



## April 2020 Monthly Minutes (held 5/4/20)

### North Star Shooting Sports Club Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom May 4, 2020

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

Members present: Rita Bovee, recording secretary, Alan Colliander

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Brian Griffith. Carl moved that we forego the pledge of allegiance, Dan seconded.

**Secretary's report:** The secretary's report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. Motion to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup> minutes made by Pat, seconded by Dan. Motion passed. Dawn gave a brief verbal review of the minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Motion to approve these minutes made by Pat, seconded by Dan. Motion passed by the majority. These written minutes have yet to be shared or posted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl reported that he has deposited \$7,605.00 in donations and memberships. Some of the donations went to general operating funds and sporting clays capital improvement, with a small amount going to the scholarship fund. Payables are stated as \$1,241.93. Carl reported that with the total expenses listed, that he lent (sic) the club \$3,000.00 to tide us over and with the WHAN Trap Team advance of \$2,000.00, we have a balance of \$4,242.59. Alan asked for further clarification, which was provided that included the checking account balance. Mark requested additional information about the amount of donations that went into which funds versus memberships. Carl abruptly left the meeting upon these questions without answers given. Further discussion continued with the remaining board members to clarify some of the treasurers' report and serious concerns over the limited financial information that we have had available to us. We need to see our actual income, versus donations, and a list of the fixed expenses. The question was asked: where do we go from here? Opinions discussed included: we are responsible to the membership and need to know what expenses we have had if asked by any member – we need to have that answer; we need a profit/loss statement and a budget; we need a better breakdown of where our money is going; labor has historically been too high, especially after labor day; our documentation needs to be dug into deeper, and agreed that labor costs are too high; we need good management of the labor and the associated funds; we do have the financial records that go back 4 to 5 years, compiled to reflect just income/expenses per month and a yearend total – but does not include more detailed expenses; reporting needs to be tightened up; question asked – when did the board approve a \$3,000.00 loan from Carl?; do we need to have a professional take over the accounting?; a professional can establish a platform that we can work with so we can move forward. Bill made the motion to take the existing records to Pederson, Smith and Roehl to see what they can do for us; Dan seconded. More discussion including how much is an amount we could pay, what other options do we have? Brian shared that the cash register, the iPad and the Square Trade all have the categories in them, so they collect the specific information (purchases, memberships, trap rounds, skeet rounds, sporting clays rounds, etc) If credit cards are used Square Trade sends a monthly report. Ultimately it was agreed that Bill will meet with Pederson, Smith and Roehl tomorrow (5/5/20) to get initial



information of their availability and associated costs, and the information will be shared with the board when it is received. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, for a complete discussion about moving forward with this. The treasurers report was accepted as presented, to be approved at the next meeting pending more information.

**Range Report:** There is no report; the range is closed until about May 16, 2020.

**Old Business:** (per agenda)

The item of old business was not discussed so that new business items could be discussed with the time left in the meeting.

**New Business:**

- 1. Scholarships 2020.** It was agreed that since there are financial constraints for this year, no scholarships will be offered for 2020, but the qualified applicants will be allowed to reapply for next year. Pat will contact the applicants.
- 2. Shooting Leagues for 2020 summer.** After discussion it was agreed on a tentative basis that we would continue to have a trap league if there is interest. Tentative dates include starting on June 10/11 and continue until July 29/30 (Wednesday or Thursday, for 8 weeks). Sporting clays appear to have at least 3 teams interested. They will need to set their own shooting dates and times. Hours for summer were altered to: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Saturday and Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Also discussed was the opening for the season to the public on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Pat made the motion to be open on the 16<sup>th</sup>, with the above listed hours, Dan seconded. The majority voted to approve. Mark will be there on the 16<sup>th</sup>; Bill will be there on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, it was shared that Kevin Stoffel will be conducting a concealed carry course on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Mark will open the club house for him. He may be on the pistol range until about 2:00 PM that day.
- 3. Employees – Manager.** We currently have David Brown, Harold Ostebauer and John Huber as employees, and none of them are taking on the manager position. At this time there will not be an ad for a manager. We will see how it goes with the current employees. John and Harold both know what needs to be done, David needs an orientation. Brian will go out early and make sure the mowers are ready to go.
- 4. Attorney Tony Trimble Update** – Tony Trimble has sent his response to the attorney for Hal Solem. Mark reviewed his report for the Board. Hal Solem’s attorney has requested that Hal will purchase the Northeast corner for \$2,000.00. Discussion included that if that corner is outright sold that it will impact the activities of the club in the long run. It will then be open for development in the future and likely will impact the caliber of guns that could be used on the rifle range. Pat made a motion that we do not accept the offer of \$2,000.00 and make him take us to court. Dan seconded. Motion passed.
- 5. Otto-Bremer Trust – Grant Application** – We need a budget and financials before we can submit an application, and in addition there are deadlines. Decided to table until the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 PM.



6. **Annual Meeting – 2020** – the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There are three board members whose terms are up. Who is returning or who is not going to return for another term? Pat stated that he is not able to take the time for another term with his increased responsibilities for the WHAN Trap Team. Brian is undecided right now; Carl is an unknown at this time. No matter how many board members are needed the search needs to begin now. Also discussed was the likelihood of doing the ballots electronically for the election of board members.
7. **Youth Firearms Safety Course** – All early courses have been cancelled by the DNR. We had a second course scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bonnie Conrad would consider it but would not commit at this time. It was agreed that we will not do any youth firearms safety courses this year. The DNR has some options for the different youth age groups that the youth can take advantage of.
8. **Sporting Clays Project** – Alan gave a brief overview of the sporting clays project, in that it is a 4 phase project, with the first phase being converting it to wireless controllers. After his visit to Shooters Sporting Clays with Ron Cuperus, he understands that one controller (Long Range brand) costs about \$450.00 will communicate with one transmitter and two receivers. He estimates that we it will cost about \$12,000.00 to go wireless for our course. He does not know what needs to be done to our existing traps to make them compatible with a wireless controller. Before this meeting began Carl commented to Mark that Ron Cuperus is anxious to get out to the club and start working on station 8. At this point the board has not approved any work and need to know that the plan is before moving forward. This needs to be thoroughly thought out prior. The improvements are intended to allow two groups to start at the same time at different stations. We apparently have enough throwers if we put two throwers per stations versus where we have three throwers on at least one station currently. This needs further discussion and planning.
9. **Member Suggestion** – a member suggested an idea that we team up with Reeds and offer a “reduced price membership” with the purchase of a gun. Discussed was: \$40 for the reduced rate, good for one time only, and for anyone who has not been a member for the past 5 years, excludes current members; a free rifle/pistol day open to anyone; “member for a day” to potentially increase traffic. All of this needs further discussion at the next meeting (5/18/20). Brian will see if this is acceptable with the Reeds ownership.
10. **WHAN Trap Team** – Pat shared that the trap team will purchase shooting punch cards for each of the team members, the cards will be left at the clubhouse in a box, specific for each member of the trap team. At the end of the year Pat will tally up the number of rounds used by the trap team members and this will be charged against the \$2,000.00 advance. If the number of rounds is greater than the advance, the trap club will pay for them. Dawn made the motion to accept this plan, Bill seconded it. Motion passed.

Bill made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Bovee, recording secretary