



Northstar Sportsmens Club P.O. Box 21 Walker, MN 56484
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Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 8, 2018

After a delicious lunch of sub sandwiches, salads, chips, and a variety of deserts was enjoyed by all present, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by club president, Mark Bovee. The 16 members in attendance began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last annual meeting (9/9/2017) were reviewed and approved on a motion to accept by Carl Berg, second by Bill O'Neill.

2018 Election Results:

Mark Bovee was re-elected to a second 3-year term on the Board. Bill O'Neill was elected to his first 3-year term, replacing Harlan Fierstine, who had served out his full term and chose not to run for re-election. Approximately 60 ballots were received out of the approximately 400 that were mailed out.

Election of Club Officers for 2018 were not done at this time due to the absence of several Board Members. It was postponed until the next monthly meeting, September 24, 2018, 6 P.M. at the club house.

Old Business:

President, Mark Bovee, thanked the employees and manager for the great job they did this year in getting the range open in inclement weather, and for the ongoing upkeep of the facility. The grounds look great.

Mark gave an update on the status of the easement request from club neighbor, Hal Solem. On the advice of our attorney, Tony Trimble, at this time we are obligated to give an agricultural easement only. There are **Warning/No Trespassing** signs and posts that need to be placed on the perimeter, starting with the northern and eastern perimeters. With prior notification we have permission to access the property line through Hal Solem's property for ease of installing the perimeter signs. Volunteers are needed to install the NSSC Range Perimeter signage.

New Business:

The DNR grant to upgrade the rifle and pistol ranges was discussed and a status report given. No action has been taken to date. We have until June 30, 2019 to have all of the work completed and submit all of the paperwork. Alan Colliander gave an overview of the process.

New memberships:

The board has decided to continue past practice that all new memberships taken out after 9/1/2018 will include a full of membership in 2019 as well.

2019 Event Calendar and Event Chair People:

The 2019 Calendar of Events and Event Chair People were discussed. The next major event is the Annual Fund-Raising Banquet, scheduled for April 27, 2019 at Moondance Event Center. Please check the website for updates, as it is being updated regularly.

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Eagle Scout Project:

David Brown, as an Eagle Scout Project, designed, built, and delivered 9 storage boxes for the sporting clays course. David did all of the fund raising for this project, as well as building and delivering the finished boxes. Surplus funds from his fund raising were donated to Northstar. Good job, David!

Mark shared updates on:

- Activities of the WHAN Trap Team,
- Member Volunteer Work Day,
- The completion Employee Training in the areas of:
 - **Range Safety Officer**, CPR, and First Aid
- The largest Hunter Safety Class Range & Field Day ever to be held here (60 kids plus all of the Volunteer Instructors required),
- The need to have new outhouses built,
- The need to have the club's septic system evaluated and repaired

New Committee To Be Established:

Mark proposed establishing a committee that represents all of the venues of the club. Members will include Pistol, Rifle, Sporting Clays, Trap and Skeet, Archery, and Buildings and Grounds. We still need someone to represent archery.

Credit Cards Will Be Accepted:

A change in the way we are able to do business will happen by April 2019. We are going to be able to accept credit and debit cards for Memberships, daily range use, and for all Events, including the Annual Banquet.

Range Operations Manual:

A Range Operations Manual needs to be started that describes "best practices" for all business and activities of the club. This is to be a dynamic document, not static, so it will change as we improve our practices.

Review The By-Laws:

A question raised by John Eaton, "Are the By-Laws in good shape?", will be addressed by the Board at an upcoming meeting. It was also suggested that we keep a hard copy of the By-Laws in the club house for anyone to be able to review at any time.

Access Road Needs Attention:

There have been some bids made for improving and maintaining the roads into the club house and parking area. There needs to be more follow-up on this issue.

Special Award - Sporting Clays Range Re-Named:

At the end of the meeting, Carl Berg presented a special award to Paul Blegen, recognizing him for his dedication, expertise, and for all of the hours of work he gives to the club on the Sporting Clays Range. Acting on a motion previously approved by the Board, a sign was displayed proclaiming that the range will hereafter be known as the **Paul Blegen Sporting Clays Range**. In his honor, a celebratory cake was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39AM. Many in attendance stayed to enjoy a free round of trap or skeet; a perk enjoyed by club members who attend the Annual Meeting.