



March 2019 Monthly Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Griffith at 6:33 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

Those in attendance were Brian Griffith, Pat Idstrom, Bill O'Neill, Mark Bovee (via video conference), Richard Boston, and Alan Colliander. Absent were Carl Berg, Ed Harapat, and Nik Opsal.

February Minutes

The February Minutes were reviewed, discussed at some length, and approved as submitted. Items that were discussed included life memberships and range use rates.

Life Memberships were reaffirmed at 15X the rate of annual individual membership rate going forward, so the current price of a life membership is \$900 for 2019.

Corporate Memberships were also reviewed. The intent to raise prices this year was not included earlier in discussions about the 10-member corporate rate. Maintaining a \$20/member discount from the annual individual membership, now at \$60, set the corporate 10-Member rate at \$400, or \$40/member. The newly created 5-Member corporate rate was set at \$250, or \$50/member. A motion was made and passed unanimously to establish those rates for 2019.

WHAN Wolves Trap Team News

Pat Idstrom reported that the Wolves Trap Team will have their first night of shooting on Tuesday, April 2. He found about 20 of the old Northstar Club patches in the clubhouse and is using them for the team on their new vests. He said he needs about 10 more patches and we'll have to reorder some to be able to do that. After some discussion, it was decided that we would get another 3 dozen or so for the coming year.

The issue of having a working bathroom available for the trap team was discussed. We had a bad experience last year when the septic pump was turned on while the ground, the septic tank, and the rest of the system was still frozen. The discussion turned to a functioning outhouse as the only possible alternative for the immediate future. Brian checked with the company who supplied porta potties for the Eelpout Festival and reported they would provide one and service it once a week for \$231/month. No firm decision was made about a direction to proceed.

Alan presented a form for **Operation Round-Up from Beltrami Electric** and suggested that if we wrote a grant request for funds to help construct an ADA approved outhouse, there was a pretty good chance that we'd get funded for at least a portion of the cost. Pat Idstrom took the form and will complete the application. We still have to research the specific design needed to fulfill this need.

Trap League

Bill O'Neill agreed to co-ordinate the trap league this year. Bill requested that we put a notice on the web site about trap league so people wanting more information have some place to find it. Alan will work with Bill to get the right information posted.



Youth Firearm Safety Training

A quick call to Bonnie Conrad, the lead instructor for Youth Firearm Safety Training, confirmed that a Range and Field Day is set for May 4. We typically fill up all the slots available and often have kids (and parents) coming from quite a distance to take part in this final requirement for youth to earn their Firearm Safety Certificate. Notice of this will also be put on the web site.

Scholarships

The annual Northstar Scholarship Program was discussed. Given the current cash shortage, the four members in attendance could not agree on an appropriate course of action. Pat proposed offering two \$500 scholarships as has been done in the past. There was no second to his motion so it died. Brian proposed one \$500 scholarship, but it also died with a vote of three yeas and one nay. Four votes are required for a quorum. The issue will be decided at the April Meeting.

The Club Needs More Employees

Richard said that the current employees have said they are willing to work only a few days each week, not every day, and not all week end, every week end. As part-time seasonal employees, they want to enjoy some of the summer just like everyone else. We need to recruit at least two and perhaps three new employees to share the load.

New Phone, Tablet, and Cases – Credit Card Capability

Pat brought in the new club cell phone, tablet, and cases for each. By the April meeting, they will need to be set up, checked out, and functioning to be able to disconnect from our land line. We also need to purchase, install, and set up a credit card reader, a Square, or similar product, to enable credit card transactions. It was suggested that we set up a separate bank account for safety (in case of hacking) with the credit card reader. Brian will contact Nik, who has experience with this kind of equipment and previously said he'd be willing to get things up and running for the club. We also still need to purchase a wireless 8 ½" x 11" printer for the club house and a small wireless printer in order to provide paper tape receipts both at the banquet and at the club for those customers who want a paper receipt. Using the Square, receipts are typically emailed to customers who make the charges.

Gate Keys

Kent Reeves (locksmith) has delivered a new front gate lock and the 2019 gate keys to Leech Lake Lumber. These include the capability of being used by our existing Life Members and by those buying a key for use with their 2019 annual memberships.

In 2020, ALL keys will need to be re-done. There will be a new lock and key system from January 1, 2020 going forward. Current Life Members will be contacted to bring their keys in to be exchanged for new Life Member's Keys at the club.

Annual Banquet

The annual fund-raising banquet is only 5 ½ weeks away. There will be a special meeting for all those involved with setting-up and working at the banquet, at the WACC at 6:30 p.m. on April 8th. The banquet will be the only topic on the agenda.

Bill agreed to solicit resorts around Leech Lake for banquet prizes; Alan will again solicit in Bemidji. All of the Walker area merchants have been split up amongst other board members and will be contacted in the next few weeks.



Brian will see to getting new hats ordered, for the Hat Raffle and for general use throughout the year.

Brian will work with Nik and Carl to get the bank account set up for the credit card machine.

The WHAN Trap Team members have handled selling tickets for the meat raffle in years past and will do so again this year.

A notice about the banquet and a hot link to the banquet flyer will be posted on the web site and we'll get a notice also posted on Paul Bunyan TV on channel 14, Community Service Announcements.

The cooks have been contacted, the menu decided upon, and the food has been ordered. Carl has made arrangements for a banquet emcee. There are many more details that need to be finalized to have a successful banquet. **But most importantly, all of us need to sell tickets!**

The next regular Board and general membership club meeting will be on April 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the WACC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.