

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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President Article

Fishing has been spotty this winter. The rivers have gone from low and clear to frozen up on to out of their banks. The rivers are starting to settle down and were seeing more fish starting to trickle in for spring. Most lakes have had safe ice now but according to George Mayhak the fishing has been slow.

We've been on a run of bad weather lately and have lost many shooting days in the last month. Winter Skeet and Trap league are coming to an end. Skeet & Trap, NSSA and CMP have all had a great turnout the last month despite what Mother Nature has had in store for us. For the rest of us spring can't come soon enough. Most events start back up in April. Please watch the Rockford Sportsman's Club calendar for upcoming events.

Rockford Ram Nitro SCTP team has started up with a great turnout for the 2019 spring season. There are 23 youth shooters many of which have been shooting the winter skeet and trap league to prepare for the upcoming season. The Ram Nitro Team practices Sunday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the skeet and trap fields. If anyone has a High School or Middle School student in the family that would be interested in shooting please contact Gordon Pickerd or Kevin Feeman.

Thank you to those that have been taking care of the fields and sidewalks through the weather we've had. As a reminder, If you are the first person to use a range please take the time to shovel to the sidewalk or ramp from the parking lot to the range. This prevents an unsafe ice buildup on our walks and ramps.

There's one month left for the first quarter Deer/Fish/ Turkey Contest. Remember to snap a picture of your catch with a ruler and bring them to the April Meeting. There is a cash payout for first and second place in each category.

March 30th we will be having a Rockford Sportsman's Club spring cleanup day. We will be picking up trash, trimming trees, raking leaves and other general spring cleaning tasks. We will be working till mid-afternoon, cooking some hot dogs and burning brush weather permitting. This is a great opportunity to get a few work hours and interact with other club members. I encourage as many members to come out as possible. Remember many hands make light work.

Spring is just around the corner and with the weather we've had we will need a lot of help cleaning up the property. We would like to have the garden volunteers sign up at the March meeting. If you had a certain garden area last year please advise me, if you also want it this year. The club looked good with lots of compliments as last year's crew did a good job.

Ryan

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 5th, 2019
Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Invocation by Gordon Pickerd

Introduction of guests

Ryan Cordes made motion to approve last months minutes. Dan Vincent proposed amendments

Correct chairman of the board to George Mayhak

Correct treasurer to Jim Hughes

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

Spring clean up March 30th at 8am.

Ryan will travel to the SETP dinner with Gordon.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

Traveled to Utica to meet with other programs. Observed many clubs are supporting SCTP.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

No Report

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

Thank you, letters were received from KDL Krause Memorial Branch and North Kent Connect. These letters were in appreciation for donations received from RSC.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

Motion to approve new member John Sullivan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income of \$8,622

Total expenses \$17,291

Net -\$8,668

Total current assets \$171,750

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

There will be a memorial this spring for Jim Collis this spring.

Scott Sumner passed away from lung cancer.

There was an offer to sell RSC the property to the NW for \$10,000. This is a very small adjacent lot.

Committee Reports

NSSA - 2/6/18 at 4pm if not too icy. 2/16 will be another shoot. Winter league is still going if anyone wants to come out

SCTP – Start this Sunday with eval of students. 24 kids signed up. Many of these are new shooters to the program. Following Sunday will start practices which will be weekly. Have added several new sponsors which has allowed the program to cut the cost of the program to parents in half from around \$1000 a shooter to around \$500 a shooter. Ultimate vision is to have no cost to the shooter.

Cowboy No Report.

CMP . Next match 2/23. This is a make up shoot from polar vortex. This will be the rifle, shot gun and pistol shoot. You can sign up as a single or 3 person team.

- Free Style Small Bore – Next shoot will be March 12th at 6:30pm. New shooters welcome!
- Bench Rifle – First shoot reported as March 16th but calendar states March 12th.
- Hunter Safety – Next class April 10th. Class is wide open to sign ups. Consider signing up for this class as the September fills up very fast. Looking for volunteers.
- Trap and skeet - New season starts next week
- Rimfire Challenge – Sanctioned for 11th match this spring.
- Rimfire Bench Rifle – Start in April
- Well-Armed Woman – No report.
- MUCC Ryan and Gordon will travel to Lansing for MUCC Dinner.
- Sportsmen Against Hunger – Donations of meat:

Cedar Springs 637lbs

Sparta 928lbs

RSC 1240lbs

789 Deer were processed which is slightly down from last year.

The ultimate sportsman's show will be March 14th at 8am.

Safety Updates

- Bill Skalloos reported a shooter was injured at the west Michigan archery club when a carbon fiber arrow sent carbon shards in to his bow hand. Reminder to check you arrows.

New Business

- Creative concepts has moved to 13 mile road.
- Sports person dinner Saturday February 23rd. Dinner at 6pm. Tickets \$13 adult \$8youth. At Bella vista Church in Rockford, MI.

Raffle: 50/50. \$40, Bob Gillese and Len Laitila

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Stanley



Rockford Sportsman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019
Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Ryan Cordes, George Mayhak, Steve Mitchell, Mike Roche, Dan Vincent, Jim Thompson, Bill Skallos, Dan Hankinson, John Cordes, Scott Stanley, Gordon Pickerd, Steve Mitchell, Jim Hughes

Invocation was given by Gordy.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

Report on MUCC president's dinner. Advices participation every year may not be necessary.

