

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents Article

We're seeing an odd winter here at Rockford sportsman's club. It's been warm, wet and a little ice covered at RSC this winter. Thank you to those that have helped move the wet heavy snow we keep getting and salting all the ice.

Winter Skeet and Trap league are going full steam ahead. We have a great turn out and would love to see more shooters come out and join us. We will shoot through March 12 th so it's not too late to come and get your 10 lines in.

We will be hosting a NSSA 4x50 February 15 th starting at 10:00am. Both Dan Vincent and George Mayhak will be dodging the cold in warm, sunny Florida so we could use the help of a few extra volunteers.

We had a great turnout for the January CMP 3 gun fun shoot. Six teams came out to shoot skeet, 100 yard rifle and 25 yard pistol. Len, Andy, and Tyler Laitila took first place as a team and Tyler Laitila took first place individual. Kevin, Matt, and Chris Freeman took second place as a team. Stay tuned for another fun shoot coming from Len in February. Due to the success of this shoot we have reserved two more dates this summer for fun shoots open to all members.

Our fourth quarter Deer, Fish, and Turkey contest was had fewer entries than normal but there were still a few successful hunters this year. Cash awards were rewarded to the following members.

Deer

- 1st Place-Phil Harrison
- 2nd Mark Kazmierski
- 3rd Tim Higgins
- 1st Youth Mackenzie Davidson

Turkey

- 1st Tom Mrozkowski
- 2nd Don Boezwinkle

Fish

- No Entries.

As spring is slowly approaching watch the calendar as a few events have changed. We look forward to seeing you all as the weather improves.

Ryan Cordes

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 7th, 2020

Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Motion to approve the minutes from last month was by Ryan. Seconded by Dan Vincent. The December minutes need to be corrected to Phil Harrison. And the club status 501C.
- Needs a volunteer to take over deer fish and turkey. John will take over.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- Meeting with SCTP parents. Expecting 30 shooters next year and will need some extra coaching support. The first conference meet will be in March and the season goes through July.
- Club has made two donations, one to North Kent Connect and Sportsman's against hunger. Tony Gates covered this on the radio as a feel-good story. The presentation to the library was also on the Facebook page.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

- Today is George's birthday.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- Three thank you letters from North Kent Connect, Krause Memorial Library and the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Four new applications
 - Michael and Sara Pals, Steven Lomonaco, Nicholas and Kelly Heikkinen, John Cheryl Harrison Motion to approve by Kevin, seconded by Gordon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- End of 2019 report and the books are close to where they should be.
- Wanted it to be known that the 50/50 raffle is divided between the winner and the club utilization.
- Hunter safety profited \$1,200
- Firearm fundraising netted approximately \$30,900
- Fundraising raised \$26,000 with a net profit of \$1,600 including rentals.
- Membership is down a few thousand dollars.
- \$19,000 was spent this year on capital improvements.
- SCTP expenses exceeded revenues by approximately \$500. There is an endowment associated with SCTP and Gordon and Jim H will meet about if this can be utilized. Gordon clarified that this money is matched and has a return of roughly 5% a year. The endowment has grown by approximately \$23,000 this year. Dan V clarified that if you no longer run a team you no longer have access to the funds and would not be able to draw off the endowment. Going forward Jim indicated he will separate the endowment.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Thanks to everyone that has been trying to keep the area clean of snow. Please shovel the whole area if you are using it.

Committee Reports

Skeet and trap - Winter league just started will continue for 10-12 weeks. NSSA will shoot 1/8 at 4pm. Targets are coming tomorrow, and assistance would be appreciated storing them. This would be between 3pm and 4pm on 1/9.

SCTP – No additional report.

CMP – Completed fall winter 2019 CMP match in September. Won't start up again until March but there will be a few fun shoots with the next being on 1/25. This will be a handgun, shot gun and rifle shoot. Most any handgun issued to anyone ever in the service qualifies. 25 rounds at 25 yards with handgun. 25 birds on the skeet field. 25 rounds on the 100-yard line at standard CMP line. In February there will be a fun shoot for 20 rounds at 100 yards. Exact date TBD.

Member Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports Cont.

Rimfire Bench Rest – Hopefully starting back up in April.

Well-armed woman – Still meeting monthly at the club.

Hunter Safety - Next session will be at the end of April.

Defensive pistol – Starts back up in mid-April.

MUCC - Meeting in January probably the 4th Thursday of the month. There will be meetings January, February, March and May.

22 Reactive Target Competition – Next shoot will be after January 14th. All are welcome. There has been some interest from individuals outside of the club which is seen as a positive.

Rimfire challenge – The match is May 9th this year. There will be a committee meeting tonight for organization. We can use volunteers.

Cowboys – Will not be shooting this winter.

Sunshine – Tom Chrisman, Bill Riley and Bill Lane have passed away. The funeral will be on the 11th.

Food and Beverage – No report

Building and Grounds – Lots of projects coming this spring.

Apparel – No Report.

Marketing – Paul has been attending the gun shows recruiting members.

Safety Updates

- Please remember to lock the gate when you leave.
- It was suggested we change the signage for where it indicates “public welcome”.

New Business

- Please don't use the porta-potty during the winter. It will not be serviced. Also PLEASE don't shoot the cowboy targets. At all.
- The Livingston gun club is having a Glock match. This is three stages. This is GSFF. It is reported this has been profitable for some clubs.

