

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

- Nov. 1 UNS SPECIAL MEETING followed by UNS Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Nov.1,2,3 Fall Sight-In, Rifle Range
- Nov. 3 Fall Fundraiser Drawing
- Dec. 6 UNS Board Meeting 6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Dec. 13 UNS Annual Business Meeting 6:00pm, TBD or Zoom

All members are encouraged to attend board meetings. 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 beginning 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 can receive our newsletter via email. You will not only receive an enhanced version but you will also get it sooner. And, after all, we are a conservation club!

Emails may be sent to unsclub@gmail.com.



United Northern Sportsmen Fall Sight-In

is being held and open to the public starting:

Saturday, October 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, November 1st, 2nd, and ending November 3rd. The hours will be between 8 AM – 5 PM.

Thank you to Vickie Jensen for chairing this event, and those of you who have stepped up to be a range officer during the event. If you are interested in helping with the event, please call Vickie at 218-591-5619. Don't forget your ear and eye protection.

United Northern Sportsmen Fall Fundraiser

It's hard to believe another summer is gone, and the season of autumn is here. This is the time of year that we hold our annual Fall Fundraiser.

Historically, this is the time of year that supplies our budget with the needed funds to hold kids' events, conversation efforts, and keep up on the maintenance of our facility.

Our 2023 Fall Fundraiser will again consist of raffling off \$1,500 in various gift certificate denominations of prizes at some of our local businesses that have helped support UNS in the past with their donations to us during our club events over the past years (Marine General, Chalstrom's, Fisherman's Corner, Outdoor Advantage, RJ's Sport & Cycle, Duluth Lawn & Sport, and more). The Gift Certificates will range anywhere between the amount of \$25.00 to \$100.00 each.

You should have received 5 tickets to buy or sell. Each ticket is a \$5.00 donation. Please try to sell them to family, friends, coworkers or by buying them all yourself. If every member committed to buying and selling these tickets, we would be well on our way to funding our events that so many people have come to enjoy, expect, and maintain our club's facilities. Thank you, Deanna Dodge, for being our Ticket chair. Please reach out to Deanna for more tickets to sell. You can reach her by calling: 218-721-3979 or emailing her at: djlane88@hotmail.com.

Our drawings will be held on Friday, November 3rd, 2023, at the close of the Fall Sight-In.

You do not need to be present to win. We will notify all winners with a certified letter which will include their winning certificate.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes October 4 2023

Call to Order: by Secretary Eric Hansen @ 6:05 pm. **Conservation Pledge** was recited.

We decided to hold the meeting, eight board members resigned leaving five active board members, therefore the three board members in attendance made a quorum. Tina Sund was chosen to chair the meeting.

Roll Call of Officers: Tina Sund, Vickie Jensen, Eric Hansen

Excused Officers: John Bathke, Keith Darsow

Resignations: Tom Wasbotten, Lance Parthe, Bob Kuettel, Lance Haavisto, Ron Cretens, Maggie Cretens, Duane Lasley, Jeff Jarvela

Intro of Visitors, Members & New Members: Norm Malmquist, Nancy Popepenberg, Ward Popenberg, Jim King, Buddy Hernesman, Mikaela Hernesman, Barb Weiss, Jim Weiss, Jon Polcheck, Jan Polcheck

Correspondence: DNR Grants, request to camp deer season opener thru Nov 19 by Miller Family. Thank You card from St Louis County Rescue Squad for donation, Gnesen newsletter, Wildwoods newsletter, Community Education newsletter.

Moment of silence: John Clark III passed away.

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

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read minutes from the Sept 6, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made to accept minutes (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund - Motion made to approve financial report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund – current membership is 1,402. New Memberships/Renewals: Individual Memberships: 46, (7 new); Family Memberships 23, (2 new); 60 renewals coming up, 38 2nd/Expired Notices.

Other Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen made updates to the UNS website and on Facebook page: range reservations for Sight-In days.

Facilities Committee: Tina Sund - Docks & picnic tables to be put away. October 15 campground closes. Tina will call for port-a-potties pick up. Locks need to be changed. All equipment and files, etc need to be retrieved from members who have resigned. Safe combinations need to be changed. Passwords need to be changed.

Range and Grounds Calendar: Eric Hansen - Sight In days

Incident Report – Tina Sund spoke about the temporary campground hosts who were asked by Ron Cretens to help out in his absence.

Volunteer Awards – Vickie Jensen – volunteer time was awarded to members who volunteered as temporary camp host.

Communication Committee – John Bathke. Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

UNS Fall Sight-In – Vickie Jensen: three range officers will be here on Saturday

UNS Fall Fundraiser – Tina Sund: has \$1500 check for tickets, Deanna Dodge will handle tickets.

