

Rockford Sportsman's Club



11115 Northland Drive
PO BOX 624
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 866-4273

rockfordsportsmansclub.com

September 2020

Presidents Article

Once again summer has come and gone. I hope everyone has enjoyed what they could of it. With school starting back up I hope we're all getting back to somewhat of a normal lifestyle.

A big thank you goes out to Gordon and his crew that participated in our august clean up day. We had a great turn out and continued to improve the facility. The entrance looks great with all of the brush cleaned up and hauled away. This is an ongoing project so if anyone needs work hours please reach out to an officer or trustee and they can point you in the right direction.

August brings and end to the zucchini growing season. Don't forget to bring you zucchini to the September meeting. George will be judging them for our annual zucchini contest.

Thanks to a private donation we have taken delivery and installed new International Skeet machines on field 3. This makes Rockford one of three facilities in the state to have an international skeet field. The field is now open and running for practice. Practice dates are listed on the club calendar.

We've had great turnouts for all the events that have gone on the last month. The Rockford Summertime open brought in 14 shooters getting some last minute targets before the Michigan Skeet Championships at Detroit Gun Club. Meijer State Games of Michigan brought 23 shooters to Rockford Sportsman's club to compete in multiple different shooting events in both rimfire rifle and multiple skeet events.

We continue to remain busy in the upcoming months. Rockford Sportsman's club will host a Michigan Hunters Safety Field Day in September. If anyone has any questions about this please contact Bill Skallos. The Wheelin Hunters will be coming back to RSC for their sight in event prior to the Michigan

Hunters with disabilities hunt. Fall Skeet and Trap league will be starting back up August 30th and run for 10 weeks. RSC Annual sight in days will be October 31st , November 1st , November 7th & 8th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. These are all great activities to volunteer at or just attend.

Another reminder that shooting of paper targets and poly targets hanging at the backstop are the only ones approved to shoot unless it is a special event where other targets are authorized. Please stop picking up unbroken clays and using them as targets on the rifle and pistol range.

Hunting season is upon us so enjoy the outdoors and be safe.

Ryan Cordes.

RSC BYLAW AMENDMENT (Highlighted in **BLUE**) In order for the Club to take advantage of the internet the state of Michigan requires that our Bylaw's be amended. The following section 7.3.6 is necessary to allow the board members to take advantage of today's technology.

Section 7.3 Board of Directors Meetings

6. Electronic board meetings and voting may be allowed on time sensitive or emergency matters when necessary. The electronic voting (E-Mail) process must follow the club 'Ballot Voting Procedure' in compliance with the Club Policies and Regulations documents.

Board Meeting Minutes
August 18th, 2020
Call to order at 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Steve Lomonaco, Steve VanderMey and Jim Kovach

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

Guest Jim Kovach attended to ask about his membership status. He was under the impression he had qualified for retired status but got a notice indicating his status was delinquent. Mr. Kovach asked if his status could be reviewed. A motion was made by Steve Mitchell to re-instate to prior status. This was seconded by Ryan Cordes. The motion carried.

Steve VanderMey petitioned to ask the board to forgive one meeting as he indicated he was not able to make four meetings with COVID 19 shutting down meetings at RSC. Gordon Pickerd moved to waive one meeting for Mr. VanderMey, seconded by Steve Mitchell. The motion carried.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Jennifer from well-armed woman is willing to do a class for new members. This would be a gun safety fire-arms 101 class. Hoping to have a date set by the beginning of September. This will be members only at least to start.
- Sight in days are still on for October 31st and November 1st and November 7th and 8th . The hours will be 10am to 3pm.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- The recent RSC workday was a success. There is a very nice new fire pit near the shoot house. The trees and brush between the fields were cleared. Much of the brush which was cleared was made into rabbit habitats.
- Dan has the SCTP international field up and running. Still working on logistics as to when the hours for these machines will be. A blockade will be placed by the bank to eliminate them from traveling in to the 100/200 yard range. Gordon indicated that other clubs might look at putting in international fields as well.
- Gordon suggested we order international birds the next time we are up for ordering new clays. A discussion occurred this might be necessary if the rubber on the international machine arms gets worn. It was suggested it might be easier to replace the rubber on the arms then buy separate clays.
- The SCTP checkbook is reconciled with Jim Hughes. SCTP currently has approximately \$70,000 in the endowment.
- Steve Mitchell asked about the RSC legal status with SCTP. Gordon outlined the requirement that SCTP has to operate under an organization with a non-profit status. Of the options the team organizers selected RSC as the most beneficial. This relationship requires Jim Hughes to work with the SCTP management team to keep the books. Len Laitila, previous club treasurer, confirmed SCTP's legal connection with RSC.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- A very gracious thank you card was received from Andrew Bolen who was the most RSC scholarship recipient.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Four new membership applications were presented:
 - Leroy Hansen
 - Rene Beland
 - Bret Ronek
 - James Townsley

