



October 2019 Monthly Minutes

North Star Shooting Sports Club Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2019

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee, Alan Colliander, Pat Idstrom, Carl Berg

Absent: Nik Opsal, Bill O'Neill

Club Manager: Richard Boston

Members present: Rita Bovee, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:35 pm.

Kayla Winkler, Community Relations Specialist, Sanford Health, representing the Sanford Foundation, was present at the board meeting to present to us a Physiocontrol Lifepack 1000 AED, as a donation from the Sanford Foundation. We are honored to be given such an important gift! The board and members are very grateful for their generosity.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. There was discussion about some changes to be made from the minutes as presented. Motion to approve the amended minutes made by Alan, seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carl provided two months' worth of the treasurer's reports. After discussion about expenditures, the amount in the treasury is approximately \$8,000.00. Pat made a motion to approve the report, Alan seconded. Motion passed.

Range Report:

1. Discussion about staffing for next season. Some current staff may be willing to return. Richard recommends more flexible and younger people. Also recommended that the RSO (Range Safety Officer) training, as well as CRP/AED/First Aid be required for all staff.
2. The green golf cart is acting up again. It needs to be replaced by something more suitable and reliable for the use at the club. Preferred is a 4-seat side by side ATV.
3. An electrician / mechanic would be very helpful to be on call for next season. The staff and manager should not be required to have all of those skill sets to fix issues as they arise.
4. Signage status for the club: discussion about potential issues with signage. Dennis Dicks, property owner for the property one sign is currently on, does not have any issues with a sign on his property. More discussion to take place later in the agenda.
5. Members have been asking about the current status of getting outhouses for when the range is closed. After discussion, it was motioned by Alan that we get a port-a-john for the time between now and the start of deer season (11/9/19). Pat seconded, motion passed. Pat agreed to make the arrangements to have one delivered as soon as possible.
6. Discussion about the gate being left open or locked chain link to chain link versus padlock to padlock. Suggested that we get an appropriate sign from Lynn Mineer.
7. Drainage is still an issue, with water already collecting in the eastern trap house. The sump pumps are ready to be put into use.



8. Sporting clays traps are being winterized, attempting to decrease the amount of rodent issues. Richard did contact the machine repair business in Marshall MN. He does have a direct contact number. The mechanic said he would have time, within 6-8 weeks, after deer season to look at them and evaluate what needs to be done, but needs to be scheduled with him prior to anyone dropping off the trap machines with the greatest issues.

9. The newest brochures have not been found yet. Jeff Holly, ACE Hardware, has requested that he be given envelopes that include the membership application and a brochure for sales of 2020 memberships. He has requested 50 envelopes at a time.

10. Discussion of a sporting clays league. Newsletter to request that anyone interested in this to please contact the club members listed to indicate interest. League members can also sign up at the spring fund raising banquet.

11. The work day of October 6th was completed. There were 12 cubic yards of wads and broken clays removed that day. It was suggested that a thank you note be sent to City Sanitary for their donation of the dumpsters, and the prompt removal of them when full. Richard recommended that this be done on an annual basis.

12. There was a Boy Scout troop that had planned to be at the club on a weekend in October, but cancelled due to weather. They do plan to come back next spring and use the trap and rifle ranges. Chris Davis is the scout master.

13. Wounded Warriors were out and used the range on October 12th. They had a very cold and wet day.

14. Law Enforcement held training here on October 14th. This will be the last time they will be here sponsored by Hibbing Community College. The college will not be offering this course in the future. There might be training under a different sponsor (private?) in the future, and it will likely be held here.

15. The last day the club will be open is November 8th. Richard will hand off the phone, cash register, computer, printer, I pad and any other electronic devices to Brian at that time for climate-controlled storage for the winter. Motion to accept the range report made by Mark, seconded by Alan. Motion passed.

Old Business: (per agenda)

1. The sporting clays traps will not be moved into storage. They are being winterized per usual policy. Only the traps with significant issues will be removed to be available for potential repair.

2. Policy on non-refundable deposits for shooting reservations: Pat did not bring a copy with him. He will send the policy he has written out to all board members within a week of this meeting.

3. Wad clean up completed.

New Business:

1. Discussion about candidates for the board. Brian will have the two people he has talked with to complete their profiles and will send this information out to the board members.

2. Perimeter signage: Mark has walked the perimeter recently and has observed that there are a few trees on the NE side that will make clearing with the brush hog difficult. Mark and Brian will put signs and posts up on the northerly border in the next couple of weeks.

3. Mark shared the information received from Lynn Mineer about replacement signs. There was extensive discussion. Mark will ask Lynn for another option for the signs out by 371 that will be more stark and more easily seen from the road within the foliage. Pat made a motion to order the three road signs with the discussed changes, Alan seconded. Motion passed. Mark will get revisions to Lynn Mineer and then forward the changes for everyone's review via email.



4. New patches have been ordered. They are rectangular versus round, and are sized 1 ½ X 5 inches.

5. Brian had 3 rifles set aside for the banquet in the spring. The price was such that he didn't feel we could pass them up. Carl made the motion to purchase these three guns, Alan seconded. Motion passed.

6. Discussion about the annual meeting: it was decided to hold the annual meeting in conjunction with the December board meeting. The next meetings over the winter (November through April) will be held at the WACC. Brian will confirm that we had the room reserved for those meetings. Since December is getting so close to Christmas, Carl recommended that we move the date from December 16 to December 9th. We will serve coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies to all who attend. Carl made a motion to hold the annual meeting at the December 9th board meeting, Pat seconded. Motion passed.

7. The end of the year newsletter has been in process for a while. Alan brought a copy of the latest draft for all to see, review, and comment about changes. Send changes to Alan as soon as possible, so the newsletter can go to print and be mailed out in a timely manner, accompanied with the ballot, board member profiles and the annual meeting agenda. Brian will get the mailing to Hummingbird Press for copying and mailing.

8. Carl suggested that when we close for the season this year, Arvig be contacted to disconnect the landline phone located in the club house.

Pat made the motion to adjourn, Mark seconded. Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bovee, recording secretary