March 30th will be cleanup day. All chair persons should turn in list of things that need to be done. 8am-3pm. Will grill after and maybe a bonfire. Dan will seek burn permit. In 2018 the purchase of grill was approved but never bought. Will look in to buying one. At the hardware store must give a work order to make a purchase. Turn in receipts at club.

Might help treasurer if the receipt indicated what the purchase is for.

Have discussed an AED and first aid but have never purchased. May look in to purchasing this. The chair for each event should be trained on use.

Vice President's Report:

Gave information on small business tax exemption claim.

Suggestion to give donation to North Kent Connect be with a large check and publicize it.

Other organizations have gotten recognition our of similar and smaller donations.

At SCTP we have 23 kids on roster. Have between 7 and 10 sponsors with \$3,000 in donations.

Received a call last night that someone was fleeing the police on RSC property after a crash near RSC grounds.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

Two thank you messages received from KDL and North Kent Connect.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

No new members this month.

Need a camera for south pistol range. Estimated at \$100 and a light for the camera at the cowboy area which will be \$60. It was suggested another be purchased for club entrance. Motion by Steve M, second by Dan H. Discussion was had that rather than patch together cameras perhaps we should look to long range plan for overall security.

This purchase was tabled for further discussion.

Asked to get rid of safe in club house. Would be given back to member who donated.

Board agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes/Len Laitila

Notice from Rockford Living for advertising. No interest.

749.38 left in bank one checking account. This account will be closed out. All uncleared checks are at least 4 years old.

Checking account balance is \$11,897

Savings account \$69,428

RSCTP will be handled as a separate financial entity as of the next membership meeting.

Land Acquisition Fund \$43,011

Invested Savings – some money

Total assets \$173,525

For the month -Total income \$3,802 Total Expenditure of \$2,026 **Net income \$1,775**

Year to date down \$6,892 mostly due to the clay bird purchase.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Question on why North Kent Connect took so long to cash. Len indicated it was written ahead of time and held for several weeks.

Remind the membership to shovel the steps and ramp if they are going to use. Walking on it without shoveling creates ice and we had a fall recently.

Talk to cowboy action shooting about letting us know if they wont use as scheduled so they don't waste plowing. Happened twice already this month.

The only way to get rid of the large trash container is to pay three times the monthly rent plus a \$220 pickup fee. Current rate is \$162 a month. We would break even in 9 months if we paid the cancelation fee and went with an alternate provider.

Discussion on land adjacent to RSC. Asking \$10,000. Ryan suggested the value of this land must might be closer to \$4,000. Because it is land locked and unbuildable.

Dates for Steve Washington's CPL class under discussion.

Trustee Reports

Jim Thomson

Reports many members have been asking what they can do to get work hours.

Steve Mitchell.

Still two people outstanding on updates for activities pages. Cowboys and CMP.

Suggested the chair of any activity should be a member for accountability. Motion supported by Gordon Pickerd. Passed. Board agreed this will be the official policy going forward.

Was a question if we could start bulletin board in the newsletter for firearms sales. Ryan had some concerns about maintaining the add. This would be for members only and for sports equipment. The hope would be this increases readership of the newsletter. Board approved a trial of this.

Discussion on reports of investments. Overall for the year was down 8.1% but currently up 11%.

Have received a few responses from chair persons on promoting the leagues with new ideas.

Reminder on scholarships to school districts sent out.

Update on firearms training policy. Asking for a maximum of 5 active shooters per officer. Will allow ad hoc scheduling if the RSC schedule has nothing on the date. Updated that the shoot building would be available only during week days when no other activities. The rules as amended were seconded by Mike R. Motion carried.

Steve Washington has a proposed new course which must be approved by the club. Will request an outline of the course so board can vote.

A list of a firearms waiver example was distributed. Discussion if we need to have reviewed by a lawyer. It was mentioned that we may have at least one lawyer in the club but preferred we go through a lawyer who is familiar with shooting waivers. Steve will work with Jim T to find a lawyer.

Dan Hankinson

Turned in invoices.

Len Laitila

Still planning on 3 gun fun shoot on Saturday.

Bill Skallos

Rockford community add will publicize hunter safety.

It was stated that if the club has power and heat it is open to the public who do not. This would include workers from Consumers Energy. This has been posted on Facebook.

Jim Thompson

Asked how much we should offer on the property.

Gordon Mayhak

Commented on the efficiency of meetings.

Meeting adjourned 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Stanley

PISTOL & RIFLE SHOOTERS

Revitalizing our Pistol & Rifle leagues is a priority this spring. We want to make sure that the Club is at the leading edge of this type of competition by pursuing the possibility of adding reactive targets, a dueling tree or other ideas.

