Rockford Sportsman's Club



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December 2019

Presidents Article

I hope you all had had a nice and relaxing thanksgiving with friends and family. As we come into the holiday season, it's a great time to be thankful for all that we have and all we have done.

2019 was a very productive year at RSC. We have continued to make improvements and upgrades around the facility. Thank you to all of those who spent their free time working on many of our projects. This year we have done a LED upgrade to the main building, Added parking lot and driveway lights, stained the main clubhouse and a ton of brush removal just to name a few.

Thank you to all of those that came out to help or shoot at our annual sight in days. We had another great year with 322 shooters bringing in a total of \$1,346 for the club. This money helps us in other community outreach programs such as the wildlife encounters and the tree giveaway. Again thank you to those that came out and helped the two weekends prior to deer season.

Sadly we will not be having cookies and cocoa with Santa this year. We did not have a member step up and take this on. We would like to keep this a tradition at Rockford Sportsman's Club so if you would like to help out with this great activity please contact an officer or board member. We would really like to see this back for 2020.

I hope everyone had a successful deer season or is continuing to work at it through muzzleloader season. For those of you that have bagged your buck don't forget to bring in the antlers in to the January meeting for our deer-fish-turkey contest. Critters will be judged and winners will be announced at the membership meeting and checks will be mailed that week.

If you still feel like hunting and have a full freezer please think of the needy in our area and take your deer over to Barbs Deer Processing on 10 mile and donate it to Hunters against Hunger. This meat is given to those less fortunate in our area.

The board had a late night thanksgiving week working on the 2020 operating budget. As Rockford Sportsman's club is changing so is our budget. Revisions are still being made but an approved budget will be available shortly. We have lost a few activities over the past year and gained a new activity as well. If there is something new you would like to see at RSC please contact your board of directors.

Election night is normally at the December membership meeting. This year all positions are running unopposed so your current board and officers will remain that same for 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Ryan Cordes

Membership Meeting Minutes November 5th, 2019 Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

Motion to approve the minutes from last month was presented. The newsletter was not sent out. These minutes will be approved at the next meeting. All veterans at the meeting were recognized.

No guests present.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- There have been 103 shooters so far for sight in days which is lower than normal. The weather was believed to be a factor. This will occur again next weekend. One case went missing.
- Cocoa and cookies with Santa needs a new chairperson. Looking for a volunteer so we don't lose the event.
- Please get your budget items in to Jim H.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

• No report.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

• No Report

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

 Will be looking to schedule more positional steel shoots in the month of December. This may include a center-fire shoot as well. Please feel free to contact for any questions. Please feel free to contact for any questions. Stanley908@hotmail.com.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- There are six new applications for membership. All were present at the meeting and introduced themselves. A motion was made to approve, seconded by Steve Mitchell, motion carried.
 - Steven and Jen Oliver
 - David and Christine Billings
 - Bonnie and Jeff Davis
 - Jim and Susan Duffy
 - Victor and Martha Inclan
 - Shane and Julie Carter

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- The shooting budgets were reviewed, and RSC is in the black overall for these events.
- Rental revenue is in the black as well.
- For the year RSC is already \$9,000 in revenue over budget with two months to go.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

• Members must have old key to get new key. Dan can exchange these.

Member Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports

Skeet and trap - There will be a 250 bird event over the holidays.

SCTP - Next shoot will be May 16th .

CMP – Next shoot will be November 23rd starting at 9:30am.

Hunter Safety- Sign up for hunters' safety through DNR is moving to online. April is likely to be the last class with bubble sheets. Could use some volunteers to help run the next class.

Defensive pistol – Starts back up in mid-April.

MUCC- Thanks for the card from sunshine. House bill 4687 is being considered. This would take away the baiting band. RSC is region five of MUCC. 40,000 deer heads were tested for CWD and they are hoping to test 50,000 this year. Next meeting will be in December in Hillsdale.

