

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents Article

I hope this message finds everyone safe and well. The world has changed a lot in the last 60 days. We're all dealing with a new way of living and new regulations and just trying to make the best of a bad situation.

I hope you've been able to keep up with all of the emails and notifications as we have changed over the duration of the pandemic. Rockford Sportsman's Club is currently only allowing members to use the facility while practicing social distancing regulations. The main clubhouse is closed, and the shoot building is open for the use of restrooms. If all goes as planned, we will be resuming our normal operation when the Stay Home, Stay Safe Order is lifted. Hopefully no later than June 12th.

As some of you have gotten the emails. We have started up league shooting. For all league shoots, non-members are welcome and encouraged to join. Please see the RSC calendar for upcoming shoots. Skeet and Trap is currently shooting Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays with a limit of 3 shooters per line and all transactions are run through the window. Defensive Pistol, CMP and Rimfire Reactive Target all have shoots planned. We have lost many shooting opportunities and unfortunately Rimfire challenge was one of them. It was a hard decision to make but hopefully we can bring our shooters back for next year. Currently Meijer State Games are postponed. They would still like to hold the games this summer but, at a later date with more info to come.

The first quarter Deer, Fish, turkey contest had been postponed due the cancelation of the April membership meeting. Once again if all goes as planned, we will do both first and second quarter contests at the July membership meeting.

George Mayhak is running our annual zucchini contest again this year so get your seeds planted and hope for a good growing season. Bring your largest zucchini to the September membership meeting for a chance at a cash prize.

With all that's gone on with the shutdown much of our spring maintenance and cleanup has been forgotten about. We have continued to work on the brush along the driveway and improving our road appeal but we still have a long way to go. We have scheduled a spring clean-up day with a tentative date of June 6th. We will start at roughly 8:30 and see where the day takes us. We will practice social distancing and remain outside for the duration of the day to adhere to the current state guidelines. We have a lot of flower beds around that need weeding, planting and mulching along with many other tasks

If anyone would like to pick up some work hours please contact Gordon Pickerd, Dan Vincent, or Ryan Cordes.

Stay Healthy & Safe,

Board Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2020
Call to order at 7:00 PM

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

Guest: Tim Felty

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Lead a discussion on parameters for re-opening the club. RSC currently remains closed to the public but discussion on if we should open as usual on June 1st. Should the buildings remain closed. It was discussed that Detroit gun club will have shoots in June but keep the building closed, restrooms open. Only accepting cash.
- Steve mentioned we should make a disclaimer that the facility is not sanitized and instruct that members should follow the state ordinance which mandates masks in enclosed spaces.
- It was indicated that on June 1st or when the stay at home order is lifted the range should open, motion made by Ryan Cordes, seconded by Steve Mitchell, motion carried.
- June membership meeting is not likely to occur due to the government restrictions on large group meetings.
- Question on if meetings and work hours should be pro-rated since the club has been closed. It was indicated that the club should consider reducing the meeting requirement by one.
- Motion was made to credit all members one meeting by Ryan Cordes, seconded by John Cordes. After further discussion, this motion was revoked by Ryan Cordes.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- Suggest a workday being scheduled if it can be accomplished safely which he thinks it should be. One suggested project was further work on the driveway to improve drainage and further removing overgrowth. It was asked if this could occur in the first or second weekend of June. It was decided to schedule this for June 6th at 9am and send out an email blast.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- Attended shoot at Red Flannel for 22 precision steel series (similar to RSC 22RTC) and it was very well attended. It was noted that there is a lot of interest in this sport currently and could be a potential area of growth at RSC.
- A motion to change locks on Defensive Pistol area was made by Gordon P, seconded by Dan H. Motion carried.
- Kevin Kubiszewski suggested moving all the shot timers to the office.
- A deposit was made into the safe tonight for 22RTC.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Kevin Kubiszewski made a motion to approve associate membership for Ron Romney, seconded by Steve Mitchell. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve associate membership for Tim Felty after being out of the state for work for over a year. Motion to approve by Gordon Pickerd, seconded by Len Laitilla. Motion carried.
- Michael Merdzinski turned in a check and membership form which appears to be missing. Kevin made a motion to approve membership while the funding is sorted out, seconded by Steve Mitchell. This motion carried.
- Ken Karen Bunn made a request to waive .5 service hours be waived to retain their full membership. It was reported they have been helpful during shoots. Kevin Kubiszewski made a motion to approve, seconded by Dan Hankinson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Not present -

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- A discussion occurred regarding the lack of shooting income.
- Rentals are down by \$1,800 but membership is up by \$429. Overall, the budget is \$5,400 above projection.
- If not approved by Governor, we will have to cancel the first Wednesday of the month shoot.
- Reports that he has observed members have been following social distancing.
- Please ask shooters you do not recognize if they are members.

