

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents Article – July 2019

June has come and gone with one rain storm after another. Despite all the bad weather defensive pistol, Cowboy Action, CMP, Rifle, Pistol, trap and skeet have all held their events. The annual Meijer Summer Games were held June 20/22/23 with Rockford Sportsman's Club hosting the small bore rifle and skeet event. First, Second and third place medals were awarded to participants in the many age groups. There were 22 rifle shooters and 15 skeet participants that shot 50/100 to 200 targets. The State games of Michigan delivered lunch both Saturday and Sunday of the event and provided tee shirts for the volunteers.

June 8th we held our second quarter club cleanup day. We had 15 volunteers that cut grass, raked leaves, weeded beds, stained the pavilion and pulled trees out along the main drive. There are still many things that need to be done so if you are looking for work hours please contact Gordon Pickerd, Dan Vincent or Myself.

June 2nd and 3rd Rockford regulators hosted their annual two day shoot in the rain and thunderstorms. The regulators had roughly 30 shooters for two days shooting revolvers, rifles and shotguns in old west fashion.

Tim Hall has gone to the MUCC annual convention on behalf of Rockford Sportsman's Club. This is a two day convention to discuss MUCC policy and its stance on the 2019 resolutions. Tim has voted on the resolutions as members of the club have directed him to on many different environmental and ecological issues in our area.

June is the end of the second quarter for our Deer, Fish, Turkey contest. Don't forget to bring your fish pictures from the last three months and this year's turkey beards and spurs to our July meeting for cash prizes.

Our fourth annual Zucchini contest is under way and coming to an end. Please bring your entries to our August 6th Meeting for judging. Zucchini's will be judged on an aggregate of Length, Circumference and Weight.

Rockford Sportsman's club is looking to certify a group of members to become Range Safety Officers. If you would like to join this group please contact Dan Vincent or Steve Mitchel to sign up. Details will become available when we have an idea of interest within the club.

Rockford Sportsman's club is coming out with a new event starting this fall. Rockford Precision Rifle league will be a reactive target league for 22 Long Rifles with targets from 25 yards and beyond. We will be shooting at steel targets from ¼" up to 6" from multiple positions and off abstract props. Sight in your 22's and stay tuned for an updated start date.

I look forward to seeing you around the club,
Ryan Cordes

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 4th, 2019
Call to order at 7:11 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given Tim Hall

Motion to approve the May minutes was carried.

Introduction of guests:

Patrick Sack – Friend of George

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

It has been a wet spring – thanks to those who have been mowing

This Saturday clean up from 8-3.

Starting capital improvements list – see Ryan or Dan for hours

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

All the folding tables need to be gone through and fixed. We may have spare parts somewhere.

We can order extra parts as necessary.

Back of the club house needs to be stained/painted.

Pavilion needs to be re-done. Might need new roof.

We have a verbal agreement to purchase the 1 acre of adjoining property and got the price we were hoping for, \$7,000. We could still use a few hundred dollars if anyone is interested in donating. Thanks to Jim Thompson for doing.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

Meijer state games are coming up in a couple of weeks.

June 20th and June 23rd will be the small-bore events. Events are grouped by age.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

No report

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

3 applications for membership. Mike made a motion to make them new members. Seconded by John Oenger. Motion carried.

Bob Drury and Pete Crestfield requested retirement status. Seconded by Gordy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: An abbreviated report was provided by Jim Thompson

\$114,000 in cash assets.

\$102,000 in other assets.

Total income \$54,502

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

There will be a lot of graduation parties coming up. The only tables allowed to be loaned are the brown ones. No loaning of the white tables or chairs.

Lots of scrub along the east side of the drive which is hurting the pine trees. This needs to be addressed at clean up day.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports

Skeet and trap – All going well. Regular skeet every Monday and Thursday. We could use some more help at the shoots.

SCTP – Quickly approaching the end of the season. One shoot since the last meeting. Earned several medals at the state meet. Intermediates took first place. Number of shooters took first overall. Trying to sell 2500 tickets to raise funds which will receive a partial match from the endowment. There was fun shoot at Caledonia against Lowell. Rockford intermediate won and the senior squad lost by 4 birds.

Cowboy – 35 shooters at the two-day shoot. It rained but fun was had by all.

