

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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November 2014

The November 18 Board meeting will begin at 6 PM to accomplish the 2015 budget proposals. All committee and event leaders should send their proposals for their events or projects to Len Laitila in early November. The more line item description of expenses and incomes will assist in developing a realistic proposal. Any member is welcomed at the meeting for information gathering or participating. Many of the 2014 projects are almost complete, except for the major budget of \$11,000 on the North Pistol range. This range improvement proposal will be a new item in the 2015 plan.

Just a reminder the election of 2015 officers will be held in December 2, 2014 at the regular meeting. Nominations are in process and will be accepted through November 18.

Some exciting plans for 2015 discussed at the October board meeting were to establish a Charter business internet system (also noted in the board minutes). Keeping up with available technology to build future club events and security will be a benefit to all members. This could lead the way for possible NASCAR or Super Bowl parties to utilize the facilities with social activities.

Our 5 year NRA membership has been received and a certificate is framed and hanging in the shoot building.

At the last meeting we asked for volunteers to coordinate the Sight-in-days the first two weekends in November and obtaining MUCC Tracks magazine for the 5th graders for area schools. Barb Blough volunteered for sight in days and Ed Yoskovich volunteered for school Tracks Magazine project. Ed has completed the task of contacting the schools which resulted in 384 subscriptions. RSC has sponsored the magazines for years and the \$1,400 expenditure came in under budget.

Not stealing any thunder from the Hunter Safety program but be sure to read the copy of a letter sent to the DNR in the following pages.

Steve Mitchell has compiled suggestions for updating the Range Rules. Nearly completed at the board meeting and they will be ready to issue in the near future. We need to be very diligent in our safety measures to protect club members and neighbors. The rule is No Metal Targets allowed.(EXCEPT COWBOY ACTION AND DEFENSIVE PISTOL EVENTS). It was rumored that someone has been shooting at metal spin targets—this is not allowed and such confirmed violations will result in board action. This is not to take the fun out of shooting but to protect the club's safety procedures and the ability to maintain a shooting facility within our boundaries. This has to be every member's responsibility.

As the season changes to Fall a big thank you to the folks who maintained the gardens this summer. There will be volunteer hours needed for the late season clean ups.

The best of luck to all our hunters and keep in mind that the deer, turkey and fish contest awards will be presented at the January meeting for the 4th quarter accomplishments. The 3rd quarter winners at the October meeting were Terry A. King, Bill Plambeck and George Mayhak for walleye, salmon and perch respectively. See you at the range and welcome new members

Regular Meeting Minutes October 7, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Pledge of Allegiance, Conservation pledge and invocation

- Mike Roche introduced new members Brian & Sara Vandebyl, Nate & Ashley Rozeveld, and Kenneth & Wilma Nelson. Dan Vincent second to Mike's motion. Approved
- Guest Jeff O'Hara and wife Kristi, he is running for judge and will answer any questions.
- Sight-in days—Tom Chrisman can't chair for health reasons. Barb Blough volunteered to lead group. a sign-up sheet was passed around with good response, but more workers are welcome. Backer boards at the 100 & 150 need replacement. Steve Gardner will handle.
- Michele Feringa taking minutes—Terry Stuart is ill.
- Halloween Party Saturday October 25th—Linda Hamilton needs volunteers. Sign up sheet is posted. It is open to the public.
- Track Magazine—how many do the schools need for the 5th grades. Ed Yoskovishas has volunteered to take care of this.
- Barb, Chairman of the Board had no news to report.
- Gordon Pickerd—Long range planning committee reconvening. Members are welcome to participate.
- Wheeling & Sportsman— We are Handicap accessible. Now more can make use of range facilities with changes club has made.
- South Range & Eyebrow beams are installed.
- House bill 5838 hearing in Lansing in Mid November/ December. Need volunteers to go to meeting. The date to be determined.
- Treasurers Report by Len Laitila—Annual Banquet Profit \$1,088. Willie Bradley Memorial donations received. Rentals are ahead of plan. Annual budget currently \$585 behind plan.
- Sergeant of Arms—Dan Vincent—Shoot this Saturday. Power lost on skeet field three times, replacing with conduit wire underground. Board members were emailed to approve supplies. Safety—only shoot at paper targets. Stop shooters if observed non-target objects!!! See Dan Vincent before borrowing tables or chairs.
- Police agency uses club at no charges 20 days a year saves Rockford \$10,000. They will and have donated materials for ranges. Some discussion as to the fairness to members.
- Nominations for office which will continue at the November meeting. Current nominations are:
 - President-George Mayhak
 - Vice President-Gordon Pickerd
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer—Len Laitila
 - Sergeant at Arms—Dan Vincent, Ron Dryer
 - Membership Chairman-Mike Roche
 - Trustees-Steve Gardner, Dave Devries.

Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Reports

- NSSA-None
 - Cowboys-None
 - Pistol League—All Done
 - Rifle—All Done
 - CMP—Saturday October 18 from 10-3
 - Defensive Pistol—Night shoot on October 8 . Come and Join
 - Hunters Safety—No report. Class next April
 - Tim Hall reported—MUCC report-special teal season successful. Deer density is building. UP 60% herd lost. Feral Hog Problem need base license to hunt. Zebra Mussel in Long Lake spreading to inland lakes. Reminder to clean boats. Thank Rockford for hosting district meeting.
 - Passing of Willie Bradley—he will be missed
 - Sportsman against hunger—Deer can be donated through Barb's deer processing on 10 Mile.
- Next year date for annual Dinner/ raffle/ fund raising September 12.

New Business

- Fish & Hunt contest entries judged for third quarter. Winners were Terry A. King, Bill Plambeck and George Mayhak.
- Gun Show scheduled for October 18 and 19.
- Ladies Basic Pistol schedule—flyers are on bulletin board.
- Thank you to Dave Devries for marking the parking lot.
- 50/50 drawing @ \$45 each, winners Phil Harrison and Ken Nelson.

Open Forum

- MUCC recommending a yes vote on the wildlife portion of the ballot.
- When fields are wet avoid driving on the grass.
- Kim asked that we get cigarette trash containers to avoid using flower pots.
- Deb—reported that Hunters Safety class was excellent.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Reach Outdoors: Variety is the Spice of Life to Get Kids Involved in Shooting



Reach Outdoors is a weekly outdoor education blog written by MUCC Education Director, Shaun McKeon

Getting kids involved in the shooting sports is a great way to start off their hunting careers. Small game, waterfowl, and deer are three types of hunting youngsters can become involved with and they all require a different skill set in regards to shooting. Fall is the perfect time to get a kid outside and show them all of the variety Michigan has to offer when it comes to different ways of taking part in the shooting sports.

**To read more about getting kids involved in shooting, visit:
<https://mucc.org>**

Ho Ho Ho,

Yes, it is time for Cookies and Cocoa with Santa! This event will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 1-3 at the Sportsman's Club. We need you to do two things: first and most important, tell your friends, neighbors and relatives to bring the kids up for a fun time. Second, if you would like to volunteer, we can always use the help, just give me a call at 616-540-1099 or e-mail judymaghak@gmail.com if you have any questions.

This was a great event last year, and we are hoping to make it even bigger this year. Because this is a community event, it helps to qualify our club as a charitable organization. Volunteering at this fun event also helps you get your work hours in for the year.

Thank you in advance.

Judy Maghak



Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes—Oct. 21, 2014

Len Laitila requested that all budgets from the different venues be submitted to him no later than Nov. 10. The November Board Meeting is the budget meeting which starts at 6:00 PM in the main building. These budget requests need to be added to the 2015 proposed budget.

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: Colin Pickerd, Brian Pickerd, and Bob Drury.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Barbara Blough.

Tim Hall gave the invocation.

Colin Pickerd gave a presentation regarding a Rockford High School Trap and Skeet Club. Colin was seeking permission to have our club work with them and allow them to shoot on our trap/skeet ranges. Following is some of the discussion regarding this request.

- More young shooters are need at RSC.
- This would promote a more positive outlook about firearms from high school students and their parents.
- Access to trap and skeet fields could be accommodated by having this high school group meet and shoot during regular trap and skeet hours.
- There would be an emphasis on safety, with safety classes required before any shooting. A waiver for the students to participate would be required.
- Shoot fees to be determined but there will be fees collected for lines shot.
- One shell at a time at all skeet stations except when shooting doubles.

There would always be adult supervision when students are shooting.

