

United Northern Sportmen's News

Conservation Pledge: I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste, the natural resources of my country - its' air, soil and minerals, its' forests, waters and wildLife.

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Club Calendar

**Ranges Closed on Mondays,
for Maintenance, Reserved Activities**

- Jan. 4 **UNS Board Meeting**
 6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Jan. 29 **UNS Ice Fishing Contest**
- Feb.. 1 **UNS Board Meeting**
 6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Mar. 1 **UNS Board Meeting**
 6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom

All members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP Eric at gonefishing0101@hotmail.com. If the meeting is via Zoom a connection will be provided when you RSVP.

RANGE USE CALENDAR

may be found on our Website:

www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org

SHOOTING HOURS

Range hours: 8am to 30 minutes before sunset. All ranges are closed on Mondays. Range opening and closing times are posted on the ranges and the bulletin board on the Clubhouse Bldg. Please obey the rules or lose your shooting privileges.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE:

A monthly newsletter is emailed before the end of the month. A printed newsletter will be mailed quarterly, at the beginnoing of each quarter. Articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. If you have an article you would like share or photos please send to sue@b-green.us. It may be shared space permitting.

EMAILS WANTED:

Remember, the next time you renew your membership, or even tomorrow, send us your current email address so you may receive our enhanced news letter electronically and sooner. Emails may be sent to unsclub@gmail.com.

69TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

The United Northern Sportsmen Conservation Club has been sponsoring an ice fishing content on Island Lake since 1954. The event has been held every year except 2021 when, due to the Covid pandemic, it was canceled.

This year we are scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023 across from the United Northern Sportsmen grounds on Island Lake at 7229 Rice Lake Road. The event will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Tickets are \$5 and available by contacting the Event Ticket Chair at 218-721-3979 or djlane88@hotmail.com. Tickets are also available at Chalstoms and Fisherman's Corner.

Again this year we are fortunate to have fine local merchants as our sponsors including: Marine General, Minno-ette, Fisherman's Corner, Chalstoms, Outdoor Advantage, Northwest Outlet, and B&B Market.

What a great way to get outdoors for some winter fun with the family. So come join us and participate in one of Minnesota's favorite winter activities. To add to your enjoyment, a concession trailer provided by B&B Market will be available out on the ice serving food and drinks before and during the contest.

PRIZES

A \$1000 Gate Prize will be awarded of which you do not have to be present to win. In addition to the gate prize, there will be prizes for the largest fish caught as follows:

First Place	\$1000
Second Place	\$ 500
Third Place	\$ 250
Fourth Place	\$ 125
Fifth Place	\$ 75

For Youngsters, fifteen & under: \$50 Prize & a Trophy.

In addition you can win many other prizes. During the contest, participants may purchase as many one dollar per chance tickets as they wish. They can be used for our big drawing at the end of the event. This drawing will award ice fishing gear such as a sonar ice fishing flasher, ice fishing shelter, powered ice drilling auger, and other ice fishing equipment. To add to that, we have periodic drawings held throughout the three hour contest awarding additional prizes.

The proceeds, from our ice fishing contest and other club fund raising events, are used to support various local conservation and youth oriented activities. Your participation helps continue to make us the great conservation organization that we are. Check us out on Facebook and at www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org.

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UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, December 7, 2022

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:00pm. **Conservation Pledge** was recited.

Moment of Silence for Bruce Glen Lee.

Roll Call of Officers: Tom Wasbotten, Lance Parthe, Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Jeff Jarvela, Vickie Jensen, Lance Haavisto, John Bathke, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Ron Cretens, Maggie Cretens. **Excused Officers:** John Jones, Gene Shaw.

Appointed Positions Attending: Sue Bathke. **Intro of Visitors & New Members:** Garret Eliason

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter., Food Bank request and Campground renewal application.

