

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Presidents Article

I hope everyone has found their new normal and settling in. Things have changed a lot in the last three months and will continue to change in the future.

For the time being we will be getting back to normal at Rockford Sportsman's Club. In May the board of resumed monthly meetings. When the Shelter in place order was lifted, we have opened the ranges back up to use by members. The beginning of June marked the full opening of Rockford Sportsman's Club. Currently we are using all outdoor facilities to their full potential. We will continue to use the shoot building and banquet facility as needed.

July 7th we will be having our first general membership meeting since the shutdown. To practice social distancing, we are currently planning on having our meeting on the trap field in front of the shoot building. Please bring your own chair. If mother nature does not cooperate, we will move inside and limit the capacity to 50 people or whatever the state regulation may be at the time of the meeting.

I would like to thank all of those that came out to our spring clean-up day in June. We had a great turnout with roughly 35 members donating their Saturday morning to help maintain the club. We were able to clear a ton of brush from the entrance area and around the ranges. All fields were cut and many beds were weeded and mulched. Even though we got a lot done there is still a lot to do to clean up the grounds. Many beds and the sign area still need attention. If you would like to help out please reach out to Gordon, Dan Vincent or Myself.

Don't forget to bring your first and second quarter fish and turkey pictures to the July meeting. We will be judging and awarding prizes for the winners in each quarter.

For those that are interested the 2020 Round Robin is under way. Its not to late to join in the fun and help represent RSC among the other clubs in the area. We lost out on two months of shooting but are still trying to make up every shoot before hunting season is in full swing. The entry fee is \$20 and will get you a shirt and a dinner in September. The shoot dates are as follows

6/23 & 6/28 Qua-Ke-Zik

7/9 & 7/12 Rockford Sportsman's Club

7/15 & 7/19 Belding Sportsman's Club

8/6 & 8/9 Creston Rod and Gun Club

8/13 & 8/16 Madison Square Sportsman's Club

9/16 & 9/20 Tri Town Conservation Club- Banquet.

There have been many new members join RSC in the last couple of months. Please remember to be a good example and mentor those that are new to the sport and our club. Please remember to only shoot approved targets, pick up your casings and targets and leave the place better than you found it.

Have fun and be safe,

Ryan Cordes

Board Meeting Minutes
June 16th, 2020
Call to order at 6:59 PM

Attendees: Bill Skallos, Kevin Kubiszewski , Jim Hughes, Tim Hall, Steve Mitchell, Gordon Pickerd, John Cordes, Ryan Cordes, Dan Vincent, Len Laitila, George Mayhak, Dan Hankinson, Cole Wodarski and Ron Dreyer.

- Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- There will be a July membership meeting. The average attendance for membership meetings is around 80 participants but it is expected the turnout for this meeting might be higher. If there are too many attendees, we will move the meeting outside. After some discussion it was indicated the meeting will be moved outside regardless of number, weather permitting.
- Thanks to the 30 some people that showed up for the clean up day! Much improvement was made to the grounds.
- Please bring fish and turkey entries to the July meeting.
- The final round robin is published in the shoot building. The first shoot will be the 23rd and 28th of June.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- Much was accomplished during the workday, but more work remains to fight erosion on the drive. Another workday will be scheduled soon.
- The tractor has been serviced for the year and the cost will be less than \$200. (the actual bill was not available yet)
- SCTP would like to ask the club to install two Skeet Machines in that are capable of shooting internationals. One of the team members is training for the Olympics and would benefit from the addition. The machines are roughly \$5,000 for two if purchased by SCTP but \$7,000 if sold to RSC directly. There may be parents that can contribute to the cost. The machines can be adjusted from international to American Skeet. There are at least two students that are seeking a scholarship in the next two years for college and being able to practice international would be very helpful. Gordon indicated we would be the only club in the region that would be able to shoot international skeet. The question was asked how long the machines would last and how much use they would gain. The cost of these machines would be less than the standard skeet. Gordon indicated even if International did not gain long term use at RSC they could be added to the five-stand area. These machines are battery operated and could be put on solar or a trickle charger. Dan indicated the doubles Trap machine we purchased has not been well used. One concern which was expressed that if the machines had to be switched to standard it would take 25 minutes which could be problematic if a tournament were running. It was discussed that the cost of the international birds would have to be determined as well. Nine board members supported continuing to pursue the possibility of purchasing machines. Gordon will continue to fact find to possible bring a proposal can be brought to the board for a future vote.

Vice President's Report Cont.