*After discussion George Mayhak made the motion with Dan Vincent supporting to allow the Rockford High School Trap and Skeet club to shoot at regular times. Motion carried.



Special request by Bob Drury to transfer funds from the façade budget account to target acquisition. Bob proposed purchasing 29 targets at around \$30 each to replace our old cowboy targets which are shot up and have safety issues. He proposed using a harder steel so the targets would last longer.

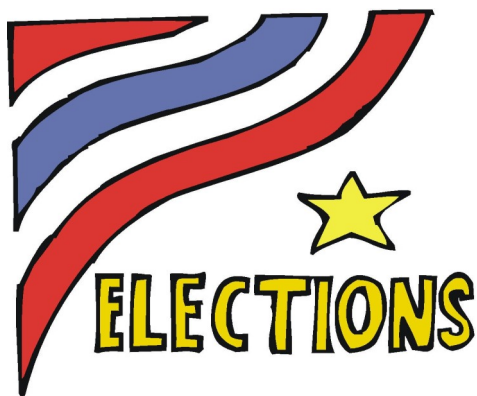
*Steve Gardner made the motion with Gordon Pickerd supporting to approve the fund transfer for this improvement. Motion carried. It was then suggested to Bob to look into what it would cost to go one step higher in steel. Bob will check on this.

*Gordon made the motion with Mike Roche supporting to collect all the old targets and turn them in and use the proceeds to help pay for the new targets. Motion carried.

Membership Up-date:

Bob and Donna Bowyer have requested to be excused from meeting and work hour requirements due to health issues for the rest of 2014 and through October of 2015. *Motion by Dan Vincent and supported by Mike Roche to approve Bob and Donna's request. Motion carried. Bill Jobse and Sue Barksdale requested to be excused from meeting and work hour requirements through Dec. of 2015. *Motion made by Len Laitila and supported by Dan V *Motion by Mike Roche and supported by Dave DeVries to accept as new associate members – Susan and James Sypniewski. Motion carried. Welcome to our club!!!

Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)



Election Up-date: Members running for office or nominated by other Board members at tonight's' meeting.

President – George Mayhak

Vice-president – Gordon Pickerd

Treasurer – Len Laitila

Membership Chairman – Mike Roche

Sergeant at Arms – Dan Vincent, Ron Dryer

Secretary - Barbara Blough (removed herself from running for trustee)

Trustees – Steve Gardner, Bob Drury (Dave DeVries requested his name be removed from the ballot) Bob nominated by Mike Roche and supported by Gordon Pickerd.

Officer's Reports

President – George Mayhak – Announced that Barbara Blough will be in charge of sight-in days. Ed Yoskovich contacted local schools regarding the MUCC Magazine Tracks – he had requests for \$1,432.50 worth of these magazines to be used as a part of the natural science curriculum. *Motion made by George Mayhak and supported by Gordon Pickerd to pay this bill. Motion carried.

Vice President - Gordon Pickerd – Beam is up on the 200 yard range (this is beam #2 with one more to go) It appears as if 200 yard targets may have to be dropped around 2 feet so standing CMP shooters can clear all the beams. As this will have some impact on cowboys and defensive pistol folks, there is talk that both groups will be consulted before any work begins. The South pistol range cover is almost complete – covering cover with OSB and then a rubber roof over that should make it last for many years.. To finish the beam work on the 200 yd. range and complete the cover on the South Pistol Range - *Motion made by Dan Vincent and supported by Dan Hankinson to move \$2,000 from the North Pistol Range improvement budget to cover the cost of completing both the South Pistol Range and the 200 yd range. Motion carried.

Roof on the main clubhouse needs some repair – quite a few shingles slid down the roof – not sure why but this needs to be repaired immediately.

LED light on South end of building is working well. It would be a good idea to replace the mercury vapor light, which is on 24 hours a day, with a similar light system. This light is on a pole by the North pistol range. *Motion made by Dan Vincent supported by Bill Skallos to include this in the 2015 budget if necessary funds are not available this year. Motion carried.

Secretary - Letter received from the Bradley family thanking the club for use of the main clubhouse after Willie Bradley's funeral. Also letter received and read to the Board about Bob and Donna Bowyer's request to be excused from work hours and meetings – this letter to be in Secretary's file.

