

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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November 2020

Presidents Article

It's the peak of hunting season and I hope everyone is enjoying the mild weather while it last. I've had the opportunity to see many great sunrises from a field or lake this year. Sometimes that's all it takes to keep us coming back even if we don't bring anything else home.

This has been a crazy year and many of us have been more fortunate than others. Traditionally RSC has worked with Sportsman Against Hunger at the Ultimate Sport Show to collect food for the less fortunate in our area. The Ultimate Sport Show was canceled this year due to COVID-19 and there are still many families in need. For Sight In Days and our upcoming membership meetings we will be collecting nonperishable food items for North Kent Connect. Please bring your items to the November or December Membership meetings or drop off on the wooden shelves in the shoot building. Barbs Deer Processing on 10 Mile also works with North Kent Connect and Sportsman Against hunger for the less fortunate. If you have a heard that needs managing please consider donating. Tom Mroczkowski will be taking care of donations as they come in and tracking the deer being donated at barbs.

With the firearm deer season upon us, its time for RSC Sight in days. We will be open to the public for our annual sight in days Oct 31st, Nov 1st and Nov 7th and Nov 8th from 10am to 3 pm. The cost if \$5 per gun or 6 Nonperishable food items . We will have benches, targets and spotters as always. This is a great way for get workhours if needed or to get help sighting in your rifles.

Once again it is election time at RSC We will be accepting nominations for December ballot at both the November membership and board meeting for both Officers and three trustee positions. If you would like to get involved please reach out to Gordon Pickerd to be nominated and added to the ballot. The 2021 Officers and trustees will be voted on at the December Membership Meeting.

Lastly November is budget month at RSC. The November Board Meeting is our annual Budget meeting. Please have your 2021 Budgets turned into Jim Hughes Prior to the board meeting. The 2021 Budget will be presented to the membership at the December Membership Meeting

Good Luck out There

Ryan

Board Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2020

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Steven Lomonaco, Ryan Cordes, Gordon Pickerd, Kevin Kubiszewski, Dan Vincent, Jim Hughes, Steve Mitchell, Bill Skallos, Tim Hall, John Cordes, George Mayhak,

Guests: Tom Regueski asked the board to find a way to collect donations for Sportsmen Against Hunger. Approved Sight in Days revised cost per gun to 6 can/box goods or \$5 per gun. Will also be collecting donations at the next 2 membership meeting.

Invocation by: Tim Hall

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Sight in Days are coming, will be getting on the sign out front in the next few days. Trying to find ways of keeping the public out of the buildings. Talking of moving the port a john up by the range.
- Well Armed Women is looking to be part of the new application process.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- Brian P. works for a tree service, looking at possibly using his services to remove a tree.
- We are not getting a skid of getting international birds with the regular bird orders, Gordon is asking permission to order international birds with his own money. Talking about possibly exchanging one skid of regular birds with a skid of international birds.
- Elections are a full slate, more to possibly come.
- Invoice for the tractor, hydro line for the buck, front tie bar got bent, on the Kubota tractor. Motion to fix the tractor was made by Steve Mitchell, second by Kevin K. Approved
- The juniors pay \$85 for a 26 line card. Adults pay \$95 for 26 lines
- RCS is getting a grant from the NRA for some shells.

Secretary's Report: Steven Lomonaco

Got a letter from the Kent District Library for the donation for 500 books to the Krause Memorial Library from 2019.

Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Is it worth still to use promotional shoot cards for renewals. As the cards did not result in increased league interest, they will be discontinued.
- Membership Committee names:
- Drafting letters for members
- Dan Vincent/Steve Mitchell will be running the background checks.
- How will we accommodate new applications from 2nd shift people which will not be able to come to a membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Cash has increased, checking is decreasing due to more birds arriving next week along with new machines.
- Only budget received is from Bill Skallos for Hunter Safety.
- Meijer games money has been received.
- Cintas, provides floor mats, is crediting RSC
- Opened up an account for the background check.
- Opened up an account for the background check.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Snow plowing service has not been secured yet for the winter.
- Motion to accept a bid to Andy Laitila (provided last years snow plowing) Approved
- Need to tell people to pick up brass
- Tractor repair
- Trophies have been ordered for winter banquet.
- New machines are here, crates are stackable. Keeping the crates
- Targets will be here next week at 4pm.
- No Rimfire Challenge event this year with no donations going to Vet's home
- Looking at a disinfect machine. Motion to purchase a disinfect machine, \$750, was made and approved.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Steve Mitchell

- Investment committee made and decided to recommend moving excess cash to PFG investment. Motion to move cash into investments by S.Mitchell 2nd by J.Hughes approved.
- Investments are doing really good, up over 41%, from 2016 to 2020.
- A replacement entrance gate and handicap ramp to Field One project was discussed in detail. Motion made to replace gate and handicap access to field one. Motion passed.

John Cordes

Cover for a fire pit

Tim Hall

No report

George Mayhak

No report

Hunter Safety

Just waiting for the word to be able to hold in person hunter ed.

Meeting adjourned 8:49pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Lomonaco acting Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020

Call to order at 7:11pm

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Gordon Pickerd

Motion to approve the minutes from September was made by Ryan Cordes and seconded by Kevin Kubiszewski

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Sight in-days still going on as scheduled October 31st, November 1st, November 7th and 8th and will run from 10am to 3pm, great way to get your hrs in if needed. Different look for this year please see Ryan Cordes for sign up.
Thank you to all of those who helped with the reroof of the pavilion.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

Work day coming up this Saturday from 9am to noon. Hoping to put seed in where some clearing has been done.

