



February 2020 Monthly Minutes

North Star Shooting Sports Club Board of Directors Meeting February 17, 2020

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee (via I-pad), Bill O'Neill, Carl Berg, Dan Horazuk,

Absent: Dawn Horazuk, Pat Idstrom

Members present: Rita Bovee (via I-pad), recording secretary, Alan Colliander

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm by Brian Griffith with the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. One item of discussion was that the next newsletter needs to include a statement that **most subsequent club communications will be distributed electronically, not printed.** Member renewal forms should also be included in the next newsletter mailing. Additional discussion raised the question, "Where do the emails to info@nssclub.org go?" This needs to be answered before the newsletter goes out. Motion to approve the minutes made by Bill, seconded by Dan. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: This report included discussion of the December and the January reports. There was a clarification of the December report: Carl donated \$2,423.97 and Bill donated \$2,500.00, to be used for Sporting Clays capital improvements. Given the club's current financial situation, both of them agreed to allow the funds to be used for current expenditures, with the agreement that the funds will be replaced after the spring banquet. A Sporting Clays Capital Improvement Fund line item, reporting the balance each month, needs to be added to the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Sporting Clays Committee – The Board appointed a committee for the Sporting Clays improvement project: Ron Cuperus, Alan Colliander, Carl Berg and Paul Blegen. During a meeting last November, a plan to improve the Sporting Clays course was formulated. The plan included making changes in 4 phases. The board will, of course, discuss each facet of the plan prior to any work being done or money being spent. The club's general membership will be informed of the plan as part of the spring newsletter and their input will be solicited.

Arvig Bill - There was a question raised about what the Arvig expense is for, as listed on the Treasurer's Report. It is for the land line that has been replaced by the cell phone from AT&T. Brian will cancel the land line tomorrow (2/18/20). Mark made a motion to approve the January 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)

Fiduciary Duties Of The Board Of Directors - This portion of the meeting started with a discussion of the fiduciary duties of a board of directors for a non-profit corporation. All agreed to re-read this 8 page document from the Office of the MN Attorney General (<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Brochures/pubFiduciaryDutiesofDirectors.pdf>) to gain a better understanding. Along with this, Alan shared that he found a 10 page document, the NSSC Operating Procedures, that was last updated in 2015. He will forward this to all of the Board



members. In addition he will forward the most recent job descriptions that need to be reviewed and updated prior to the hiring of new employees.

1. WHAN Trap Team Cost/Donation For 2020 - As agreed at the last board meeting, Northstar will provide 500 rounds at \$6.00 per round for a total value of \$3,000.00. During the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that the club is open for team practice for 4 hours every Tuesday, and then again for four more hours on Sunday afternoon. This is before the club has opened for the year, and these costs have not been accounted for. That totals up to 8 hours per week at a cost of about \$30.00 per hour = \$240.00 per week, plus insurance, electricity, and road/maintenance. It was informally agreed that the club could cover one evening (Tuesday) for the WHAN trap team, but the trap team would have to pay for the Sunday costs. Carl also requested to be reimbursed for fuel for plowing of the road so it will be open in time for the trap team to gain access to the club. No decision was made on this request. Carl will check with Pat to see how much he can do with a Bobcat. Carl will also give Pat Ron Cuperus's number to see if they can work something out.

2. Policy On Deposits For Shooting Reservations – Everyone acknowledged that they received the policy presented by Pat after the last board meeting. Discussion included that we need to find out what other area clubs do – if they have a similar policy at their facilities. Dan will check with the facility in Pequot Lakes. Alan will check with Mike Smith and Jim Smalley regarding Bemidji and Cass Lake facilities. Also discussed was that two weeks cancellation is too long a time for a reservation cancellation – 24 hours is more realistic in this setting. No action will be taken until we get feedback from the other facilities.

3. Interview Committee – we are down to two prospects unless we get some additional applications. There is an ad posted with the chamber of commerce. Brian will contact the two individuals regarding their interest on 2/18, and forward any information to Carl with their responses.

4. Spring Banquet - Carl has applied for the gambling permit. Brian reported that Neil Kinder is thrilled to do this again, and will contact the other members of the food team. They requested \$1,500.00 for the food purchases. A lengthy discussion ensued about the purchase of guns for the grand prize. As we look at donations, Brian, Pat and Alan could use some assistance in requesting donations.

5. Mission Statement – there was discussion of ideas for a mission statement. The suggestions on a document attached to the agenda included: (From December 2019 Minutes) 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.

Mark B “Promote and facilitate safe shooting sports (of shot gunning, rifle, handgun and archery) and welcome all ages and genders through education, _____, _____, and stewardship of the **Northstar Shooting Sports Club**

Alan C (2/9/20) The mission of Northstar Shooting Sports Club is to be a safe, friendly place to participate in the shooting sports and to encourage youth, men, and women to join the ranks of those who enjoy them.

The suggestion put forward by Bill O’Neill at the meeting was “A Family Oriented Facility To Promote Shooting Sports”.



Each board member was encouraged to reflect on each of these for additional discussion. Discussion included that all of our current expenditures, outside of major improvements, has been youth oriented – ie: scholarships, trap team, and youth firearm safety day.

6. Discussion About The Purchase Of Clay Targets - Prior to ordering, we need to determine what we still have in inventory, then get quotes from more than one vendor. Pat shared a quote he got from Sunset Distributors in December 2019. We also need to look at what our last purchase was about a year and a half ago. We will need to order again by June or July. Dan can get us a quote for the transportation once we know the weight of the purchased targets.

7. Shooting Rates For 2020 - The prices were set as of the last meeting and are currently posted on the website.

8. Open Hours This Year - There was much discussion about what hours we should be open, to encourage more participation from the area's "working" shooters. It was agreed that the club will be open from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday for June, July and August. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Northstar will be open from noon to 5:00 pm. As has been our past practice, Northstar will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

9. Scholarships – all 4 scholarships (\$500 each) that were granted last year have been paid, leaving \$100.89 in that dedicated account. After the banquet, we should be able to fund that account for an additional 2 scholarships per year going forward (\$500 Each), that will be paid in January of the following year, assuming we have two qualified applicants who apply each year. We are also hoping that club members will be willing to donate to the scholarship fund and the sporting clays capital improvement fund, as we will be requesting in the newsletter. Alan also reminded the board that Beltrami Electric offers grants every quarter, so if we have hard numbers to request grant funding for a project Alan would be willing to do the paperwork.

10. Reports Due At Monthly Board Meetings - There was a brief discussion about a **planned absence** of a board member from a board meeting - if they have a report that is due to be made, another board member /officer needs to present the report at the meeting so the board is presented with important information in a timely fashion.

Motion To Adjourn - Bill made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bovee, recording secretary