commission authority to designate game species using sound science when it takes effect in March or April.

“Even if the referendums are passed, there would not be time to establish a wolf hunt in 2014,” said Commissioner John Matonich. “We ask the Wildlife Division to study the science and the data on wolf depredations of dogs and livestock and present their findings to the commission in 2015.”

Russ Mason, chief of the DNR Wildlife Division, also announced that department biologists would be reviewing and possibly updating the department’s wolf management plan.

“We’re very happy with the decision to study the science and not to rush a wolf hunt this year,” said Amy Trotter, resource policy manager for Michigan United Conservation Clubs. “The Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act was not about a wolf hunt, despite what the anti-hunters claimed. It was about making the decision and others like it with sound science, and that is exactly what the NRC has asked for.”

The Humane Society of the United States announced that it would be campaigning aggressively for a “no” vote on Proposals 1 and 2 this November, which originally granted the Natural Resources Commission the authority to establish Michigan’s wolf hunt last year. However, the decision not to hold a wolf hunt in 2014 renders those referendums meaningless, since the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act will re-grant the NRC that authority when it takes effect, regardless of the referendums.

“We don’t plan to spend any money on what is essentially an exit poll,” said Drew YoungeDyke, a spokesman for Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management, the coalition behind the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. “Every dime that HSUS spends on the referendums is one that won’t shelter a single pet, but I think people are starting to realize that’s not what they do, anyways. We are encouraging people to vote ‘yes,’ on Proposal 2, though, to let HSUS know that it can’t buy votes just by spending a lot of money on political commercials.”

The NRC set a quota of 43 wolves across three separate zones of the Upper Peninsula in 2013, of which hunters harvested 22. Whether there is a wolf hunt in 2015 and what the hunting unit boundaries and quotas are will be determined by the Natural Resources Commission based on the recommendations of DNR biologists. The Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act requires the NRC to use principles of sound science in designating game species and establishing hunting seasons and regulations.

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Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes—Sept. 16, 2014

Attention Members: The membership approved the new By-laws at the September 2nd regular meeting making these new By-laws official. This was the second official membership vote required under the previous By-laws.

Rockford welcomes new member, Kevin Freeman – Mike Roche made the motion to accept Kevin, supported by Gordon Pickerd – motion carried.

Next year's Club Banquet date is September 12th – Saturday.

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

Absent Board Members:None

Guests: None

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

Officer's Reports

President – George was asked by MUCC to contact our legislators and thank them for approving the wildlife proposal. The DNR will be in charge of setting seasons etc. for game animals and deciding issues such as dove hunting or wolf hunting. Jim Ludwig who has been improving our berms with his tractor sustained some significant damage while moving dirt up on the berms and requested help in paying the \$1,313.84 bill for repairing the damage to his tractor. There was much discussion and in the end a motion was made by Dave DeVries to pay \$1,000.00 toward the repair with Gordon Pickerd supporting the motion. This motion was made due to the many hours of work and effort put into our long range plan of keeping our ranges safe and building up what time and weather had eroded away. The motion passed with a 11 to 1 vote. To pay for this Dan Vincent made a motion to take \$550 from our tractor budget and \$450 from the building and grounds maintenance budget. Supported by Steve Gardner – motion passed with 12 board members in favor and no board member opposed.

Vice President - Gordon mentioned that work will continue on the South pistol range this coming Saturday (Sept.13) starting at around 8:30 AM. Help would be appreciated. Gordon also advised the Board that Jeff O'Hara will be at the next regular meeting to meet and answer questions – he is running for District Court Judge in our area – he will not be allowed to give a campaign speech as that would be in violation of our 501 C3 status. Gordon made a motion supported by Dan Vincent that Steve Mitchell contact our scholarship chairman (Tom Smith) and ask that scholarship information be sent out to schools in October and November. Motion carried.