There was a motion to approve

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

- ◇ There was a motion to approve these individuals for associate membership by Kevin Kubiszewski which was seconded by Steve Mitchell. Motion carried.
- ◇ Dan Vincent asked if it would be advisable to have the new members physically present at a meeting before we vote on their status. It was mentioned that it used to be a requirement to be present at a meeting to be voted in. A suggestion was made to make a sub-committee to present a screening process for new members. Steve Mitchell, Dan Vincent and Scott Stanley will look at this process.
- ◇ Tom Mroczkoski asked to have his make hours in May moved to last year membership to allow him to maintain his Full Member status. Gordon Pickerd made a motion to approve this action. Len Laitila seconded. Motion carried.
- ◇

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Currently RSC has \$51,000 and in checking \$69,000 in savings. Capital projects happening in the near future will affect this balance.
- RSC has \$233,300 total assets. There has been fundraising income of \$38,000 income.
- Repairs and maintenance have been \$7,600 over budget. \$6,700 of that is capital improvements.
- RSC has a net income of \$33,100.
- SCTP has revenue over expenses of \$7,000
-

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- More clays will need to be order this year which will be a large expense. There are currently only five skids left. This purchase will likely be at the end of October.
- Range fees for clays will likely be moved to one fee for all member shooters of \$4 and remain at \$5 for non-members. It was indicated the cost of the birds to RSC is close to \$2 per line. This does not include maintenance.
- A fall league is being organized and will start at the end of August. This will be for Skeet and Trap. Those who shot in the winter league will receive a \$15 discount since there was no banquet. Trap and Skeet will be \$45 for adults and \$35 for juniors.
- The manure spreader was sold for \$1,600
- Homeland security was here today and was throwing their brass in the trash. They indicated this brass was not reloadable. Dan asked them to put brass in the brass catchers anyways.

Tim Hall

- Tim delivered information on the MUCC annual convention. There will be a zoom webinar on September 2nd .
- A request was made to support a yes vote on Michigan Wildlife & Parks Proposal. This is a proposal to remove the cap on funds from oil from state owned land. Gordon suggested RSC should support this proposal at the MUCC meeting.

No Report: Steve Mitchell, John Cordes, Len Laitila, Dan Hankinson

George Mayhak

- Meijer games are this Sunday. The 22lr has enough volunteers. The targets are being ordered by Tim Higgins.
- The contract deposit discussed at the last meeting was refunded at %100 percent due to a review of refund policy. A suggestion was made to revise the RSC membership refund policy to require 180 days.

