

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents June 2019 Article

Month in and month out there is a lot going on at Rockford Sportsman's Club. We all have our own uses and purposes for being members. To some it's a place to compete against others, a practice facility to hone in on skills, or just a place to relax and take the family plinking.

I've been told that the Rockford Sportsman's Club has changed over the years, that this club isn't what it used to be. I've run around this club for 25 years and think we forget where we come from and take for granted the great organization that we have.

Rockford Sportsman's Club was founded in 1945 by a group of World War II Veterans with the idea of creating a conservation based organization. Their purpose was simple, to promote the conservation of natural resources, fish and wildlife; to teach and promote conservation, hunter safety, sportsmanship, and to provide opportunities for fellowship of outdoor minded individuals through club activities and participation in the shooting sports. In 1945 we set out to be a nonprofit, non-stock, corporation organized on a membership basis. The Club is organized as a charitable and educational corporation.

Our club makes serving and educating our community a priority year after year. Hunters' safety educates 200 students per year. Rockford Sportsman's club supplies Tracks Magazines to Rockford Public Schools. We fund a wildlife encounter program now being hosted by Krause Library. We work with Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger to supply thousands of meals through deer donations and food collections. We work with Algoma Township and Vans Pines to hand out trees every spring. We open our doors to many different organizations with the goal of conservation and education in the outdoors.

Our club started nearly 75 years ago in the Corner Bar, Everything we have has been paid for and done by our members. All buildings and ranges have been built with the effort of active members giving their time, energy, and money to better the club. These same members have been the ones maintaining the club, building and grounds. We have grown from a small group in a local bar to a 325 family organization with 33 Acres, Clubhouse/Banquette facility, Shoot building, multiple ranges and much more.

This club is ours to maintain, improve, grow and hand off to the next generation at some point. Hopefully in better shape than it was when we joined. At the beginning of each meeting we raise our right hand and say 29 words, "***I give my Pledge as an American to Save and Faithfully to Defend from Wasting the Natural Resources of My Country, Its soil, air, minerals, forest, waters and wildlife.***" Please take this to heart, pass on the ideas on which we were founded to others in our community and introduce them modern conservation and the shooting sports.

We are much more than just a Gun Club.

Ryan Cordes

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

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given Gordon Pickerd

Motion to approve the minutes with corrected date was carried.

Introduction of guests: Tim Ryan, Joe Sochanek, Jose Quintino, Nick Elzinga

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

Dan Vincent in for knee replacement

George Mayhak also had a valve replacement and is doing well

Thanks to all who came out for the NSAA

Looking for someone to take over adopt a highway. A volunteer would be much appreciated

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

This Saturday will be the annual tree giveaway. Anyone is welcome to help Mike pick up the trees. Board has approved to replace current sign by gate. Will wait until Dan is recuperated as he is leading.

Last month there was a discussion about purchasing the adjoining property. Several members have expressed an interest in getting this property. Gordon is of the same mindset. Jim Thompson is communicating with the owner. This is the SW corner of the property. The tax impact of acquiring this land would be approximately \$50 a year. There was a motion Kevin Kubiszewski to move forward and second by Steve Falarski. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

Not present

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

No report

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

4 applications for membership:

Kyle and Stephanie Scace

Patrick and Heather Kent

Tim and Patricia Ryan

Joe and Karen Sochanek

Motion by Mike Roche seconded by Dan Hankinson

Treasurer's Report:

Current total assets up \$191,500 from \$182,677

Net income for the month \$6,317

Gross Income from Jan 1st to May 7th \$40,200

Net income from Jan 1st to May 7th \$13,586

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Not present.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports

Skeet and trap – NSSA had spring time open and made \$2,300. Round robin brought in \$1,100. Spring league is happening now through June.

SCTP – Introduction of several shooters. George may or may not have made the kids stand up front for too long.

Cowboy – 32 shooters last shoot. May 15 th old coot shoot. First weekend of June for the two day shoot.

CMP – Next shoot is the 18 th of May.

Rimfire challenge – RSCA will be this weekend.

Center fire bench raffle – Next shoot will be May 14 th .

22 Reactive Rimfire – this will be a new event patterned after the precision rifle league. This will be a positional shoot. All 22lr excluding tube feed. Distances will vary from 25 yards to 100 yards. First shoot is to be announced. This shoot will be monthly to start. The cost will be \$5 a shoot.

Well-armed woman – No report.