If you need volunteer hours and want to participate on a committee to upgrade these Club events please contact:

Steve Mitchell

stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com

If you've seen interesting ideas at other clubs or in magazines but can't spare the time to join the committee, please send the ideas on to Steve so the committee can evaluate.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

The Board wants to feature Club activities and conservation topics of interest in the monthly newsletter. In order to provide material, the Board would like to find members, primary or spouse, that are willing to spend time interviewing/researching and finally authoring a few paragraphs. The more members that volunteer the more articles we will be able publish, adding interest and value to our monthly publication.

If you want to give it a try contact:

Mike Roche mdroche@comcast.net
or Steve Mitchell stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com

BULLETIN BOARD

The Board approved, on a trial basis, a bulletin board section in the newsletter. The bulletin board is for our members and limited to sportsman's gear. If you have good quality items that you would want to sell contact:

Mike Roche mdroche@comcast.net
or Steve Mitchell stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com

Just send a list which includes a short description, the condition of the item and the contact person with a phone number. At your discretion you can

BULLETIN BOARD ITEMS FOR SALE

Taurus—Tracker—22 Magnum—9 shot revolver—6 ½ inch barrel. (\$395 @ 100%)

Beretta—92F—9mm semi-auto—15 shot—5 inch barrel—two magazines—night sights. (\$799 MSR w/ night sights)

Beretta—3032 Tomcat—32 Cal. ACP semi-auto—7 shot polished stainless—two magazines—2 1/2 inch barrel. (\$350 @ 100%)

Kel Tec—PMR 30—22 Magnum—30 shot—4.3 inch barrel—two magazines—Fiber optic sights. (\$500 @ 100%)

Glock—Model 19 Gen. 4—9mm—15 shot—tactical attachment—3 magazines. (\$749 @ 100%)

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Hmong Squirrel Stew

Where Vietnamese food is refined and occasionally involved, Hmong food is more rustic -- it's the difference between Paris and Provence. So while this stew looks a little like Vietnamese pho, it's far simpler to make. It does call for a few unusual ingredients, but these can either be skipped or substituted. The result is a light, aromatic stew where the squirrel provides the meaty base note to an array of bright flavors. Each bite will be different, but wonderful. If you don't have squirrels handy, rabbit or chicken thighs are good substitutes.

Course: Soup **Cuisine:** Southeast Asian **Serves:** 6 people **Author:** Hank Shaw

Ingredients

2 squirrels, cut into serving pieces

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 stalk of lemongrass, white part only, minced

3 to 5 red chiles, chopped

1 tablespoon minced galangal (optional)

2 tablespoon minced ginger, peeled

1 quart chicken stock

6 lime leaves or 1 tablespoon lime juice

1 tablespoon fish sauce or soy sauce

1 pound bok choy or chard, chopped

1/4 pound snow peas

1 teaspoon ground Sichuan peppercorns (optional)

GARNISH

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1/2 cup chopped green onion

1/2 cup chopped mint

SALT

INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat the vegetable oil in a large pot such as a Dutch oven. Pat the squirrel pieces dry and brown them over medium-high heat in the oil. Remove them as they brown and set aside.

Add the garlic, lemongrass, galangal, ginger and chiles and stir-fry over high heat for 90 seconds.

Return the squirrel to the pot and add the chicken stock, lime leaves and fish sauce. You want the broth to cover everything by about an inch. If it does not, add some water. Bring to a simmer and cook until the meat wants to fall off the bone, between 1 hour and 2 hours. Remove the meat and

Calendar

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

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

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Mar 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Ram Nitro Practice Winter League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	25 5pm - Trap & Skeet	26 Small Bore 22 5:45-	27	28 Kevin Steinke (3-12) Winter League 2019 5pm - Trap & Skeet	1 WTF 10am- 11:59pm 9am - Cowboy	2 Cowboy Action
3 Coin show 9am-4pm Ram Nitro Practice Winter League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	4 5pm - Trap & Skeet	5 7pm - Membership	6 NSSA	7 Winter League 2019 5pm - Trap & Skeet	8	9
10 Ram Nitro Practice Winter League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	11 5pm - Trap & Skeet	12 Center Fire Rifle Cowboy range Small Bore 22 5:45-	13 Old Coot Shoot (8-1)	14 Winter League 2019 5pm - Trap & Skeet	15	16 8am - Steve
17 Ram Nitro Practice 10am - Trap & Skeet	18 Rockford Hockey 5pm - Trap & Skeet	19 7pm - RSC Board	20 Well Armed Woman	21 5pm - Trap & Skeet	22	23 CMP - Military rifle
24 Ram Nitro Practice 10am - Trap & Skeet	25 5pm - Trap & Skeet	26 Center Fire Rifle Small Bore 22 5:45-	27	28 5pm - Trap & Skeet	29	30 Club grounds clean
31 Spring League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	1 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 7pm - Membership	3 NSSA	4 Spring League 2019 5pm - Trap & Skeet	5 Gary Buchanich 9am - Cowboy	6 Cowboy Action CPL Class Shoot 10am - CPL North

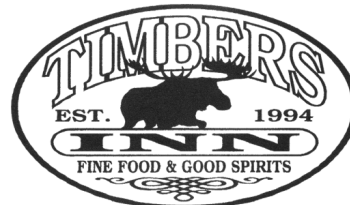


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