Hunter Safety:

- Steve Lomonaco indicated he attended the online training for hunter's safety and the limits are set for 50 persons per building. He also reported if firearms are shared, they will have to be sanitized before each use.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Stanley

Membership Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2020

Call to order at 7:14 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Kevin Kubiszewski

Motion to approve the minutes from March was made by Ryan Cordes and seconded by Gordon Pickerd

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- There have been complaints of trash being left around. This includes garbage and targets.
- A manure spreader was donated to the club and is available for sale.
- There have been repeated concerns expressed regarding meeting and work hour requirements. This needs to be addressed by the board as whole so please write a letter or show up for a meeting to discuss options.
- Alerted of by-law change allowing electronic votes. These will be allowed on time sensitive or urgent matters. There was a question regarding the security of communications. This voting applies to board member voting only. Not general membership votes. Ryan Cordes made a motion to approve the by-law change which was seconded by John Olinger. Motion approved. An additional reading and approval will be required before the bylaws will be amended.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- There will be a work session in two weeks. This Saturday will be the NSAA shoot. A mass mailing will be sent in the near future to finalize.
- SCTP national competition occurred and Chris Freeman metaled in international skeet. One of the athletes shot a 99 out of 100 skeets. Another athlete shot a 197. The Rockford Rams had two of the top five shooters in the state. One of the younger athletes shot 86 out of 100 on his first time on the course.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

- Keep growing your Zucchini's which will be judged in September.
- August 23 rd will be the Meijer games. Volunteers are needed.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

- No report.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewsk

- There are three new membership applications were received by RSC:
 - Jim Liggett
 - Kevin Murphy
 - Mary Jo Fountain
- Motion to approve new members by Kevin Kubiszewski and was seconded by Steve Mitchell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- \$26,000 in checking
- \$69,000 in savings
- A new roof will be added to the pavilion
- Through July there was \$67,000 income against budged \$57,000. Expenses through July \$40,000 against a budgeted \$44,000. Total of \$14,000 in excess of budget.

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Please welcome individuals to the range and introduce yourself.
- When you are shooting by yourself please make sure you lock the gate when you leave.
- Please try to wrap up shooting by 9:15pm to fight noise complaints. RSC had a recent complaint that there was gun fire at 11:13pm. The camera system indicated there was no one shooting at RSC at this time.
- August 30th will start the fall league.
- The wiring for the new skeet machines was incorrect so they are still a work in progress.

Committee Reports

Skeet and trap - Every Sunday Monday and Thursday have had great turnout. COVID safe practices are being followed. There is a NSSA shoot this coming weekend.

SCTP – No Report

Rimfire Bench Rest – Dates have changed so please check the calendar.

Defensive pistol – No Report

MUCC- No Report

22 Reactive Target Competition – Still shooting every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month. New shooters are always welcome. We have had a pretty good turnout.

Rimfire challenge – No Report

Sportsman's Against Hunger - No Report

Well-Armed Woman - Aug 16 will be covering PP in the home. The police will come too 6-8pm

Hunter Safety – All of the certified instructors should have received an email that the governor has approved field days but not classes. The field day on Sept 26th is a go. Bill is optimistic the full hunter safety class will go. There are 49 students currently signed up. The DNR has a one-hour seminar that all instructors and volunteers are required to take. Bill is trying to arrange a class for this before or after a future membership meeting. There was a discussion about what the safety standards might look like.

Building and Grounds

- The pavilion will be re-roofed in September.
- There is an engineering firm downtown that is interested in making a quote for the ME design.

No Report: Sunshine, Food and Beverage, Apparel, Marketing, Safety Updates, New Business

50/50 Raffle – Joe Swartz, Mark Van Dunk

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Stanley

AWARDS 2020



Over the past several months a lot of things have happened for the Rockford Sportsmans Club. We had a family offer and install a new fire pit next to the flag pole; this will help when we are shooting during the winter and during sight in days

Big thanks goes out to Mike Wolff and his family donating and installing the fire pit area, it is a great addition.



During the month of August 2020 we had the opportunity to send five of our members to the Michigan State Shoot in Novi MI. The five guys were Ryan Cordes, Dan Hankinson, George Mayhak, Dan Vincent and Jeremy Taylor. A lot of shooting for 3 days. Dan H and Ryan both shot on Friday, the rest of us joined up with the on Sat morning.

Friday Dan and Ryan shot big gun event and doubles, Saturday we started out with 20 gauge followed by the little gun (410). Sunday we shot 28 gauge and then 12 gauge a total of 400/500 each for the weekend.

