

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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RSC February Newsletter

The proverbial January thaw has occurred and it left the upper gravel parking lot a solid sheet of ice, however the board member all put on their ice skates to attend the January meeting.

Thank you to the member or members who kept the ramp and the door entrances to the main building cleared of snow. The plow guy (Andy Laitila) does a good job on the parking and driveway while the event guys keep the ranges cleared. Please NOTE do not to use the snow blower on any gravel or areas with stones. Debris gets in the mechanism and ruins the belt. \$12 later and Dan Vincent repair job got us back up and running.

Winter trap and skeet are underway and shooters have braved some shooting times with temps in the lower teens. Nice winter activity with the Cowboy action and CMP rifle guys.

The club continues to grow in opportunities, events and facility upgrades for the coming year. The board is considering financial objectives in the area of income and expenses relative to our written financial policy to be discussed at the February board meeting.

As mentioned at our last membership meeting, we are looking for a volunteer to lead our board meetings. The appointment for the chairman of the board can be any member who would like to attend 12 meetings a year and keep the discussion in order as the leader of the meeting and only has a vote if there is a tie on a motion

Bob Anaya made a proposal to the board to teach an ORV & Boating course at RSC for people to obtain their certificate to operate said pleasure crafts in the coming months. The board approved the concept and Bob will be presenting the board with additional details. If you have kids grandkids or neighbors that need certification this course will provide an official certificate upon completion.

Hope everyone is enjoying the use of the club and comments on the work hour/suggestion forms are welcome. The next season will be here soon for more comfortable outdoor activities. Meanwhile shoot straight and often.

Thanks to all who participated in the Buck and Fish contest for the last Quarter. Also start planning for the largest Zucchini second annual contest for the summer season

George

**Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017
Call to order at 7:15 P.M.**

Invocation was given by Gordon Pickerd.

Introduction of Guests: Greg Mangioni – Son Isaac

Approve minutes next meetings – no Jan newsletter yet

President's Report: George Mayhak

Gun show this weekend, Send flyers to Jim Jones

Christmas tree donation from renters

End of quarter turn in fish and game judged by Lee J.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

Start scholastic shoot league. Meeting 1/5 at 6:30 attend at club sport RHS

5 or 6 other SCTP teams for schools

Kevin Freeman helping – doing paperwork and head coach

Schools: Lowell 20–30, Carson City, Kent League, Byron Center, Vicksburg

Willing to make room for other schools

Chairman's Report: Ron Dreyer

No Report.

Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough

No Report. (Absent)

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

Motion to accept: Mark and Heather Libach, Steve Washington, Emily and Mitch Hoffman, Greg and Susan Mangione Seconded by Steve Mitchell

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

Budget 99,160 Actual 121,794 Profit surplus (over budget) 22,634

Budget was 89,437, Total expense 127,634 paving = major difference.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Place found items in shoot building with note

Need 3-4 volunteers to shovel stairs, sidewalk, handicap ramp

Committee Reports

NSSA No Report

Trap/Skeet Trap and skeet league starts sun 1/8. Need shooters and volunteers
Monday & Thursday 5 – 9. Sun 10 – 3

Cowboy Cowboy match this sat 1/7

Pistol – Need 2017 dates for pistol league

CMP – Dec shoot postponed till January shoot day 1/21

Bench rifle – starts spring

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Meijer National Games Rimfire at RSC 2017

Need someone to coordinate – get with George

Defensive Pistol – April

Hunters Safety – next class April 24, 26, 29. Last week July, Sept 11, 13, 16

Looking for volunteers

Found breech plug at 100 yard range 12/30

Sunshine – Dan Vincent had trigger finger worked on

Food and Beverage No Report

Building and grounds No Report

Newsletter coming out Wednesday

Sportsmen Against Hunger RSC Continues support with 50/50 & Sport Show

Fish/Deer/Turkey Contest

Deer :

1st Joe Schwark

2nd Mike Degroot

3rd Don Boezwinkle

Bluegill 2 entries

Bass 1st place 17.5 Doug Herman

Pike 1 Entry with 26.58"

New Business

Spider target for sale to members then West Michigan Archery at January Board Meeting - \$200

50/50 \$42 John Olinger, Jerry Rice

Gate left open Christmas Eve at 3pm

RSC Board Meeting Minutes January 2017 7 PM. Present: Scott Mitchell, Steve Gardner, Gordon Pickerd, Ryan Cordes, Dan Vincent, Len Laitila, Mike Roche, Dan Hankinson, George Mayhak, Bob Drury, Bill Guests; Dave Hemmerly, Roberto Anaya, Timothy S. Hall

George Mayhak report—Barb can't make meeting due to icy driveway. George to write minutes. John Stotz and Lee J. Christiansen considerations for Board chairman

Bob Anaya (guest) proposed ORV & boating certification classes. Motion by George and Second by Steve Mitchell to proceed with classes

Len Laitila Report—question who can handle Bob Bond Scholarship application. Donation to RSC in name of Leonard Dyer was received and will be noted at next meeting.