Tim Hall

- MUCC Conference was cancelled but voting will still occur remotely.
- Tim wondered if notifications of “memory” honoring those who influenced the shooting sports would be necessary given the cancelation of the MUCC meeting. Tim Chrisman was recommended.
- There is a nomination form for state and regional offices for the upcoming year. Tim Hall nominated himself and asked if RSC supports him as representation. This was agreed to.
- There are more splatters on the light shield.

Steve Mitchell

- Suggested some of the emailed motions may not have followed the correct protocol to be approved. It was indicated some of the motions were represented as being approved but not communicated. Bill Skalllos suggested that the person who made the motion should tally the vote and forward to the secretary/board.
- Gordon Pickerd suggested making an official procedure for voting when meetings are not able to be held. Steve M will write a procedure.
- There are two scholarship applications, E Schmehling and A Bolen. Steve Mitchell made a motion to approve A. Bolen based on his contributions to shooting and his background. He has also contributed to SCTP as a shooter. This motion was seconded by Gordon Pickerd. Motion carried.
- It was suggested the shoot building lock might be insufficient to keep the building secured. A discussion occurred regarding changing the combination to a rolling formula. Steve Mitchell made a motion to adopt this rolling code. Seconded by Dan Vincent. This was approved by the group. It was indicated a vote is not required for this action.
- The updated rental and waiver/release was reviewed. It was indicated that it should remain in the contract that re-loads must be “within factory specifications” and remove the prohibition on aluminum and steel cased ammo.
- Tim Hall suggested a list of range officers be assembled to support the rental requirement of a range officer.

John Cordes

- No Report

Len Laitila

- Wondered if it might be possible to turn the “three gun shoot” in to a club event.

Dan Hankinson

- Suggested discontinuing the fall banquet as it has lost money every year. The topic will be revisited once more information on license fees is obtained.
- Suggested the membership form be updated.

Bill Skalllos

- Submitted hunter safety checks to Dan V.
- Bill received an email from the DNR looking to re-instate hunter safety classes. There is still a class scheduled at RSC in the end of July.

George Mayhak

- Proposed a page in the newsletter about the zucchini contest. This will be it’s sixth year. The contest will cost \$15 for prizes. This was agreed to.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Stanley



ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
Sixth ANNUAL
ZUCCHINI GROWING CONTEST

Begins Spring 2020 Judging Sept. 1, 2020
At regular meeting

First Place \$10 + certificate
Second Place \$5 + certificate

Length in inches—straight line each inch 1 point (example 13.75=13.75 pts.)
Circumference inches—largest spot each inch 1 point (example 12.3 =12.3 pts.)
Weight each 4 ounces =1/4 pt (example 4 lbs= 64 oz. x1/4 pt = 16 pts.)
Grand Total 42.05 pts.

One entry per member

CLUB ISSUES – Shoot Stand Shell Cases / Light Shields

There was a discussion at the board meeting regarding the policing of the shoot stand areas. It appears that shooters are not picking up their shell casings with the same diligence as before the pandemic shutdown, especially the 22LR shooters. Remember, this is a volunteer club and the next shooters prefer not skating out to place their targets!! **Please** pickup after yourself.

Also, there is a requirement that you must sight in your rifle on the 25 / 50 yard range before you attempt shooting on the 100 / 200 yard range. Based on the new scars on the light shields, some shooters haven't observed that policy. Either that or they forgot their targets and use the shields instead. Regardless of the reason, the shields are not targets and anyone caught attempting to knock out the range lighting will face board disciplinary action!!

Calendar

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

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Jun 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Stay Home saty Safe Order						
Steve Washington (10am - Trap & Skeet)	5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - Membership	NSSA	5pm - Trap & Skeet	Graduation party	Work Day 8am -
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Stay Home saty Safe Order						DPS 100/200 yd
Edwards Graduation (10am - NO Trap &)	5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 RTC Set up 5:30		5pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Paul Austin - (10am - Trap & Skeet)	5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - RSC Board		5pm - Trap & Skeet		CMP Match 9-3pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Well Armed Woman (10am - Trap & Skeet)	5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 RTC Set up @ 5:	DPS 100/200 yd	5pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet		Meijer's Master
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Meijer's Masters (10am - Trap & Skeet)	5pm - Trap & Skeet		NSSA	5pm - Trap & Skeet		

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