Three of us also made the State all Gauge teams. Ryan in .410 and Dan and Dan made the 28 gauge team. Fun time was had by all; we look forward to doing it again next year.



We as a club also received an award from the Michigan State Shooting Association as Club of The Year for 2020.

This is based on the percentage of targets thrown over the previous year. It was a lot of hard work put into the by all the shooters at the club that shoot NNSA and MSA. Thanks to all shooters

Sunshine: We have received word that Paul Kaczmariski has undergone a 12 hour surgery procedure to reconstruct jaw damage. He will be in ICU for a few days recovering. **Update:** surgery went exceedingly well. He has been moved out of ICU and is doing well. He is at Spectrum Butterworth Room 5272; I would call a head to see if he is still there or has been released to go home. We wish Paul good luck and a speedy recovery!!

Calendar

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

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

The Rockford Sportsman's Club							Sep 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5		
2020 Coin Show 9-4	Fall Skeet/Rrap	7pm - Membership	HSI 100/200 yard	Bench 22lr rifle		Steve Washingto		
Fall Skeet/Trap	5pm - Trap & Skeet		NSSA	Fall Skeet/Trap				
Internation skeet				5pm - Trap & Skeet				
10am - Trap & Skeet								
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Fall Skeet/Trap	Fall Skeet/Rrap	22 RTC Set up 5:30	DPS 100/200 yd	Fall Skeet/Trap		10am - Wheelen'		
Internation skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet			5pm - Trap & Skeet				
10am - Trap & Skeet								
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Fall Skeet/Trap	Fall Skeet/Rrap	CMP Match 4:30-	Internation skeet	Bench 22lr rifle		DPS 100/200 yd		
Internation skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - RSC Board		Fall Skeet/Trap		Roof removal 8-5		
The Oaks (gm) 12-3				5pm - Trap & Skeet		WAW Jennifer		
10am - Trap & Skeet								
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Fall Skeet/Trap	Fall Skeet/Rrap	22 RTC Set up @ 5:	Internation skeet	Fall Skeet/Trap		Hunter Safety-		
Internation skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet		6pm - Hunter Safety	5pm - Trap & Skeet				
Well Armed Woman	6pm - Hunter Safety							
10am - Trap & Skeet								
27	28	29	30	1	2	3		
Fall Skeet/Trap	Fall Skeet/Rrap	Department of	Internation skeet	Fall Skeet/Trap	Colvin wedding	Wedding Reception		
Internation skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet			5pm - Trap & Skeet				
10am - Trap & Skeet								

Rockford Sportsman's Club

11115 Northland Dr.

P.O. Box 624

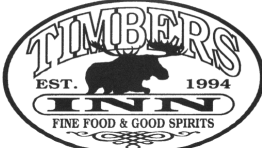
Rockford, Michigan 49341



Steve Washington
Certified Instructor
Training Counselor
Cell: 616.633.0591
Tel: 616.884.5070
steve@protectiontactics.com
www.protectiontactics.com

8450 Algoma Ave NE
Suite AA
Rockford, MI 49341

Firearms Training and Sales
"Because A Cop Won't Fit in Your Pocket"



6555 Belding Rd.
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 874-5553

A proud supporter of the R.S.C.



13861 White Creek Ave.
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
(616) 696-0010



Vitra Guard * Valspar Paints
Screen & Glass Repair
Complete Hardware, Tool,
Plumbing & Heating,
Electrical and Paint Departments

A proud supporter of RSC.

643 Northland Drive, Rockford, MI 49341 * (616) 866-9155
OPEN: Mon-Fri. 7:30 to 8, Sat. 8 to 5, Sun. 10 to 3



Fresh Meats & Deli

Fine Fresh Meats * Fresh Deli Sandwiches
Deli Salads * Hormone Free Dairy * Desserts
Smoked Meats & More!

11761 Northland Dr NE Rockford, MI 49341
616-696-8862 Fax 616-696-8865
storysmarket.com