Treasurer – Len reported income for Oct. 1-21 as \$4,014.48 (\$1,664.48 in fundraising income, and \$2,350.00 in program income.

Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

Dan Vincent – The electrical repairs to the trap/skeet field have been completed and should no longer be a problem with many thanks to the six folks who helped. Special thanks to the member with the trencher and to our own electrician – Bill Plambeck.

*During the beam placement on the 200 yard rifle range, Andrew Laitila had supplied two heavy duty clamps which broke during this placement of the beam. *Motion made by Gordon Pickerd and supported by Mike Roche to replace these clamps at a cost of \$131.00. Motion carried.

*Motion made by Dan Vincent to pay Andrew Laitila for the fuel he used for the above project in the amount of \$121.70. Motion carried.

Trustee Reports

Dave DeVries -Thanks to Dave for getting the club house parking lot relined for parking purposes. As mentioned earlier Dave asked to be removed from the ballot for trustee.

Tim Hall – Tim reported that the next MUCC meeting will be held at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club.

Bill Skallos – Bill had 82 students for the September class of which 18 were students who had taken the class on-line. Bill is planning a special field exercise class next September to accommodate these on-line students as adding them to the regular class represents a bit of problem with so many students all at once. This special field day class in September would run about 4-5 hours.

Steve Gardner – Steve also brought the Board up to date on the audio visual improvements and 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. Steve checked with Charter Communications on the price for our club to hook up to their service and found that it would amount to \$150.56 per month – offset by the \$56 dollars per month we are now paying for just telephone. After discussion...*Dan Vincent made the motion to proceed with the Charter Bundle at the above mentioned price with Len Laitila supporting. Motion carried. *Dan Vincent also made the motion that Steve Gardner be allowed to sign any contracts with Charter. Motion carried.

Steven Mitchell – Discussion about all the range rules for each of our ranges. A document was presented and much discussion occurred. Changes were suggested and there will be further discussion of these proposals.. One thing is very clear – **No use of metal targets on ranges unless authorized by the club – this means that Cowboy action targets and the Defensive Pistol targets which occasionally use steel are approved. No .22 spinner or swinging targets are allowed – There will be allowances made for the .22 rimfire challenge. Any member using spinner or swinging targets will be subject to discipline up to and including removal from membership.**

*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 10:15 pm by motion from Dan Hankinson. Next board meeting November 18th.

RSC received this incredibly nice letter from the father of one of our September Hunter safety students to the Director of the DNR Keith Creagh. Although Maryly and I are mentioned by name this letter really belongs to every member who helps at Hunter Safety. It also belongs to every member who helped build and now maintains the Clubhouse. Without your time and effort the Hunter Safety classes would not be possible.

Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.

Bill Skalloos

Capt. Alan D. Hattey

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October 15, 2014

Executive Division

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Dear Director Creagh,

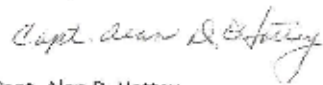
On September 27, 2014 my son Weston and I attended the Hunter Safety Course at the Rockford Sportsman Club in Rockford, Michigan. The course instructor was William Skalloos and his wife Maryly was second in command. There were a number of additional team members that helped out with the course, all of which gave 100% with hands on training and education.

Many years ago I attended my first hunter safety course. I did again this time with my 13 year old son Weston. My, how things have changed. My course was taught in the back of a gun shop with no heat, no water and no restrooms. The conditions were rugged to say the least. Weston's course was taught in a spacious, clean, heated facility with both men AND women's restrooms! The chairs were comfortable and there was plenty of seating for all attendees. The staff had a large pot of coffee brewing throughout the course and they fed us a delicious lunch with cookies for dessert. After lunch the trainees shot rifles and shotguns. My son was thrilled.

I'm not sure where the funds came from for the course at this wonderful facility. It's hard for me to believe that they could do everything that they did with the small fee that we all paid for the course. They provided food, drinks, fruit, cookies, .22 bullets, and shotgun shells!

I would urge you to help William and his competent team with funds provided by the DNR. These volunteers are completely dedicated to the men, women and children that attend this course. They should be recognized and should be rewarded for going above and beyond the call of duty. Michigan is lucky to have such a wonderful group teaching the hunter safety course at the Rockford Sportsman Club.

Sincerely,



Capt. Alan D. Hattey



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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

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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