22 Reactive Target Competition - Next shoot will be after November 15th .

Rimfire challenge - Next year will be Steve's last year running this event. We will need a replacement,

looking for a volunteer.

Building and Grounds— Thank you to those that have participated in club clean up days.

Marketing - There will be a meeting 11/21 at 7pm regarding future marketing.

Safety Updates— No new bullet splatters on the light shields. This is a good thing. Please be watchful for safety concerns and address them with the member and the board if necessary.

No Reports: Rimfire Bench Rest, Well-armed woman, Sunshine, Food and Beverage, Apparel

New Business

- Nominations for officers for next year are being accepted.
 - President Ryan Cordes
 - Vice President Gordon Pickerd, Scott Stanley
 - Secretary Scott Stanley
 - Treasurer Jim Hughes
 - Sergeant at Arms Dan Vincent
 - Chaplin Tim Hall
 - Trustees (3 positions, 2 year terms) Dan Hankinson, Bill Skallos, Steve Mitchell
 - Membership Secretary Kevin Kubiszewski
 - Anyone has until the next board meeting to put their names in.
- The carpet was recently cleaned. Please be mindful to keep it clean. There is new lighting in the kitchen area. These are LED's. There will also be a new refrigerator. Anything left in there undated will be thrown away by Dan H.

Raffle: 50/50. \$34 to Larry and Ed

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Stanley

Board Meeting Minutes November 26th, 2019 Call to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendees: Scott Stanley, Jim Thomson, Jim Hughes, Kevin Kubiszewski, Ryan Cordes, Dan Vincent, Gordon Pickerd, Dan Hankinson, Len Laitila, Steve Mitchell

Invocation given by Tim

Presidents Report – Ryan Cordes

- RSC had 322 shooters for sight in days. This raised \$1,670.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Santa has not been able to find a volunteer to take over planning so it will unfortunately no longer be. It was suggested that perhaps RSC could become involved with Toys for Tots next year.

Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Gordon Pickerd

Nominations for Club Officers

- President Ryan Cordes
- Vice President Gordon Pickerd
- Secretary Scott Stanley
- Membership Secretary Kevin Kubiszewski
- Treasurer Jim Hughes
- Sergeant at Arms Dan Vincent
- Chaplin Tim Hall
- Trustees
- Dan Hankinson
- Bill Skallos
- Steve Mitchell

There are no other nominations for any of the positions. There is no need for elections as none of the positions are contested.

Bill Skallos

• Three people are signed up for April 2020 Hunter's Safety. This will be on the 22nd and 25th of April.

Jim Hughes

• Complete review of 2020 Budget.

Scott Stanley

• Will connect with Jim Ruder regarding Facebook access to promote events.

Dan Vincent

- The new refrigerator is installed in the kitchen. This came in under budget.
- Someone who was suspected not to be a member was shooting at 9:20 am and left the range gates open when he departed. The driver was in a red avalanche.
- A young man was here on Sunday afternoon Silver Nisan Pickup with front end damage. He was shooting a steel target. He was also suspected of not being a member.
- Ron Parker was nominated for retired status by Gordon. Seconded by Len L. Motion passed.
- Dave Hemmerly wanted to present to the board. It was indicated RSC can not be involved in political matters. This is by indicated by law for an 1163 non-profit.

Kevin Kubiszewski

No report

Jim Thompson

No report

Dan Hankinson

• No report

Steve Mitchell

- We have completed some of the LED upgrades.
- We had a camera down for weeks and part of the struggle was getting the account switched out of the name of a single member. This is a lesson moving forward to put things in the name of RSC.
- An inquiry was made into if Steve Washington provided his insurance info to the club? Steve will follow up.
- Materials need to be Steve timely to get the newsletter out.

Tim Hall

- Proposed money be set aside in the budget to send a representative to MUCC. The next meeting will be in the northern portion of the upper peninsula.
- There will be a meeting in Hillsdale coming up if anyone is interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Stanley

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