CMP – June 22 nd is the next shoot.

Center fire bench raffle – . Two classes, hunter and varmint class.

Rimfire Bench Rest - Shoots were changed to the first and third Thursdays in June and July and August.

22 Reactive Rimfire – June 11 th will be a practice shoot. We don't have the steel targets yet but all are welcome.

Well-armed woman – Next meeting will be June 19 th and covering bullets and ballistics. All lady's over 18 are welcome.

Hunter Safety- The next class well be the last week in July. The 24 th through the 27 th . Sign ups are a little down. Looking for volunteers, you do not have to be a certified instructor.

Defensive pistol – Next shoot will be Saturday, June 15 at 10am. Volunteers who could come early to set up are welcome.

MUCC- Last meeting was in May. Tim will bring some suggestions to the board to help getting youth more involved. Tim will be representing the club at the annual resolution convention. Please feel free to submit comments and positions to Tim. There is a link on the MUCC home page that lists all the resolutions. Includes the resolutions from last year as well.

Rimfire Challenge – 102 shooters – winner was Nate Gibson from Iowa. Net proceeds were \$2000.

Sunshine

Please call Dan or his wife if you know of anyone that is ill or requiring surgery. Rick Zimmerman was out for blood clots. Margaret Micky Willison passed away on May 16 th . She is a lifelong member of RSC. Memorial service at the Legion in Morley at the end of the month. She was 92. Donations can be made to St Jude's Hospital. Jim Collis passed away in Texas. Memorial service will be her June 30 th 1-5. Doug wanted to say thanks for the card when his wife passed. Rick thanked RSC for flowers.

Food and Beverage

No Report

Building and Grounds

No Report

Apparel

No Report

Safety Updates

None

Old Business

Tree giveaway was a success. Over 3,000 trees given away in 30 minutes.

Make sure you are turning off the lights when leaving the building. Make sure you shut door when leaving he

Raffle: 50/50. \$30 to Fran Kasmerzki Tony Russo

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Stanley

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18th, 2019
Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Ryan Cores, John Cordes, Jim Thomson, Bill Skallios, Tim Hall, Steve Gardner, Gordon Pickerd, Dan, George Mayhak, Len Laitila

Presidents Report – Ryan Cordes

Workday was held 2 weeks ago. 15 workers attended.
One of the rams to the Kabota was bent and will cost \$700 to fix.
Still waiting on the survey for the property. Because of the weather this has been delayed.
Always looking for maintenance on the club house for anyone that needs hours.

Vice President Report – Gordon Pickerd

SCTP went to sate shoot last weekend. Several shooters had a good day but some low scores kept the team out of the top finishers. Varsity took 3 rd place in sporting clays. Many of the Kids had personal bests on Saturday when it was less windy.
Some of the events have been more expensive then anticipated and the team will need to find another \$600.

Mike Roche

One application for Kristin and Steve Roberts. Motion to make associate members by Mike.
Seconded by Gordon. Motion carried.
Pete Kreutzfeldt requested retired status. Motion seconded by Dan V. Motion carried.

Dan Vincent

The new sign has been in production for over a week.
The tubes for new lights need to be filled with cement soon. The poles are ready to be picked up but will need to be painted.
The old sign will be sold or discarded.
Landscaping was suggested for the area of the new sign.
An offer was made to provide Wi-Fi thermostats for the club house at \$100 each. Two would be needed. Motion by Gordy to purchase. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
Dan made a suggestion to discard the old steel chairs. Ryan suggested putting them on Craigslist.
Dan also suggested we consider purchasing lifetime chairs for the shoot building as the current chairs are continually breaking.
The riding mower should not be used in the back field or cowboy area.
There was a question as to when the sound barrier will be completed as the material is sitting around since last fall.
No contact with Steve Washington about training range officers yet. An email will be sent to ask who is interested in becoming an ROC officer.
The cowboy shooters are asking if the entire range could be shut down for the weekend shoot. There was general objection to this in the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Steve Mitchell

Steel target rules are now on the web site.

Dave contacted Rockford advertising and we have an agreement to meet with a small group to discuss improving the exposure of the club. Date TBD.

There will be a note in the upcoming newsletter looking for someone to make videos for the club. Still looking for several group leaders including a Facebook administrator.

Would the club be open to running a census? This will be completed.