Dan Hankinson report—Gary Dredge pays \$160 for rental to conduct CPL class and is the only currently approved member for this activity. Any future considerations require an In depth board discussion before any action permitting to teaching classes that need the ranges.

Ryan Cordes—no report

Tim Hall (guest) many people attending his retirement commented on the nice building. February

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

25 there is Quality Deer Management rental. Tim Hall will remain our MUCC representative. Next MUCC meeting is in February.

Steve Gardner—CMP This Saturday for December make up and practice. Len, Dan & Steve will deliver check to the veterans. Steve took care of this and had a tour of facility. The Veteran's facility has an internal Sportsman's Club. WMAC did host the vets, we may want to do something similar.

Bob Drury—9 shooters at the first January shoot, next shoot this Saturday.

Mike Roche—Accept as a "new member" Maria Kocsis. Previous membership had expired.

Bill Skallos—Archery \$200 target selling. No Bids. West Michigan Archery will purchase.

Dan Vincent—Snow blower, keep it on the cement. It was broken when used on gravel and dirt area. \$12 for a belt and Dan's fix-it put us back in business. Snow shoveling was done on Handicap ramp and French door. Thanks to those who responded to the request. New toilet paper dispenser and soap dispensers have been installed. Advise renters (setting at 2) people to not touch controls on the refrigerator. They will forfeit a portion of the refund if violation occurs.

Gordon Pickerd—NRA shooter school @ Hillsdale College attended by Gordon. Scholastic shooting groups attended from Wisconsin, Ohio & Michigan.

Dave Hemmerly (guest) Associated with volunteering at Vets and offered to help with our efforts there.

Steve Mitchell—Web site updated. NSSF needs updating. Michigan games on web site? Steve to review financial plan for next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM





MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS

UPDATE | The DNR Let Ann Arbor Sterilize Your Deer

In a year when deer issues threaten to divide the hunting community, the Department of Natural Resources just did something that ought to unite it, and not for a good reason. The Michigan DNR - the agency that you fund with your hunting, fishing and trapping license dollars - just gave the City of Ann Arbor the go-ahead to sterilize free-ranging whitetail deer which you have entrusted the DNR to manage. Every single deer hunter in Michigan - no matter what your views are on APR's, baiting or the one-buck rule - ought to be united in condemning DNR leadership for caving to the anti-hunting interests like HSUS who have pushed for sterilization.

According to the Ann Arbor News, the Michigan DNR approved the City of Ann Arbor's plan to sterilize does in some parts of the city while culling deer in other parts of the city, all by White Buffalo, Inc., the same company behind the plan to give vasectomies to bucks in Staten Island, New York. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has been pushing communities and state agencies around the country to adopt sterilization as a way to prevent urban bowhunting or future culling. All it would take to stop them in Michigan is for DNR leadership to simply follow its own deer management plan, just updated and approved last month, and say, "No, you can't do that to Michigan's deer." But they didn't.

Instead of "pursuing policies which encourage hunting, including archery hunting, in urban/suburban areas, to address urban/suburban deer issues," and upholding the public trust we place in the DNR to manage our resources, they're allowing an independent company to implement the number one anti-hunting strategy for eliminating deer hunting. What's next? Allowing insurance companies or farmers to sterilize deer under the guise of "research" to address traffic accidents or crop damage? We didn't spend the last century restoring deer herds so they can be sterilized. In Michigan, when there are more deer than the habitat can support, we hunt them and eat them: We don't waste the resource.

If you're as upset as we are about this, consider signing up for public comment at the [Natural Resources Commission](#) meeting on Thursday. We will fight this with everything we have. We're going to invest staff time and resources in making sure this travesty never happens again in Michigan. Help us protect your deer and your deer hunting heritage by making a donation at www.muucc.org/donate!

Calendar

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

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

Web Design—Jim Ruder

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Feb 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Winter league 10am 10am - Trap & Skeet	30 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	31	1 NSSA 8am - Range	2 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	3	4 Cowboy action shoot
5 Coin show 8-5 G Winter league 10am 10am - Trap & Skeet	6 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	7 7:15pm - General	8 8am - Range	9 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	10	11 NSSA 4x50 dvinent
12 Winter league 10am 10am - Trap & Skeet	13 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	14	15 Old coot shoot 8-1 B 8am - Range	16 MSP ES Team 50yd Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	17	18
19 Winter league 10am 10am - Trap & Skeet	20 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	21 7pm - RSC Board	22 8am - Range	23 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	24	25 CMP 8am - 4pm Quality Deer
26 Winter league 10am 10am - Trap & Skeet	27 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	28	1 NSSA 8am - Range	2 Winter league 5-830 5pm - Trap & Skeet	3 Wild Turkey	4 Cowboy action shoot



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