Looking for Work Hours??? There are lots of opportunities for you to help!!! Please contact Gordon Pickerd

If you have announcements that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Melissa & Mike Okenka at mokenka@charter.net

Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

Secretary – Many thanks to Dan Hankinson and his helpers for putting on a great club banquet. A personal note: Due to our plans for leaving for the winter, I will not be running for Secretary for 2015, but will be willing to fill in in any capacity the new Board wishes such as absence of the new secretary, etc. Thanks for all the cards and well wishes regarding my recent bout which kept me in the hospital for a few days. Hopefully this is all behind me and I am looking forward to being able to participate in the many shooting activities I enjoy.

Treasurer – Len reported income for Sept. 1-16 as \$2,012.00 (\$977 in fundraising income, and \$1,035.00 in program income. There was quite a bit of money raised at our banquet which was turned in this evening – see Dan Hankinson's report below. Expenses for this period were \$2,759.86 in fundraising expenses, \$322.55 in general administrative expenses and \$31.79 in program services leaving a negative income of \$1,102.20. Len also reported that he will not be a candidate for treasurer for 2015, leaving open the possibility of running for this office again in 2016.

*Len filed a written complaint against another member recommending expulsion of said member due to unprofessional conduct and language at the September regular meeting. This was referred to the membership committee for consideration and follow up. The new bylaws will be followed in this manner.

Trustee Reports

Dave DeVries: Dave is working on getting the club house parking lot relined for parking purposes.

Dan Vincent – Dan brought to the Board's attention the need for additional paving of the upper portion of the shoot building parking lot – this will help with our handicapped members being able to reach the new ramp and also help with mud control during the Spring. He also recommended top coating the club house parking lot in the near future.

Dan Hankinson Wow! What a great job by Dan and all the club members who helped put on the annual banquet. There will be a prize table for ladies next year – a suggestion made by a couple of members who thought the whole event was a success but would like to have some items ladies might enjoy to put their tickets in. This will happen. Thanks for the suggestion.

*Break down on income and expenses for the banquet – not reflected in these minutes under the treasurer's report as Len just received the information and money this evening:

Dinner cost - \$1,462.80, total prize cost \$6,031.00

Tickets sold - \$8,581.00

Income (tickets sold) – dinner cost and prizes – leaving a profit of \$1,088.00. Great job!

Tim Hall reported that we are hosting the District 5 meeting on September 25th with a free light dinner at 7:00 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM. – **Tim hopes for a good club turn out for this meeting.** Major discussion will center around making the District 5 shoot better.

Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

Bill Skallos – Bill had 88 students for the August class and expects a similar amount for the September class, which starts Monday September 22nd – help is needed, especially Saturday afternoon. We are getting as many as 20 additional students who take the online class so the Saturday assistance is important.

Steve Gardner – A CMP match will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30th to wind up the summer league. Steve also indicated that the audio visual project is almost completed at about \$2,000 dollars under budget. He suggested and the Board was interested in a Wi-Fi connection for the club with telephone and channels for our TV sets. This would allow for such things as Super Bowl parties, NASCAR parties and the like with the additional safety of security cameras and auto scoring of CMP, Cowboy Action Shooting and Trap and Skeet scoring. Lots of possibilities. Steve will look into a final cost for doing all of this and report back to the Board. The Wi-Fi would be password protected.

Steven Mitchell – New Bylaws were approved at the September meeting. They will be available online soon at our web site. A copy will be filed with the Secretary's minutes in the archives. There does not seem to be much interest in continuing with the Facebook connection for our events. For the time being, the Board suggested not doing anything more with this until such a time a dedicated member wishes to keep events up to date. Steven volunteered to head up the long range planning committee. Members will be sought to assist. Among the future projects to be considered would be an air lock on the club house door by the parking lot, asphalt work mentioned earlier – at the top of the hill by shoot building and top dressing the club house parking lot, and revision and updating of range rules among other things suggested by the membership and Board of Directors.

Mike Roche: Made a motion to accept new member Kevin Freeman, supported by Gordon Pickerd – approved.