Deer Fish and Turkey

- No fish entries
- Turkey - Tom Mroczkowski, Don Boezwinkel
- Deer - Phil Harrison
- Youth Deer - Mackenzie

Sportsman Against Hunger

- This was a good year with the donations as follows.
Sparta 1300lbs, Red Flannel 1500lbs, RSC 1735lbs
4535lbs total

Raffle: 50/50. \$36 to Paul Zimmerman and Jerry Rice.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Stanley

Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Ryan Cordes, George Mayhak, Steve Mitchell, Gordon Pickerd, Dan Vincent, Scott Stanley, Jim Hughes, Jim Thomson, Len Laitila, Dan Hankinson, John Cordes, Bill Skallos, Tim Hall.

Guests: Kim Neveau, Curt Becker, Jack VanOeveren

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

Kim Neveau from Rockford Chamber of Commerce was present to talk about membership. She indicated there are partners from Sparta, Rockford and Cedar Springs. She reported there is always great networking through the Chamber of Commerce. Networking activities include biweekly lunches, thirsty Thursdays, March Rockford Expo which usually has 10,000 attendees. The booth is \$150. There are also breakfasts and a golf outing. There is also a free publication that can be utilized to highlight Chamber of Commerce Members.

Board Meeting Minutes Cont.

Curt Becker updated about the Glock challenge including the fact that Glock donates certificates to the event. It was reported there is only one other shoot in Michigan which is hosted on the East Side. Glock donates one certificate to the host club and one certificate for each 100 entries. We would be looking at the season of 2021. This would require the purchase of at least a plate rack which would cost approximately \$1,500. RSC would also have to supply 25 range officers. The event would be advertised on Glock's website.

Jack VanOeveren made a request to have his full membership approved with three meetings rather than four as he had several unavoidable events that kept him from making all the meetings he meant to. A motion was presented to approve this by Gordon, seconded by Dan. Approved.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Tony R is an active member and is looking for a donation for a fund raiser. Ryan suggested donating a one-year membership. Seconded by John. Motion carried.
- Neal Shaefer asking for a waiver of one meeting. Motion by Len L, Second by Scott S. Motion carried.
- Michael Blum asked we get a trauma kit for all events. This could be purchased for approximately \$100. Ryan will purchase as the cost is less than \$300.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- SCTP ended the year with \$3,500 in assets. The endowment has over \$70,000 to date.
- There were over 30 potential shooters at the last team informational meeting. Expecting 30-35 kids shooting next year.
- \$3,000 in scholarships has already been secured for the coming season.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- A kind thank you letter was received from Krause Memorial Library regarding the annual donation and subscription to Tracks Magazine.
- Update on 22 RTC league including mention of new shooters from outside of club.
- SCTP Banquet will be the 25th of this month.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiswsky – Presented by Steve Mitchell

- Three new applications were presented for associate membership: Glenn and Carla Morris, Tim and Ruth Meendering, Delbert and Pam Gneskoluiak Steve made the motion to approve. Seconded by Ryan C. Motion carried.
- Gary Dredge has asked his hours requirement be waived to maintain his full membership. A motion was made by Dan V to accept the request for one year only. Seconded by George M. Motion carried.
- 2019 investments year ended with a return of over 22%.
- Jim Ruder is meeting Steve M tomorrow regarding the Club taking over the web site account.
- Web page updates for 2020 are complete with the exception of the 22lr bench rest league.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Working on cleaning up the accounts for presentation.
- January expenses are over budget (\$6,809). Due mostly to the purchase of clay birds.
- Total current assets of \$193,366.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- The well-armed women indicate they wants to change her day to the third Sunday of the month from 6-8pm. This was approved by the board.
- It was agreed the club might need a new extension ladder. A motion was made by Gordon to get 2 step ladders and 2 extension ladders. Dan will get a price.
- The tools purchased by Dan for the club a long time ago is missing many components. Dan will get a quote for a new set of tools.
- A letter was received indicating RSC needs an electric permit for the new sign. Gordon will address this with the township.
- RSC received the honor of MSA club of the year for the first time ever.

Tim Hall

- The next MUCC meeting will be on the 22nd of February at 11:30am at South Kent Sportsman's club. The next meeting after that will be March 7th at Ashley Sportsman's Club. Tim would be happy to take representatives from RSC. You do not have to be a member of the committee to attend. There will be a weekend convention in June 26 th through 28 th at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste Marie. A motion made by Steve, 2nd by Jim T to send Tim covering expenses was approved.

Trustee Reports

John Cordes

- Taking over deer, fish and turkey and will add a youth category.

Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Len Laitila

- The upcoming three gun fun shoot has three 3-man squads signed up.
- The lock at the north entrance is difficult. A discussion occurred on how to improve this lock. Dan will look into a quote to replace it.
- We will need two more timers for the rimfire challenge which will cost less than \$300. Motion seconded by Jim H. Motion carried.
- A discussion occurred as to if the south bowls are safe to shoot or if erosion has compromised them. Scott S will evaluate the banks this weekend.

Dan Hankinson

- No report.

Bill Skillos

- The 3D archery targets will be used off site this weekend.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Stanley

Calendar

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

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Feb 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skoot	27 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	28 22 RTC Set up @ 6:30	29	30 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	31	1
3 Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skoot	4 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	5 7pm - Membership	6 NSSA	7 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	8 8pm - Cowboy Range	9
10 Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skoot	11 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	12 22 RTC Set up @ 6:30	13	14 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	15 Nissle Pitted NSSA 3x20	16
17 Ram Nitro Practice Well Armed Women Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skoot	18 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	19 7pm - MSC Board	20	21 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	22 McCarthy set up 8pm	23 CMP Fun Match 5- McCarthy Tim
24 Ram Nitro Practice Winter League 2020 10am - Trap & Skoot	25 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	26 22 RTC Set up @ 6:30	27	28 Winter League 2020 8pm - Trap & Skoot	29	30 Steve Washington

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