



July 2019 Monthly Minutes

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

Present: Brian Griffith, Chairperson, Mark Bovee, Pat Idstrom, Carl Berg
Absent: Nik Opsal, Bill O'Neill, (Ed Harapat – resigned from the board)
Club Manager: Richard Boston
Members present: Alan Colliander, Ron Cuperus, Rita Bovee, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 pm.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report was distributed to each board member after the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes, minus two lines, was made by Pat, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Carl shared that the end of the third page shows that payment from the credit card company to our bank account was \$939.41. What is currently not clear which of the charges are taxable and which are not. Ending check book balance \$7,623.52. Carl also reminded the board that there are only 5 months left to find a different treasurer as he is done no later than January 1, 2020. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Pat, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Range Report:

1. Staffing needs remain an issue. Richard will have only 2 employees there on the weekends. He is concerned about staffing for next year with both John and Harold interested in working fewer hours than they are now. We also need someone who is able to do some of the equipment maintenance on a routine basis.
2. There are remaining 9 teams shooting on the trap league.
3. Richard has many projects that could be completed on a designed work day, ie: paint the old pistol shed. Another work day needs to be scheduled – no one attended the one scheduled in May.
4. We need assistance to take the cardboard boxes out of the storage shed. The person who wanted them last year has not been back to take them this year.
5. Feedback from the rifle range use has been very positive.
6. Pistol range is getting lots of shooting. The pie plates don't fall, and fragments have been measured to fall back 18 feet to the front, 10 feet to the sides. A wire cable has replaced the rope to pull the targets back to an upright position.
7. Signage is needed to clarify hours of shooting when the range is not open. After discussion it was clarified that the hours are from 7:00 am to ½ hour after sunset. Alan will update the website.
8. An individual approached Richard saying he was assigned to do community service for XX number of hours. He did some work for Richard one day, but never came back for the second day. In all of this, there was no paperwork provided to clarify who assigned this and documentation necessary to prove completion.



9. Discussion about what constitutes a “special venue” and who gets charged for club use and who does not. A proposal for guidelines/rules was presented by Mark. Carl requested that this topic be tabled until the next meeting. No further discussion or decision made.

10. For the credit card report, Richard is still having no success in getting the tablet to “talk to” the printer, specifically the printer that was purchased for that exact thing. Brian said he would take the two devices back to Bemidji and have the business get them to talk to each other.

11. Discussion about sporting clays course – what throwers work and which ones don’t. There has been great difficulty and challenges with them all season. Mark made a motion that Pat will bring 2 new deep cycle green top batteries on Wednesday (7/17/19), Brian seconded. Motion passed. Paul Blegen has fixed them in the past. Carl wants to work with him again on this. The throwers are getting old and parts are hard to get. Carl is suggesting we purchase another thrower this fall. Also discussed that the throwers need canopies to prevent UV damage. A motion was made by Pat to take 1 or 2 traps in the fall/winter to have them rebuilt/repaired, seconded by Carl. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. A brief grant review was given by Alan – the grant was submitted before the due date. If anyone wants a copy, he will send it to you – in 9 separate emails. The total amount that we spent and documented was \$20,184.95. We need to wait a bit longer to hear whether it was approved and paid, or not.

2. Discussion about proper etiquette for shooting on the trap ranges. It was decided to have some signs made that spell out the shooting rules. Pat will provide the rules he has for the high school teams. Alan will look at the NRA rules. Signage needs to be placed at both trap locations.

3. Perimeter signs still need to go up. It was decided to wait until the fall now when there is less heat and humidity to work in.

4. Operation Round Up – Brian requesting copies of bids again so he can put in a grant request. Mark forwarded the bid from Chad Freeman to Brian during the meeting.

5. Reported that there has been very little response to the ads with the updated information. The only two that have requested information did not meet the set criteria.

6. Future of the 3D archery course discussed. One person approached is too busy; there is one other potential interested party.

New Business:

1. Upcoming elections – ballots and end of year newsletter need to be out prior to the annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019. Alan has all of the forms; he will create the updated ones and send them to the appropriate printer.

2. Another clean-up day needs to be scheduled for sometime this fall. The sign at the gate needs to be updated, there is painting to be done, wads to be picked up before the spring thaw. Pat needs a copy of Richards “To Do” list.

3. Additional sources for grant funding were discussed. Alan had 2-4 additional ideas on opportunities for funding that should be explored. There was discussion about whether to repair or replace traps on sporting clays course. Brian will contact GP Traps in Marshall and also discuss with Aaron.

4. Filling open board seats was discussed. Mark will send a copy of the 2011 bylaws to Brian with the information about the policies and time lines in place. Alan will add to the website that there are Board openings. Brian will put an ad in the Pilot Independent.

Pat made the motion to adjourn, Mark seconded. Adjourned at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted, Rita Bovee, Recording Secretary