Agenda Additions & Approval: Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read the minutes from the November 2nd Board of Directors meeting. Motion made to accept the minutes as read and corrected (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 11/30/22: 2023 proposed property tax received, increased approx. \$200. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills (M/S/C). Stamps: Keith Darsow's Mother bought a lot of rolls of stamps at a discount & some were offered to UNS for purchase. Agreed to purchase stamps from Keith's Mother.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 11/30/22: Current membership is 1509. Individual Membership renewals: 40 and 2 new, Family Membership renewals: 10 and 1 new. 42 renewals are coming up, 21 2nd notices.

OTHER REPORTS:

Web Master: Eric Hansen: made updates. UNS website: range reservations, events page & posted newsletter. Facebook page: posted membership meeting reminder.

Facilities Committee: Lance Parthe Parthe called twice re: renewing the dump station variance and finally left a msg. to meet with him. Waterline will not be replaced now due to cold weather. We need to discuss extending water line to a few campsites. Asked for help shoveling/blowing snow on ranges. Budget item, he purchased 2 permanent gongs for the 200 & 300 yd range. Tom Wasbotten: Insurance claim is on-going, claim info sent to insurance company.

Range and Grounds Calendar: Bob Kuettel & Lance Parthe said there was nothing to report.

Incident Report: Lance Parthe said there was nothing to report.

Volunteer Awards Committee: Vickie reports that Ron Cretens reached 1000 hrs & donated 250.00 back to the club, Tim Walberg has 100 Hours. Jacket was ordered for Tim Walberg and Tom Harvey.

Communication Committee: Co-Chairs Maggie Cretens & Lance Haavisto said committee met last week and assigned roles. Tom reminded us Newsletter will be mailed on a quarterly basis starting in January and posted monthly on-line.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Development Committee: Lance Parthe – no updates yet. Tom requested committee meet briefly after the meeting. Committee members agreed to look at the website and claim a category to write about.

UNS Youth Outdoor Field Day August 2023 Update – John Bathke will contact Cody Privette for info.

Final Reports for Deer Rifle Sght-In & Fall Fund Raiser: Tina Sund reported on the amount of profits made. Bob Kuettel says reduced profit due to increased cost of ammo & number of rifles sighted-in.

Board Approval of Updated Volunteer Awards Program: Tom Wasbotten led discussion. Motion to approve and 2nded Discussion followed. A motion was made and 2nded to send it back to committee for clarification of Individual & Family Lifetime Memberships. (M/S/C).

69th Annual Ice Fishing Contest – Chairpersons: Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, Eric Hansen & Tom Wasbotten. Tina Sund ordered supplies, posters are here, tickets were sent out, Tom Wasbotten made contact with B&B in Cloquet & Eric Hansen has received the DNR permit. Lance Parthe will work on generator/sound system problems. We have a final planning meeting on Saturday before the event.

Nominations for Three 3-Year Terms on the Board of Directors – Tom Wasbotten & John Bathke: John explained the election procedure. Tom asked for nominations from floor 3 times for position of: Board of Directors.

Board Approval 2023 Budget – Tom Wasbotten: Tom led discussion. Motion made to approve budget, 2nded. Tina Sund explained that the budget will have a small profit of \$25.00. John Bathke explained budget processes (M/S/C).

Annual Business Meeting December 14, 2022 – Tom Wasbotten: Tom said meeting will be held at the American Legion in West Duluth Post #71. Elections and budget approval are on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

St Louis River Alliance Donation Request – Tom Wasbotten: After discussion a motion was made to donate \$500 (M/S/C).

Board Member Resignation: Tom Wasbotten read letter of resignation from Gene Shaw. Gene's skills and extensive connections with the local outdoor community will be missed. Motion made to accept resignation with regrets (M/S/C).

Members Sick or in Distress: Jerry Heizler

Hybrid Meeting - Tom Wasbotten: Board members have an option to meet via Zoom or meet in person at the clubhouse for January, February and March meetings. Club will consider purchasing a large screen TV for meetings and videos. John Bathke has a meeting room camera and microphone which will focus in on who is speaking.