Jim Thomson

Hopefully the survey will be done soon for the land purchase.

George Mayhak

Will need new targets eventually to replace the targets from display targets. There may be club members who can help with this. Otherwise an outside vendor will have to be sought.

Bill Skallos

20 people signed up for hunter safety so far. Expecting the September class will be very busy.

A suggestion was made to offer each student a free round of skeet. A motion was made by Len to approve. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

Tim Gardner

MUCC region 5 would like to have their meeting on September 19 th at RSC. This has been done the last several years.

Quality deer management would like to use the club on weeknight in September to bring in a national speaker. The cost to the deer management group would be \$400.

The next MUCC meeting will have a moment of silence for members who have passed this year. Tim asked if there are any names we should add. Several names were mentioned.

There are 20 resolutions this year. A brief discussion occurred on some of the proposals.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Stanley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

There are several Club upgrades & initiatives that the Board would like to accomplish this year. If you have some time and can help with any of the following, please respond to either:

Steve Mitchell at: stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclubjuno.com

Or Mike Roche at: mdroche@comcast.net

Projects:

- A) Pavilion Re-Roofing
- B) Stain the Club house west wall
- C) Shoot building entryway remodel

Initiatives:

- A) Videographer to create an introduction video showing the club events/league activities and taking the mystery out of the shooting organizations initials (NSSA, CMP, NRA, SCTP, RCSA, etc.) The video would be shown before the monthly members meetings.
- B) Facebook administrator to pro-actively update the RSC page with club activities and events.

2019 MUCC Convention

Example of discussion topics:

While recreational shooting is one of the fastest growing outdoor hobbies, the number of participants is still relatively small overall. As a way to continue to grow the sport, clay target shooting is gaining popularity and it is gaining momentum in the ranks of youth. There are currently more than 300 colleges nationwide that have trap shooting teams. Clay target shooting is also beginning to become more popular at the high school level.

In 2017, Michigan had 23 teams with 469 students participating. During the 2018 season, there were 45 registered teams and 975 students who participated. In Minnesota, during the 2018 season, there were 328 recognized teams and more than 13,600 students who participated.

Other topics:

Dog may be used to locate wounded deer, Appoint to "DNR Commission" only those with background wildlife or fisheries management, Management practice in CWD areas, Support CWD research, Commercial Fishing Statute modernization, Tribal treaty negotiations, Use of artificial light traveling to deer hunting site, Water withdrawal from Michindoh Aquifer, # of rods for trolling.

Expanding hunting while managing balanced deer herd, Discuss Combo Buck Tag, PFAS as an environmental Pollutant, Mandatory Deer Registration, State Parks Endowment Fund oversight, One buck per hunter in each peninsula, Trail Cam usage, Center fire changes to limited firearm zone, Sportsman's club firearm ownership, Fair distribution of funds from Gas Tax.

Visit <http://mucc.org> for more info

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							Jul 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
30 Memorial service for Spring League 10-2 10am - Trap & Skeet	1 Spring League ENDS 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 7pm - Membership	3	4 Bench Rifle League 5pm - NO Trap &	5 9am - Cowboy	6 Cowboy Action Steve Washington		
7 10am - Trap & Skeet	8 5pm - Trap & Skeet	9 22 LR League CMP - Military rifle	10 NSSA	11 5pm - Trap & Skeet	12	13 DPS 100/200 yard		
14 10am - Trap & Skeet	15 5pm - Trap & Skeet	16 Center Fire Rifle 7pm - RSC Board	17 Well Armed Woman	18 Bench Rifle league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	19	20 Kevin Kubi (Church		
21 10am - Trap & Skeet	22 5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunter	23 Center Fire Rifle	24 6pm - Hunter	25 5pm - Trap & Skeet	26	27 9am - Hunter		
28 10am - Trap & Skeet	29 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30 CMP-Military rifle	31 DPS 100/200 yard	1 Bench rifle league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 9am - Cowboy	3 Cowboy Action CPL Class Shoot 10am - CPL North		

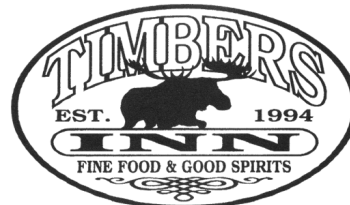


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