



## December 2019 Monthly Minutes

### North Star Shooting Sports Club Board of Directors Meeting December 9, 2019

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee, Alan Colliander, Pat Idstrom, Bill O'Neill, Carl Berg, Dan Horazuk, Dawn Horazuk

Members present: Rita Bovee, recording secretary, Paul Blegen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Secretary's report:** The secretary's report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Pat, seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl provided the board the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$1,493.64, with about \$1,454.75 in bills currently in hand, but with other bills pending. Carl offered that he would lend the club \$2,400 to get us through until after the banquet when we again have some cash flow. He further offered that if the club would agree to use \$2,400 exclusively for wireless traps and covers for all of the traps on sporting clays, he would make the loan amount a gift to Northstar. Pat made a motion to accept Carl's offer, Mark seconded it; motion passed. Carl might have an additional donation in 2020 with the same restrictions. Mark agreed to donate \$1,000 also towards improving the sporting clays course. After additional discussion, Pat made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Dan seconded; motion passed.

**Range Report:** There is no report; the range is closed until about April 1, 2020.

#### **Old Business:** (per agenda)

1. Discussion of signage. Mark stated that we need a bid for one more sign from Lynn Mineer that was not included in the original bid. After much discussion it was agreed upon that the signs are not a high priority at this moment and can wait until a later meeting to decide what is needed and when to move forward with the purchase.
2. Policy on deposits for shooting – Pat gave a brief overview of the policy he has put together. It states essentially that a 50% deposit is requested for a reservation, cancellation is fully refunded if canceled within 2 weeks, and any weather-related cancellations will be at the discretion of the club manager. A written policy is still needed to continue discussions and clarifications.
3. Interview committee – Brian, Bill and Carl have agreed to interview candidates for the club manager position, discuss that various options and then bring their recommendations to the board for action. This should take place as soon as possible.
4. Annual Meeting for 2020 – there was much discussion about the date for the 2020 annual meeting. After reviewing the bylaws, it was agreed that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020. That will allow any summer residents to also attend before they move back to their other residences. This will increase the workload of the board, at an already busy time, to find additional candidates for the board of directors – this will need to happen by July 1, 2020 in order to get the mailing out in the timeline set by the bylaws.
5. Additional discussion included the need for a change in hours of operation, and options for advertising. Mark suggested it would be good to have an advertising coordinator to look at all of our options. This needs to be discussed further.



6. Discussion about the need for an additional Range Safety Day for the youth requirements for their firearms certificates. It was decided that August 22, 2020 would be a second date for this event. Mark will follow up with a former coordinator George Arts to see if he is willing to take this on as Lead Instructor. The expected date for the first Range Day is May 2, 2020 – to be confirmed with Bonnie Conrad. As far as a charge for this event(s), given our current financial situation, our plan is to charge a small fee for participation. It was agreed that it would be free for children or grandchildren of members; a \$10.00 fee per child would be charged for non-members.
7. A tentative date of Sunday October 4, 2020 was set as a wad clean-up day. This could be an annual event so it won't become such a large task as it was this past October.

### **New Business:**

1. Spring banquet was discussed. Carl will do the application for the gambling permit promptly; Kelly Nelson has already agreed to be the MC/auctioneer. There is another person who is willing to be MC/auctioneer if needed. Pat will be the person keeping the kids on their tasks (meat raffle, raffle tickets, dishes!!). Brian, Alan, Mark, and Pat will do donation solicitations, Dan and Dawn have agreed to work on games and add their input to make this an improved banquet next year.
2. Transition to email of newsletters – with the new membership registrations this coming year, we need to require an email that is current and legible. It will be clarified on the membership forms. Brian is to send the current form from the club computer to Rita for updating.
3. New brochures – Alan brought the updated brochures for everyone to use. These will be given to the hardware store with their membership forms, as well as anywhere that they could be distributed. Brian took the remainder of the box of brochures with him at the end of the meeting. Alan paid them personally and will be submitting the receipt for reimbursement in the future.
4. Mission statement – at the November meeting, we were all asked to come up with a mission statement for the club. As a guideline, the fewer words, the better. Example: the mission of Fed Ex is Overnight Delivery. Alan had his as: “A place to enjoy the shooting sports.” The rest of us contributed phrases such as: conservation – education – safety – youth – shooting club. More discussion needs to happen on this topic.
5. The annual end of the year ticket drawing from the spent shooting cards was drawn. The winner this year of a case of shot gun shells is Jim Smalley – congratulations!

Pat made the motion to adjourn; Bill seconded. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bovee, recording secretary