*If you have suggestions on how the club could improve its operation please drop your suggestion in one of the shoot money boxes along with your name and telephone number.
Many thanks –

Respectfully submitted by, Terry Stuart - Secretary

Meeting ended at 9:05 pm by motion from Mike Roche. **Next board meeting October 21st.**

84,999,989
Firearm owners killed no one yesterday.

DNR reminds deer hunters of changes to license structure

Contact: [DNR Licensing](#), 517-284-6057
or [Ed Golder](#), 517-284-5815
Agency: Natural Resources

Sept. 30, 2014

With Michigan's archery deer season set to begin Oct. 1, the Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters of recent changes to the state's hunting license structure.

The new license structure - authorized by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2013 - took effect March 1, 2014.

Among the most significant changes affecting deer hunters, a **base license** is now required for all hunters. The base license provides critical funding for habitat and conservation work on both public and private land and supports the work of conservation officers and field staff to ensure safe, legal hunting practices are followed. The purchase of a base license includes small game hunting. Whether they choose to hunt small game or not, hunters' base license dollars will be used to enhance and expand hunting opportunities, which benefits hunters of all species.

Deer licenses available include:

- **Single deer license**, valid throughout archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. This license has replaced the separate archery and firearm licenses. Hunters who buy a single deer license may not buy a second single deer license or the deer combo license.
- **Deer combo license**, which includes two kill tags, one regular and one restricted. Hunters who want two deer licenses must buy the deer combo license instead of the single deer license. This is required to implement antler point restrictions, which apply based on whether the hunter has purchased two deer licenses. The deer combo license is valid for use during the archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. A hunter can use both kill tags in the firearm seasons, both in the archery season or one in each season.
- **Antlerless deer license**, available based on license quotas set for each Deer Management Unit (DMU).

To see how the single deer and deer combo licenses may be used in each deer season, based on which DMU a hunter wishes to hunt, see the [Antler Point Restriction Regulations map and chart](#) on pages 32 and 33 of the 2014 Hunting and Trapping Digest.

To learn more about this season's hunting opportunities and regulations, see the DNR's [Fall Hunting Preview video](#) on YouTube.

More information about the new hunting license structure - including [license prices](#), [frequently asked questions](#) and details about [how license dollars will be invested](#) - is available at www.michigan.gov/dnr under "In the Know."

For more details about hunting seasons, licenses and regulations, see the [Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) and [Antlerless Deer Digest](#).

Those who have questions or need help determining which licenses to buy may contact their nearest [DNR Customer Service Center](#).

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.



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Calendar

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Changes: Dan Vincent or Mike Roche, Calendar and Web design by James Ruder jim@ruders.com

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30 10:00 AM EGR police north pistol range 5:00 PM CMP-100/200	1 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol NSSA	2 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	3	4 8:00 AM Cowboy Action Shooting
5 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	6 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public	7 7:15 PM General Membership Meeting	8 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol 12:00 PM DU Banquet 5:00 PM Defensive Pistol-Cowboy Bowls	9 10:00 AM MSP fall shoot 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	10 10:00 AM US Postal Inspectors north pistol range	11 NSSA 4x50 divincent 4904067
12 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public CPL Stuart (PPTTH)	13 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public	14 10:00 AM DHS Craig Smith north pisto and rifle ranges	15 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol Old coot shoot 8-3 ALL RANGES RESERVED FOR MEMBERS - NO LEAGUES OR SCHEDULED EVENTS	16 ALL RANGES RESERVED FOR MEMBERS - NO LEAGUES OR SCHEDULED EVENTS 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public ES Team 50 yd range 10-2	17 ALL RANGES RESERVED FOR MEMBERS - NO LEAGUES OR SCHEDULED EVENTS	18 ALL RANGES RESERVED FOR MEMBERS - NO LEAGUES OR SCHEDULED EVENTS 10:00 AM CMP - 100/200 Grand Rapids Gun & Knife Show
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