Hunter Safety-

Defensive pistol – Next shoot will May 8th . Anyone who is able to get here early to set up would be much appreciated.

MUCC-

Rimfire Bench Rest – Total of 90 rounds. Iron sights or scopes up to 12 power. Shoots are 5pm and 6pm second and fourth Thursday of every month.

Sunshine

No report

Food and Beverage

No Report

Building and Grounds

No Report

Apparel

No Report

Safety Updates

There are 19 fresh bullet splatters on the light guards. This appears to be deliberate. Please keep your eyes open for someone shooting at the lights.

The club is working on advancing the camera system to help secure the grounds.

Club has looked at an electronic gate but it is \$30,000

Old Business

Any update on replacing the club house keys? Possibly next month?

Raffle: 50/50. \$40 to Mike Forest and Bill Plambeck

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Stanley

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2019
Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Dan Hankinson, Mike Roche, Scott Stanley, Dave Hemmerly, Jim Hughes, John Cordes, Steve Mitchell, Pauline Vincent, Dan Vincent, Ryan Cordes, George Mayhak, Gordon Pickerd.

Presidents Report – Ryan Cordes

Summer clean up scheduled for June 8th . Probably burn some trash and will have lots of chores.
Confronted by a few members after last meeting about the direction of the club. Please be reminded we are more than a gun club. We are a conservation club and it is about more than just shooting.

Vice President Report – Gordon Pickerd

At This point \$1,850 has been donated to purchase the property and this is supported by the club.
Gordon believes we should purchase now rather than waiting. Made a request to give Jim permission to move forward on the purchase. He suggested the club covers the survey and closing cost. Jim reported he believes the seller is still looking for \$8,500. Her reported he tried to appeal to the seller that their sis not drive but they were not moved.
A motion was made by Gordon Picked to spend up to \$8,000 for the property. Seconded by John Cordes.
Dan Vincent made the point that we might not want to pay over the value of the land as it might suggest to future sellers that we are willing to pay too much.
It was amended that the club would cover \$5,000. This gives us \$6,850 to offer as of now.
Gordon made an amended motion that we approve Jim to seek the best rate. Seconded by Jim Cordes. The motion carried.
It was asked if there is any money in the budget for MUCC meetings. Tim is willing to go to the meeting but could use support with gas and other expenses. It was mentioned this was covered last year. There was a motion by Gordon to cover up to \$5,00 for expenses. Seconded by Ryan Cordes. Motion carried.
Back of the club house and pavilion need to be stained.
Shooting team has a raffle going for binoculars, range finder and knife. Tickets will be sold through August 6th and drawing will be held at the membership meeting. This money will be matched fifty cents on the dollar by the endowment.

Mike Roche

Motion to retire Bob Drury. Seconded by George Mayhak. Motion carried.
There was a motion to waive the 20 hours for Jeremy Taylor. Seconded by Dan Vincent. Motion carried.

Dan Vincent

New check from Homeland Security.
Tree giveaway was a success. All the trees were gone in 30 minutes. Over 3000 trees were given away.
Charles who runs the cowboy shoot wants extra time 5/22 and to take off all the old coot shoots and Wednesday set ups.
Some questions came regarding the sign. Ryan took the information and will follow up.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Steve Mitchell

5 scholarship applications. Steve will send out a composite of the applications to the board which will return a vote.

Final meeting of the committee occurred, and it was very engaging. There was a finalized list of recommendations from the committee. One of the points was the club has limited visibility and no marketing strategy. Membership applications have dropped off.

It was recommended there be a marketing position.

Increase Facebook coverage to more activities.

Web site could be more focused on activities and what is happening currently.

Have videos playing that show information about the shoots during meetings.

Leverage successful events to promote other shoots.

Increase demographic collection on application.

The club shoots could be more interactive to increase fun. There was a strong desire to add steel targets to league shoots only.

To this end a set of rules was recommended for steel shooting which was drafted by the committee.

A suggestion was made to develop practice shoots to entice new shooters.

A motion was made to approve the steel target rules. Seconded by Dan Vincent. Motion carried.

These targets will be stored in a locked area and will only be used for sanctioned events/leagues.

Gordon made mention it might make sense to look at the rifle portion of SCTP and see if it might be adaptable to Neal's proposed new shoot.

It was decided that there should be an open house on September 11th where the public can come try shooting activities.

An idea was fielded to offer free vouchers for shooting activities.

