



**North Star Shooting Sports Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2019**

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee, Pat Idstrom, Ed Harapat, Carl Berg, Nik Opsal, Bill O'Neill
Club Manager: Richard Boston - Members present: Alan Colliander, Hank Conrad, Bonnie Conrad, Rita Bovee
The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 PM.
The minutes of the last two meetings (3/18/19 and 4/8/19) were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet Discussions:

Brian reported that the newsletter went out last Friday (4/12/19). It was a condensed letter, and included a membership renewal form and one banquet ticket. Questions about how many tables are being requested to be reserved, and who will be responsible to see that it happens. Pat Idstrom will be doing the meat raffle this year. Reeds will have someone there for the gun registration forms. The prize contributors need to be to Alan Colliander by end of business day Wednesday, 4/24/19 so Arrowhead Printing can complete the program for the banquet. Brian is taking care of the booze wagon; Mark will contact the snowmobile club for use of the wagon. Setup to begin about 5:00 PM Thursday, April 24 at Moon Dance. The purchase of prizes is scheduled for Thursday, April 18. Discussion about how much cash to have available for the various games took place. After the banquet, games will be evaluated for consideration next year's banquet. Franz Plattner and Neil Kinder have responsibility for the food again.

Condition of the NSSC Facility:

Carl recently plowed the road and the parking area after the latest snowfall, in hopes of keeping the roads a bit drier.

Trap Houses:

The east trap house is not working. There are currently two new sump pumps with floats to keep the water out of the houses. Pat Idstrom is meeting at the club with an electrician to assess and resolve the problems. The board discussed taking the old machine out of storage to replace the current one which has been in storage for 2 years. Discussion about the cost of replacement took place and reconditioned traps are about \$3,200.00 and a new one is about \$8,400.00. Those prices are from the dealer, Metro Trap in Minneapolis.

Tablet with Square for Credit Card Charges:

The new tablet will be used for all purchases at the club. Since there is a 3% charge for using a card, there was discussion about adding a 3% "convenience fee" to each card purchase. After discussion, it was motioned by Pat that the club "eat" the convenience fee for this year and reevaluate for next season; seconded by Nik; motion passed. Nik described how each and every purchase can be tracked on this tablet, and at the end of the day a report can be done (printed or emailed) to be forwarded to Carl for accounting. This will give an accurate amount of money coming in and what type of purchases are being made (cash, check or card). This will be able to give a summary at years end also. The tablet will be used at the banquet for credit card transactions only.



Construction Update:

Carl Berg and Brian Griffith will follow up with Brian DeGrote with the list of criteria and dates when all must be done. Brian DeGrote needs dry road access to the rifle range to complete the work; the pistol range work that needs to be completed can be done as soon as things dry out a bit.

Outhouse Construction:

We are attempting to secure grants or donated funding for two ADA handicap approved outhouses for the club. Discussions on the Beltrami Electric – “Operation Round Up” grant took place along with other possible sources including the “Deer Hunters Association”. Mark stated he would forward the bid from Chad Freeman from last fall and Carl and Pat were to secure an additional bid. It is the club’s goal to have the outhouses completed by this fall. Richard requested that he be allowed to remove the current outhouse, Brian agreed that was acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Firearms Safely Day:

Bonnie Conrad reported that the youth firearms safety day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. All of the volunteers have been confirmed. This class is 43 in size, and is full. Last year with 60 was too many in attendance. The class will run from 9:00 AM to about 2:30/3:00 PM. She is asking the participants to be there about 8:30 AM so the classes can begin promptly at 9:00. She has a conservation office arranged to present this year. She is requesting a \$100.00 stipend to use for supplies for that day. Carl made the motion to provide the \$100.00 allotment to Bonnie for said purposes, Brian seconded. Motion passed. Hank Conrad requested that we maintain power during the winter to the main building.

Newsletters:

Hank Conrad requested more frequent newsletters, (ie: quarterly) with a calendar for the year published. There was a short discussion about email versus “snail mail” for that purpose, and the costs associated.

Scholarships:

The scholarship committee reported that they received four requests for scholarships this year. Pat proposed that we set aside \$1,000.00 into a designated fund for the purposes of funding future scholarships. The motion passed unanimously. After additional discussion, Carl moved we set aside our existing policy of two scholarships to be awarded annually, and offer all four students the scholarship this year only. Pat seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The recipients will all receive their scholarship award at the annual high school awards banquet, scheduled for May 20th. The guidance counselor will be contacted about what is required to do this, and to get the guidelines and releases so that a group photo can be taken with the recipients and then published. Brian Griffith will attend and make the presentation.

The award recipients are: David Brown (White Bear Lake MN); Edward Harapat, Jr.; Kira Loop; Matthew Biessener; of Walker Hackensack Akeley High School. Alan has revised the current application and evaluation form to be much clearer. Scholarship Committee: Pat Idstrom, Alan Colliander, Mark Bovee

Sporting Clays:

Richard brought up the issue of how to handle the people out on sporting clays who run out of shells during their round. Discussion took place and our employees will help shooters as they have ammunition available.



Shooters participating on the sporting clays course should be encouraged to bring backup shells to cover their needs.

New Sign on Hwy 371

A new sign is needed on Highway 371. There were discussions on both where the sign needed to be located and what needs to be coordinated with land owners and or the DOT.

Suggestions about advertising in the college newspapers. BSU is apparently starting a trap team there this fall. No action taken on any of these suggestions.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report was shared. No discussion. Nik made a motion to approve; Ed seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Position:

Nik reminded the board that he had resigned the secretarial position last November. Alan Colliander has been filling in in the meantime. Pat made a motion that Rita Bovee act as the recording secretary to the board meetings as a non-voting member; Nik seconded. Motion approved.

Class to be Held at Clubhouse:

Nik reported that he plans to hold a permit to carry class at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 1, 2019. He will be out of the building before regular club hours. Richard requested that he provide him with the current insurance coverage.

Gate Reminder:

The gate to enter the property will remain locked until all of the construction is done.

Nik made a motion to adjourn that meeting; Pat seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bovee