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment: In Person Meeting at American Legion Post #71 in West Duluth on Wednesday Dec 14, 2022 @ 6:pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:26pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary

69TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST



On the day of the contest, a decision will be made whether to allow passenger vehicles and trucks to access the contest area. As of now, with the recent heavy snowfall, contestants should consider alternatives such as ATVs and snowmobiles. Updates will be issued on Facebook regarding conditions such as ice depth, snow cover, and slush. Off street parking will be provided for vehicles and trailers.

Each year for safety support, we welcome onsite the St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. In addition local DNR officials will be in attendance and together they are available to assist as needed. As always, at our events safety is a top priority.

Finally, please be aware that participants must abide by all the rules and regulations of the contest. All qualifying fish must be caught within the designated area of the UNS Ice Fishing Contest and be caught by the person registering the fish. Shelters are allowed. Each contestant may fish two lines. Everyone on the ice must have a participation ticket in their possession. All Minnesota fishing rules and regulations apply. Please be familiar with and obey the special walleye fishing regulations on Island Lake. All walleye caught that are 15 inches to 20 inches must be immediately released back into the water and cannot be included in the contest. Also the same holds true for any Northern Pike caught between 30 inches and 40 inches which must be immediately released.

As always this event is open to the public. Join us and have fun. Questions may be directed to event chairs Tom at 218-721-4864, Eric at 218-831-8646, or Tina at 218-591-3304.



Please Clean Up After Using the UNS Range.

If you're planning on using the shooting ranges during the winter months please remember to clean up after yourselves. All of our volunteer staff have been working very hard this winter to keep the ranges open despite the heavy amount of precipitation. Unfortunately, some people have used the range and left their empty shell casings and targets sitting out in the snow. This adds an undue burden on the volunteers that will have to go out and clean up someone's mess they left behind before they start the snow removal process. This is unfair not only to the volunteers but to others who want to use the shooting ranges. So, we are asking that everybody do their part in helping us keep the ranges open this winter by cleaning up after themselves and reporting any maintenance issues to us..

UNS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes December 17, 2022

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 6pm. Conservation Pledge was recited.

Roll Call of Officers: Tom Wasbotten, Lance Parthe, Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, Jeff Jarvela, Vickie Jensen, Lance Haavisto, John Bathke, Eric Hansen, Ron Cretens, Maggie Cretens.

Excused Officers: Keith Darsow, John Jones **Appointed Positions Attending:** Sue Bathke

Agenda Additions & Approval: Motion made to approve the agenda (M/S/C)

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read minutes from the 2021 UNS Annual meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Lance Parthe (M/S/C).

Treasurer's report: Tina Sund reported as of November 30, 2022. Motion was made to accept her report (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's report: Tina Sund – Current Membership is 1509

ANNUAL BUSINESS

Announce Slate of Candidates for Three Board Positions Each for Three Year Terms – Nominations Committee:

Candidates are: Maggie Cretens, Duane Lasley, Lance Haavisto, Garret Eliason

Call for Nominations from the Floor: Tom Wasbotten: Called 3x's; No-one responded

Formation of Election Committee (3 Members) – Nominating Committee: John Bathke nominated Lance Parthe, Vickie Jensen & Jeff Jarvela

Election of 2023 Officers – Nominations Committee: Election was held in accordance with UNS rules.

Installation of Newly Elected Officers – John Bathke: John swore-in the newly elected officers. Maggie Cretens, Lance Haavisto, Duane Lasley.

Membership Approval of Board of Directors Recommended UNS 2023 Budget – Tina Sund: Tina reviewed the budget for 2023. Motion to approve 2023 Budget (M/S/C).

For the Good of the Order: Lance Parthe talked about the Dump Station Variance: He suggested asking for a lifetime variance. A member asked when the recent storm damage to the Large Bore Range would be completed. Board response was: we're waiting on Insurance Co response.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm (M/S/C).

Respectively submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

Next Annual Meeting December 13, 2023

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