

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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January 2020

## Presidents Article

I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing holiday with friends and family. After the holidays we're back at it with everything at Rockford Sportsman's Club.

This fall and start to winter have been unseasonably warm making many hunting and fishing opportunists difficult. I hope everyone had a successful and safe hunting or fishing season. As we start to look for ice fishing opportunities be safe and try to avoid swimming.

December marked the end of our fourth quarter deer fish and turkey contest. Make sure to bring your trophies the January membership meeting for judging and chance at a cash prize. We will be giving awards for Deer and turkey first second and third place and first and second for fish caught this fall.

Steve Mitchell has worked diligently with the Long Range Planning committee to come up with a list of improvements the membership would like to see at Rockford Sportsman's Club. We have many carry over projects from 2019 and an additional 5 projects we would like to take on in the upcoming year. We are always looking for project leaders and helpers as we get things going. If you have the ability to lead or willingness to help out we are always looking for extra hands.

Winter Skeet and Trap League starts Sunday January 5th and run through the middle of March. We welcome all skill levels as all events are handicapped to you are competing against shooters of similar ability.

Scott Stanley will be starting back with our 22 Reactive Target League January 14th. This is great, economical way to tune up your rifle shooting in many different positions and target styles. This is a PRS style shoot so we shoot off all different types of obstacles. If you'd like to give this a try come on up with a couple boxes of 22 and have at it.

Rockford Ram Nitro Team will be having their first parent meeting Wednesday January, 15th at 6:00 pm. This growing program is a great way to invest in future shooters and the shooting sport. This year we are looking at roughly 30 youth shooters to represent Rockford's team as they compete around Michigan.

As for the rest of our normal activities at RSC we will see you in the spring.

Happy New Year,

Ryan Cordes

**Membership Meeting Minutes  
December 3rd, 2019  
Call to order at 7:15 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Conservation Pledge

Invocation Lead by Tim Hall

**Presidents Report- Ryan Cordes**

- Sight in Days brought 322 Shooters
- Net Income of \$1350
- Stolen rifle case from 25/50 yard line was returned to rightful owner
- Still Need Volunteer for Cookies and Coco with Santa for 2020. Please see Ryan Cordes if you would like to volunteer.

**Vice Presidents Report- Gordon Pickerd**

- Phil Harris had a stroke and is doing well- Please keep him in your thoughts as he recovers
- Rick Avril had a Triple Bypass- Please keep Rick in your thoughts as he recovers

**Chairman of the Board Report- George Mayhak**

- No Report

**Secretary Report-Scott Stanley (absent)**

- No Report

**Membership Secretary Report- Kevin Kuibiszewski**

- New Member Applications
  - Nate and Suzie Spahn
  - Derek and Crystal Klifman
  - Scott and Michelle Crumback
  - Bret and Laura Ebels
  - Kevin Kuibiszewski made motion to accept applicants as New Members, Second by Steve Mitchell.
  - Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report- Jim Hughes**

- Review of the 2020 Budget
- Motion to accept 2020 Budget as published made by Jim Hughes, Second by Len Laitilla.
- Motion Carried

**Sergeant of Arms Report- Dan Vincent**

- Outside lighting has been updated to LED's
- Please check on shooters you do not know as we have had multiple shooters using the facility that are not members
- Make sure to check the parking lots and close the gate as you leave

**Committee Reports**

**Skeet/Trap/5 Stand/NSSA**

- Last NSSA shoot of 2019 is Dec 14th
- Holiday Hand Warmer League runs through the new year
- Winter League Starts January 5th and runs for 12 Weeks

**SCTP**

- SCTP Season starts in the spring with 30 possible youth shooters

**CMP**

- Fun match Jan 25th - Set up at 9:00 am

**Rimfire Challenge**

- Volunteer Meeting will be after the January Membership Meeting

## Member Meeting Minutes Continued

### Committee Reports Cont.

#### **Well-Armed Woman**

- No Report

#### **Hunters Safety**

- Spring Class only has three signed up. Sign up your children and grandchildren early

#### **Defensive Pistol**

- Next Shoot in April

#### **Benchrest Rifle**

- Benchrest Centerfire will not be returning in the spring due to lack of interest
- Benchrest Rimfire will start back up in April

#### **MUCC**

- Next meeting is in January, Please contact Tim Hall if you have interest on going. The next meeting is in Hillsdale.

#### **22 Reactive Target League**

- No Report

#### **Building and Grounds**

- Many Spring Projects have been approved in the 2020 Budget, We need volunteers to take leadership on these to help organize and complete these projects

#### **Marketing**

- Paul Zimmerman Continues to Attend Grand Rapids Gun and Knife Show to Promote Rockford Sportsman's Club

#### **Safety Update**

- No Report

#### **Food and Beverage**

- We have purchased a new fridge for the main clubhouse kitchen. Please keep this clean, If you bring food to the club, Please take it with you.