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

no report

Secretary's Report: Steven Lomonaco

no report

Membership Secretary's report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Kevin K. made a motion to approve new members second by Dan Vincent
 - Neil and Catherine Simons
 - Brain and Katherine Pankratz
- Last board meeting new application format was presented, with a background check, along with a safety quiz. Trying to make sure we as a club don't have any accidents. Game law violations will not ruin your chances for joining the club. After the committee meeting will have to attend a membership meeting to be voted in. The applicant will have to pay \$10 for a background check, along with the \$180 for the membership dues. Thanks to Kevin and Steve for putting together the new application.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Income YTD: \$90,335
- Expenses YTD: \$61,429
- Net Income YTD: \$28,906

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Sergeant at Arms Report: Dan Vincent

2 NSAA events this week.

Targets have sky rocked. As a club we throwing a bunch of targets.

October 28th new targets are being delivered from Canada, with 135 targets in each box.

New skeet machines are coming as well, they have been in the budget for at least 3 yrs.

Keeping the old machines as backup.

International birds fly faster.

Working on a fence to block the birds from flying over the hill into the 100 yd range.

Please do not shoot rifle or handguns at the clay targets. (ricochet issue)

Committee Reports

Skeet and Trap-

SCTP-Chris was 6th in the nation for the junior team.

CMP-3rd match this coming Saturday for the fall/winter.

Rimfire Bench Rest-No Report

Well-armed women-meet at the shoot building third Sunday.

Hunter Safety-had a good turnout for the September 26th class in terms of both instructors and students. Had to spilt the class into two seasons. 20 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon.

Defensive pistol-next Wednesday is the next shoot.

MUCC-virtual meeting

22 Reactive Target Competition- October 13th shoot is going to be ran by Tim Hinkle, Steven Lomonaco is in the process of putting together that shoot. New shooters are always welcome.

Rimfire challenge-no report

Sportsmen Against Hunger-35 took in for youth, 35 taken in for early antlerless meat goes to God's kitchen.

Sunshine- no report

Food and Beverage

No Report

Building and Grounds

No report

Apparel

No Report

Marketing

No Report

Safety Updates

Swing the yellow gate open, and close off the gate for the 100yd range.

Old business-

New gate will be discussed at the next board meeting.

New business

- Adopt a highway
- Please don't shoot the woodchuck, safety reason.
- Looking to do more community outreach.

Unlevel bricks, not for trash, put it out before you leave. Was put in for winter activates.

Nominations for board members (nominations open until November board meeting)			
President	Vice President	Secretary	Membership Secretary
Ryan Cordes	Dan Hankinson	Steve Lomonaco Jeremy Taylor	Kevin Kubiszewski
Sergeant at Arms	Treasurer	Trustee	
Dan Vincent	Jim Hughes	John Cordes	

50/50 Raffle-Bob Gillesse, Kim Olinger

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted

Steven Lomonaco acting secretary

RSC GATE PROJECT

October 13, 2020

I. Current Situation

- A) An automated gate has been a discussion item for several years with the long term planning committee and is currently on the project list.
 - a) Gate replacement is a budgeted carry over project from prior years (\$4,400)
 - b) Automation & electronic monitoring as a strategic project within the next couple of years
- B) Existing gate is in need of repair and is not suitable for automation
- C) There is interest in replacement of the current gate with an automated system. (A group of members solicited & presented the proposal at the September Members meeting)

II. Background - Automated Gate Design

Automated gates are made up 3 different modules. The gate, the operator and the control system

- A) Gate styles: barrier, swing and slide - Gates are custom to each application
- B) Operator design - all appear to have battery backup/solar charging options
 - 1) barrier - gearbox/crank
 - 2) swing - linear actuator or gearbox/crank designs
 - 3) Sliding - gearbox/roller chain
- C) Control systems - options cover the range of Homelink garage door sender/receiver to sophisticated keypad/card entry with computerized data collection.

III. Cedar Springs Fence Proposal (\$5,750)

- A) Custom 24' L 4' H counter balanced cantilevered chain link sliding gate
- B) Gearbox/roller chain operator
- C) Basic keypad control with storage of the last entry by each code

IV. RSC Assessment

- A) Current gate needs repair & is not suitable for automation
- B) Automation, reliability and maintenance requirements are key elements for a replacement gate
- C) Replacement goals
 - 1) need to protect the family membership nature & image of the club
 - 2) accommodate emergency services access (police/fire/ambulance)
 - 3) allow event public entry while capturing historical membership access
 - 4) ability to operate during a power outage
 - 5) be operable manually without automation

V. Recommendation

The board approved replacement of the current gate with a manual swing gate suitable for automation, The automation of the gate is on a recommended project list for next year.

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Calendar

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

For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Nov 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fall Skeet/Trap Internation skeet Public Sight-in days Swap meet during 10am - Trap & Skeet	2 Fall Skeet/Trap 5pm - Trap & Skeet	3 7pm - Membership	4 NSSA	5 Fall Skeet/Trap 5pm - Trap & Skeet	6	7 Public sight-in days WAW South Pistol
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ranges Closed to Members only						
Internation skeet Public Sight-in days 10am - Trap & Skeet	5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 RTC Set up 5:30		5pm - Trap & Skeet		
15 Internation skeet Well Armed Woman 10am - Trap & Skeet	16 5pm - Trap & Skeet	17 7pm - RSC Board	18	19 5pm - Trap & Skeet	20	21 CMP Match 9-3 pm
22 Internation skeet 10am - Trap & Skeet	23 5pm - Trap & Skeet	24 22 RTC Set up @ 5:	25	26 11am - Ken Bell 5pm - Trap & Skeet	27	28
29 Internation skeet 10am - Trap & Skeet	30 5pm - Trap & Skeet	1 7pm - Membership	2	3 5pm - Trap & Skeet	4 Skelone wedding	5 Skelone, Carl

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