- Gordon raised a concern that we have supported RSC as being a family club and he has been struggling with language used at the club, particularly when kids are present. It was mentioned that one of the young ladies shooting on the team had overheard offensive language that appeared to surprise and possibly offend her. A request was made to be mindful of the language used on the grounds and Gordon indicated he will be addressing this concern directly with members as he observes it.
- Gordon indicated the parents of the SCTP would be willing to do a special workday for just the student shooters and would take any task assigned.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- No report

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Nine new membership applications were presented:
 - Cole Wodarski
 - Daston Schultz
 - David Malin
 - Zach Malin
 - Cindy Witke
 - Tammy Kilmer
 - Stephen Weber
 - Matt McIntire
 - Arian Young
- There was a motion to approve these individuals for associate membership by Kevin Kubiszewski which was seconded by Steve Mitchell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- The last five months have been favorable financially. Firearms activities were \$4,800 in excess of budgeted income.
- Membership dues were \$2,000 over projected income.
- Total income of \$2,900 above projected revenue.
- Club rentals were well below projected income due to COVID 19.
- There has been some accounting difficulty with SCTP. Jim asked that SCTP pursue their own nonprofit status to eliminate some of the liability to RSC. Gordon asked if SCTP getting their own credit card might assist in simplifying the accounting. George Mayhak reported he believes when RSC gained non-profit status cost \$10,000. Jim believed the fees might be as little as \$600.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Dan purchased tools and ladders for the club. The ladders are hanging on the wall in the upper garage. All the tools are in the cabinet.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Tim Hall

- Tim received a notice of what to do when a raffle is cancelled.
- The annual convention for MUCC was cancelled but a virtual convention will be held. Annual MUCC dues need to be paid by September. It was indicated the bill does not come until fall.
- RSC must submit a club authorization form to participate.
- RSC must have one or more registered delegates. Tim volunteers to be one. This must be done online. Ryan Cordes has a computer to use for this and will act as the second delegate.
- The MUCC camp has been cancelled for this summer. Instead there will be a charity fundraiser on August 14th in Commerce Township, MI. They are asking for shooting groups from local clubs. Dan Hankinson will review. This is to raise money for educational programs and camp improvements

Steve Mitchell

- No interest was received from RSC membership to be range officers for rentals, so the rental agreement is being amended to both allow and require outside range officers for rentals.
- Steve reviewed the bylaw amendment to allow remote voting as was required during the shutdown for COVID 19. This amendment will start the process of being entered in to the by-laws.
- A draft 'Ballot Voting' procedure required by the bylaw amendment was reviewed. Motion was made to adopt the procedure by Steve Mitchell. Seconded by Ryan Cordes. Motion carried. Due to the number of Club documents, it was proposed that a 'Policies & Regulations Handbook' be created. One for each board member as well as one in each building. The proposal was accepted with the modification that the handbook be available electronically.

John Cordes

- On the cleanup day poison ivy was noted in the ditch. John Cordes will spray this to kill it. A concern was mentioned that there may be giant hogweed on the property as well.

Len Laitila—No Report

Dan Hankinson

- The sportsman's night banquet will require a license if more than \$500 in prizes is given away. Dan indicated we might move towards a club fun day as opposed to the banquet.

Bill Skillos

- The DNR has made a set of rules for field days which has been submitted to the governor's office but has not been approved yet. 50 people are signed up for the July class. This date is in jeopardy given the current restrictions. If Bill does not hear anything from the DNR by July 6th he will cancel the July hunter's safety class.
- The DNR has set up an online course which allows certification without the field day. This is a temporary license which will eventually require a field day to be completed.

George Mahyak

- Meijer games have been postponed and the trap and 22lr will be held on August 23rd .

Meeting adjourned 8:47 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

Jul 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
SCTP skeet trap 10am - Trap & Skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet	SCTP skeet trap	NSSA	5pm - Trap & Skeet		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SCTP skeet trap 10am - Trap & Skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - Membership	DPS 100/200 td	Round Robin 10-4 5pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet		Class of 1969 (Len CMP Match 9-3pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Round Robin 4-8:30 Steve Washington () 10am - Trap & Skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 RTC Set up 5:30	CMP Match (Make	5pm - Trap & Skeet		DPS 100/200 yd Knol wedding
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Well Armed Woman 10am - Trap & Skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunter	7pm - RSC Board	5:30pm - Hunter	5pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet		9am - Hunter
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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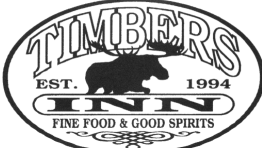
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