



February 2019 Monthly Minutes

Meeting was held at the WACC at 6:30pm on Monday, February 18th.

Those attending the meeting were: Richard Boston, Mark Bovee (remotely), Pat Idstrom, Carl Berg, Brian Griffith, and Alan Colliander. Nik Opsal, Ed Harapat, and Bill O'Neill were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Brian Griffith with the pledge of allegiance.

The board reviewed the **Secretary's Report** from the January, 2019 meeting. Richard wanted to review some of the rates mentioned in the January Minutes. Considerable discussion resulted in filling in some apparent gaps in our January discussion. **Youth Rates** for Pistol, Rifle, or Archery Range Use, and Trap or Skeet were confirmed at \$5.00. The Youth Rate for Sporting Clays was set at \$15.

Life Memberships - Alan Colliander suggested re-instituting Life Memberships. Carl Provided some historical perspective on previous Life Memberships. The Board decided to set the price of Life Membership at 15 times the current Annual Membership rate. For 2019, Life Memberships will be available for \$900.

Richard raised the issue of large groups coming to shoot sporting clays. Much discussion followed. It was recommended that we adopt the "golf course standard", which means that a foursome is the typical maximum for a group size to go shoot Sporting Clays. If things are slow, and at the discretion of the Club Manager, a group of five *may* be approved. But **NEVER** will it be allowed to go out in a group of six or more. Better to split the group into groups of four, three, or two. This discussion should be finalized at the March meeting.

Richard also raised the issue of private groups wanting exclusive use of one of the ranges. Again, much discussion followed. It was decided that with proper advance notification and scheduling, private groups may reserve exclusive use of one of the ranges at a rate of **\$100 per hour plus normal range use fees for each shooter**. A notice of such use should be posted on the front gate information board and on the web site, so club members are aware of such use. This topic should also be finalized at the March meeting.

A final topic brought up by Richard involves the use of the pistol range by law enforcement personnel. After much discussion it was decided that if, for example, the Cass County Sherriff's Department (or Walker Police Department) calls to schedule a qualifying shoot for several officers, Northstar will offer them exclusive use of the range for their time to qualify at no charge. It is understood that the range use must be overseen and supervised by Sherriff's department personnel.

If a uniformed law officer comes to the range on their own and wants to shoot, we will offer that individual shooter non-exclusive use of the range at Club Member rates. If a non-uniformed law enforcement officer comes to the range, they will be expected to pay the non-member rate for range use, as applicable. We will also encourage them to become a member!



Pat Idstrom made a motion, seconded by Mark Bovee to **approve the January Secretary's Report**; all board members present approved the motion.

The **Treasurer's Report** was distributed by Carl Berg and reviewed by the board. Carl noted one significant new expense not listed, Unemployment Insurance. Pat Idstrom made a motion, seconded by Carl to approve the treasurer's report; all board members present approved the motion.

Pat Idstrom stated that he is in charge of the **WHAN Wolves Trap Team** for 2019. An Orientation Meeting will be held on March 10. The team has new vests and wants new patches, including a Northstar patch for their vests.

New Hats - It was also pointed out that we need to some order new hats for Northstar, especially a bunch to use at the banquet for the hat raffle. Richard stated that many shooters want a Northstar hat, but want the full club name and location (Northstar Shooting Sports Club, Walker, Minnesota) embroidered on it, not just the club initials. Pat pointed out that many shooters will prefer a camouflage colored hat, not just a single or dual-colored hat. Brian volunteered to get some new Northstar hats ordered.

A question was raised about who will be heading up the **Trap League** this year. It was suggested that perhaps Bill O'Neill and Doug Strecker would do it, but neither was present to accept or decline. A final determination will be made at the March Meeting.

Banquet Planning – The state gambling permit has been received. Pat will contact Hummingbird Press to get the tickets printed. Franz Plattner and Neil Kinder will be contacted within the next 2 weeks to confirm the banquet menu and cooking arrangements. Kelly Nelson has agreed to emcee the event once again and has the date on his calendar.

The **New Northstar Brochure** is in the works and should be ready in the next few weeks as an aid for prize solicitation. A list of changes was compiled and will be relayed to Arrow Printing. They will submit a proof for the Board to have one final chance for input, and then we'll get 1,000 copies printed in time for the banquet.

Brian Griffith suggested that we consider a very special Benelli shotgun for our banquet grand prize. All present thought it was a good idea. He will look into this and get back to the board if one is available.

Further discussion was had about details of the banquet, which is only 10 weeks away. One item discussed is that this year admission will be \$50 for adults, 18 and older. Children 17 and under will be admitted for \$20 and will be eligible for the Children's raffle prizes but not the Adult's raffle prizes. Previously, children 12 years of age and under were admitted for free; that policy has been discontinued. This year, everyone admitted will pay either \$50, or \$20.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.