A motion was made to approve the suggestions and seek a volunteer to facilitate each action point.

Seconded by Jim Hughes. Motion carried.

Jim Hughes

Please keep in mind the budget is only a guideline.

Still difficulties with the PayPal account.

Checking increased from 16,480 to 24,654

Total current cash assets up to 81,530 from 73,334.

Total assets up to \$190,706

April revenue \$10,876

April expenses \$2,680

April net income \$8,195

Gross yearly profit of \$43,374

Totally yearly expenses of \$27,700

Net yearly income of \$15,669

Tax return due date has been extended.

John Cordes

We will sell the manure spreader.

An inquiry was made what to do with the Gate Polls. It was suggested to bury the concrete in the back. George Mayhak

Mike Guswiler will be here for the skeet event and will need a rifle to shoot.

The shoot will be extended to Thursday 6/20. Skeet will be Saturday only.

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Stanley

THE THIRD MATCH OF THE SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUE.

SEVEN SHOOTERS TOOK PART IN THIS MATCH.



May 2019 Cowboy Action



Instant Pot Venison Stew

Serves 6

Ingredients

Meat

1 lb Venison

Produce

2 cups Carrots

1 cup Celery

2 Garlic cloves

2 tsp Herbs de provence

1 Onion

4 cups Potatoes

Canned Goods

4 cups Beef Broth, unsalted

Condiments

3 dashes Worcestershire sauce

Baking & Spices

3/4 tsp Black pepper

1 tsp Salt

Oils & Vinegars

1 tbsp Olive Oil

Other

1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes

Directions

1. Dice the potatoes, carrots, celery and onion. Mince the garlic. Set aside in a bowl.
2. Dice the venison into bite-sized chunks, being sure to remove any of the silvery sinew tissue. Leaving this on makes the meat tough.
3. Add the olive oil to the base of the Instant Pot and add the cubed venison. Add the spices and seasoning.
4. Turn the Instant Pot to "Sauté" for 10 minutes.
5. Allow the venison to sauté for 5 minutes and add the bowl of vegetables. Sauté until the cycle ends with the lid off.
6. Add the tomatoes, broth and Worcestershire sauce. Stir well and secure the lid.
7. Select "Manual" or "Pressure Cook" on high pressure and adjust the time to 30 minutes. Allow the Instant Pot to do its thang. Go pour some wine, do your nails, whatever.
8. When the cycle finishes, allow it to naturally release for 10 minutes before turning the knob to venting according to manufacturer's instructions.

Allow the Instant Pot to vent fully, remove the lid and serve!



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

Jun 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
NO Spring league 10am - Trap & Skeet	NO Spring League 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Center fire Rifle		Spring League 2019 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Cowboy 2 Day Shoot Jermy taylor	Cowboy 2 Day Shoot 9am - Bob Anaya
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cowboy 2 Day Shoot Freeman Graduation Spring League 2019 10am - NO Trap &	Spring League 5- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	10am - HSI Karl 7pm - Membership	NSSA 10am - HSI Karl	Spring League 2019 10am - HSI Karl 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Memorial service 9am - Cowboy	Club clean up day 8-
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Laitila Memorial Ram Nitro Practice Spring League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	Spring League 5- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 LR League Center Fire Rifle Cowboy range		Spring League 2019 4pm - Bench rifle 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Burkholder wedding	Cassidy Burkholder DPS 100/200 yard
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Spring League 2019 10am - Trap & Skeet	Spring League 5- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - RSC Board	Well Armed Woman 10am - HSI Karl	Meijers Games Spring League 2019 10am - HSI Karl 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Amy Gerke	Amy Gerke Wedding CMP - Military match Meijers games 2019
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Meijers games 2019 Spring League 2019 Tate Kramer Grad 10am - Trap & Skeet	Spring League 5- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Center Fire Rifle	DPS 100/200 yard	Spring League 2019 4pm - Bench rifle 5pm - Trap & Skeet	Len Laitila (RHS	Graduation Party (
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spring League 10-2 10am - Trap & Skeet	Spring League ENDS 5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - Membership		5pm - NO Trap &	9am - Cowboy	Cowboy Action Steve Washington

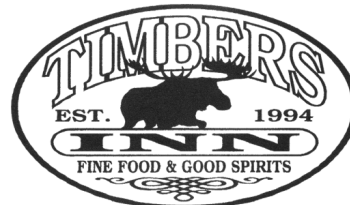


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