



# August 2019 Monthly Minutes

## North Star Shooting Sports Club Board of Directors Meeting August 15, 2019

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee, Bill O'Neill, Alan Colliander, Carl Berg

Absent: Nik Opsal, Pat Idstrom,

Club Manager: Richard Boston

Members present: Ron Cuperus, Rita Bovee, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:40 pm.

To fill the existing board vacancy, Carl made a motion and Alan Colliander agreed to serve on the board until the end of this year (September 2019). Unanimous vote to approve this position.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Carl, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Discussion on the amount of charges being made with credit card transactions. Many thanks to Alan Colliander for his work on getting the grant written and defining the work completed in the final payment request. The grant check has been received and put into our account. Other deposits of note include a donation of \$351.00 from the Eagles (#351) in Bemidji, \$500 received from the WACC for Mark and Rita working for the Walleye tournament, and a contribution / donation by Ron Cuperus for \$2710. August deposits totaled \$13,653.47.

Checks written in August do not include paying Carl back for his loan last fall. Ending check book balance was \$24,221.51. Alan made the motion that Carl be reimbursed for his loan to cover expenses through last winter from the existing funds. Seconded by Bill, the motion passed. Additional discussion of the Square Trade reports and the need to refine them so that a report can be received on a single page versus the multiple page report currently generated. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Alan, seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

### **Range Report:**

1. Question regarding how much to charge a business for the use of the full range last weekend. The range was scheduled to be closed to members for three mornings, 9 a.m. to noon. The event was poorly attended, and Sunday was canceled late Saturday by the business. There were not staff here early on Sunday prior to regular hours, but were here for the other two days and the range was closed to members during those hours. After much discussion it was decided to charge them for two days, but not the third day.
2. Because of the issue of the club being closed to members last weekend, it was agreed that we need to create a cancellation policy for future events.
3. Discussion about lifetime cards and keys. Currently Richard cannot find a lifetime card to send to a new lifetime member. Carl will bring his to show everyone what they currently look like. In addition, it needs to include a statement that it is nontransferable to other family members (children) after the members death.



4. The newspaper ad for staff needs to be canceled. No more results are being received. Brian will cancel the ad tomorrow (8-16-19).
5. Discussion about the need for a new sign directing people to the rifle and sporting clays ranges. All agreed it was needed.
6. Ron Cuperus has been out here clearing brush and cleaning out the culverts. The result has been much improved drainage. Discussion took place about adding granite boulders and adding gravel or crushed concrete. No action taken.
7. There is still trouble with one of the throwers on sporting clays. Mark volunteered to take a couple of the throwers to the repair facility in Marshall MN this fall for a repair bid. Sporting clays usually close by the end of October. Discussion about bringing a couple in each fall for repairs each year.
8. Consider a new front gate. One can be purchased in Bemidji that is powder coated green for about \$240.00.
9. Hours for rifle sight in prior to deer hunting is 11/1 – 11/8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sporting clays will close by the end of October – weather dependent. Suggested getting a deposit for reservations for sporting clays next year so some income can be earned for no shows. Motion to accept the range report made by Mark, seconded by Alan. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

1. Discussion about the ad in Forum Communications. Decided to cancel the ad.
2. An additional work day this fall was discussed. No date set. One required project would be to pick up all of the used wads before the snow flies to decrease some of the problems with the spring melt and run off. No date set.
3. Discussion about the easement request from Hal Solem. Agreed we will proceed with attorney, Tony Trimble, to repeat the offer for a prescriptive easement for agricultural purposes, as has been the practice for the past stated 50 years. Mark will contact Tony to begin that process.
4. Additional help wanted ads. Remove all the printed ads but leave the link on the website for help wanted.
5. Bill suggested we consider looking at the possibility of using volunteers to pull trap with strict “rules”, i.e. work X number of volunteer hours to earn a decreased price on a punch card. This would need to be structured prior to offering this as an option for anyone interested. No action taken, more discussion needed to finalize details.
6. Larry Streamer is interested in doing maintenance in the fall and off hours in exchange for punch cards.
7. It was suggested that a sign be put on the brown building “In Memory of” Chris LaFond, (Steve Kaylor’s son-in-law). We did receive a \$1,500 donation from them.
8. Discussion about the 3D archery range. There is a person from Laporte, Lucas Davis, that has expressed some interest in maintaining this. Brian will contact him regarding this.

### **New Business:**

1. Upcoming elections – ballots and end of year newsletter need to be out prior to the annual meeting. At this time we do not have any individuals willing to serve on the board for this election.
2. Trap league picnic is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. We have collected \$450 for this event. Bill made a motion to add an additional \$100 in case he needs it for the event. Alan seconded it, motion passed. We need to plan for about 60 to attend.
3. Range Clean-Up Day – if you attend and do a project you can get a free round of trap or skeet – on a Saturday in September.



4. Discussion about the Annual Meeting. Since this date coincides with the Walker Ethnic Days, Alan made a motion, for this year only, that the board waive the bylaws and have the Annual Meeting on the second Saturday in September, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Carl seconded it, motion passed. Coffee will be on at 11:00 am, lunch served at 12:00, meeting at 1:00 pm. Any club member who attends will get one free round of trap or skeet that day only, after adjournment of the meeting.
5. Discussion about the need to order more clay birds. We should have enough to cover until next spring. There are currently 10 orange pallets left. Eventually need to order orange and green, with xx number of black. We have enough rabbits. We need a bid in advance for next year's order. Carl will talk to Paul about it, and have Paul present the information to the board.
6. Discussion about having a scholarship account to be drawn upon when the scholarship recipients request them. Alan made a motion to have an account set up now and fund it with \$2000.00 immediately, and fund an addition \$1000.00 each year after. Mark seconded it. Motion passed.

Thanks to Ron Cuperus for all of the work he has done around the property. Ron updated the board on what his work has been up to date, and changes he would recommend. He will come back to the board with his recommendations and a bid for the work to be done.

Carl made the motion to adjourn, Mark seconded. Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bovee, recording secretary