#### **Sportsman against Hunger**

- As of 12/1/2019
- Rockford 1235 Lbs.
- Sparta 1050 lbs.
- Red Flannel 800 Lbs.
- 68 Deer donated to needy families in the greater Rockford area by hunters.

#### **Deer/ Fish/ Turkey**

- Bring your trophies to the January Meeting and we will announce winners.
  - Checks will be mailed shortly after

#### **New Business**

- All Officers and Trustees ran unopposed
- All will continue to hold their same position.

#### **50/50**

- \$38 Two Ways
  - Terry King
  - Hal Dymowski

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Ryan Cordes

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 17th, 2019**

**Call to order at 7:10 P.M.**

Attendees: Ryan Cordes, Gordon Pickerd, Jim Hughes, Dan Vincent, Kevin Kubiszewski, George Mayhak, Len Laitila, Jim Thomson, Steve Mitchell, Bill Skallos, Dan Hankinson.

Invocation given Gordon Pickerd

## Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

### Officers Report

#### **Presidents Report-Ryan Cordes**

- Many projects have been approved for 2020. These projects will need leaders to take charge to make them happen in 2020. Please see a board member or officer if you would like to take ownership of a project in the coming year.

#### **Vice Presidents Report- Gordon Pickerd**

- SCTP Coach/Parents meeting scheduled for January, 15th at 6:00 pm

#### **Treasurers Report-James Hughes**

- SCTP account will be separated and update by January Meeting
- YTD Income \$147,876
- YTD Expenses \$131,214
- YTD Net \$ 16,662

#### **Membership Secretary Report-Kevin Kubiszewski**

- No new member applications

#### **Sergeant of Arms Report- Dan Vincent**

- Neighbors continue to complain about night time shooting, Please try to refrain from shooting large rifles after 8:30 pm
- NSSA December shoot had 10 Shooters
- Clay Targets will be Delivered January, 9 2020 at 3:00 pm. John Stotz will offload with forklift. We will need 5 or 6 volunteers to help unload and move pallets.
- Snowblower went in for repairs and tune up for a total of \$184
- Clubhouse floor has been stripped and waxed by Dan Vincent
- Action Range will be closed till April Shoots. Port o John will be picked up to save on service cost.

#### **Chairman of the Board Report-George Mayhak**

- Meijer Games Report
  - \$396,000,000 Direct Visitor Spending
  - 1,500,000 Athletes and Visitors
  - 370,000 Hotel Rooms Rented
  - 832 Sporting Events

### Trustee Reports

#### **Steve Mitchell**

- Spent 4th Quarter Reviewing Long Range Plan for Rockford Sportsman's Club
  - 4% Loss in membership
  - 4% Loss reflected in associate membership
  - Full membership remains flat
  - Retired membership remains flat
- Loss of leagues due to lack of participation
  - Bench Rifle League has disbanded
  - Pistol League has disbanded
  - Cowboy Action has removed winter shoots from their schedule and limited their summer shoots.
- Upcoming Projects for Rockford Sportsman's Club
  - Carry over projects from 2019
  - Re-Roof Pavilion
  - Shoot building air lock and entry
  - Main gate replacement
  - Siding replacement for shoot building and skeet houses
  - South Range Expansion
  - Main Clubhouse Entry with Airlock
- 2020 Recommended Projects
  - Update Club signage on the property
  - Upgrade main clubhouse HVAC System
  - 100/200 Yard Eyebrow repair and maintenance
  - New Set of Skeet Machines and rotate out oldest set
  - Improve action range to help with range use conflicts.
- Steve Mitchell made motion to approve improvements list as published, Second by Gordon Pickerd, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Len Laitila**

- No Report

## Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

### Jim Thompson

- No Report

### Bill Skallos

- DNR is looking for hunters safety instructors to volunteer at MI DRN booth at Huntin Time Expo at Delta Plex. Please contact Bill Skallos if you are interested.

### Dan Hankinson

- Dan will be absent from the January Membership Meeting. We will need a volunteer to manage the 50/50 Raffle

### Chaplin- Tim Hall (Absent)

- Tim Attended the December MUCC meeting at Hillsdale County Conservation Club
- Topics include
  - Restoring Antler Point Restrictions
  - Change Deer management Philosophy in the Lower Peninsula
  - Expanding Hunting and Trapping Area for the Gray Wolf
  - Ban of Feral Swine Hunting and facilities
- Next meeting will be in March

Meeting Adjourned - 8:15 pm

Submitted by Ryan Cordes

## Calendar

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

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

### The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Jan 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10am - Trap & Skeet	30 5pm - Trap & Skeet	31 Len Laitila Rental (	1	2 5pm - Trap & Skeet	3	4
5 Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skeet	6 Winter League 2020 5pm - Trap & Skeet	7 7pm - Membership	8 NSSA	9 Winter League 2020 5pm - Trap & Skeet	10	11
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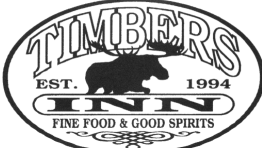
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