Membership dollars lost from having fewer members was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Maggie Cretens – Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Ron Cretens – Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Lance Haavisto– Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Jeff Jarvela– Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Duane Lasley– Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Bob Kuettel– Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Lance Parthe– Chair pro tem; Resignation Letter UNS Board Director Tom Wasbotten– Chair pro tem.

We chose to not read the resignation letters, members names who resigned were read.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Maggie Cretens (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Ron Cretens (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Lance Haavisto (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Jeff Jarvela (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Duane Lasley (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Bob Kuettel (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Lance Parthe (M/S/C); A motion was made to accept the resignation of Tom Wasbotten (M/S/C).

Free Discussion: Vickie Jensen brought up that we will have a big need for volunteers through the end of the year. Tina Sund made the case for replacing one of our three mowers for next year. Jim Weiss volunteered to get prices on a new commercial mower. Purchasing 2 new commercial mowers was discussed.

Regarding the Informal Membership Survey taken over the summer that had all 200 people giving favorable responses: An email was sent and read from Kadin Graves indicating he voted “no” on the first two items, and 3 other members in attendance indicated they also said “no” to questions.

Members Sick or in Distress: John Clark passed away; a card will be sent.

Membership Meeting: Suggestion was made to hold it at Gnesen Community Center, Nancy Poppenberg will follow-up. Meeting date: Wednesday, Dec 13 at 6:00 pm (M/S/C).

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment: In Person Meeting Wednesday, Nov 1 @ 6:00 pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

United Northern Sportsmen

Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
6:00 PM CST

Attend: UNS Club House or Zoom

A United Northern Sportsmen special meeting has been called to accept and approve Board resignations.

The meeting will be held November 1st, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the UNS Club House, and will be available by zoom. Please register via email at: unsclub@gmail.com, to let us know if you will be attending the meeting via zoom or in person. The zoom meeting link will be sent by 4:00 PM November 1st, 2023.

At the conclusion of the Special Meeting, we will then hold our regular scheduled Board/Member Meeting to conduct club Business.

Meeting Called by:

Eric Hansen
John Bathke
Keith Darsow
Vickie Jensen
Tina Sund
James King
Nancy Poppenberg
Ward Poppenberg
Deanna Dodge
Mikaela Hernesman
Buddy Hernesman
Robb Murray
Curt Peters
Sam Haddad
Mike Hart
Jim Weiss
Barb Weiss

THE RAPTOR CENTER

Share this Minnesota treasure. What makes Hawk Ridge a unique place to visit in the fall? It is a rare place with a significant concentration of migrating birds. Hawk Ridge, as it currently exists, started in 1972. On average they see 60,000 raptors and vultures a year. According to hawkridge.org, twenty different species of raptors and vultures have been observed there over the years. Some of the species you can see are American kestrels, merlins, sharp-shinned hawks, broad winged hawks, rough legged hawks, eagles, and northern goshawks. Among the rarer species observed are the peregrine falcon, and gyrfalcons. The night experience is equally as impressive with a variety of owls passing through including the northern saw whet owl, the boreal owl and the long-eared owl. The peak migration and best time to visit is from mid-September to late October, so you will still have a little time left if you want to make a trip yet this season. On any given day, depending on conditions you can witness hundreds to thousands of birds at the Ridge.

By Misi Stine, Environmental Educator and member of the MN Herpetological Society

SUSTAINABLE FORESTS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

SYMPOSIUM: Climate Adaption Practices on November 29-30th. Integrating climate adaptation considerations into landscape and site-level plans. Location TBD.

WORKSHOP: Wildlife Tracking on December 6th. Teaches the skills to identify tracks and monitor wildlife. Instructor is Jonathan Poppele, Founder, Minnesota Wildlife Tracking Project. Location is the Cloquet Forestry Center.

WEBINAR: Panel on Minnesota Silviculture on December 12th. Panelists representing industry, nonprofit and National Forest will discuss land management practices across agencies and organizations as well as talk about real-world, practical silviculture issues and ideas.

TO REGISTER: sfec.cfans.umn.edu

FOREST RESTORATION: IMPROVES FOREST HEALTH, MITIGATES WILDFIRES

The increasing prevalence and scale of climate change-related wildfires puts forest restoration front and center, especially in the Arrowhead region where there are large sections of previously harvested forest that are often at a higher risk for fueling fires. The Minnesota Land Trust Restoration Program Manager Haley Golz has been working with landowners on low species density and a large number of dead and dying balsams due to bud worm infestations. After a disturbance like clear cutting, infestations, or fires, aspens are one of the first trees to establish, followed closely by balsams. Without effective management, dense, low-diversity forests comprised entirely of these early establishing trees can become an incredible fuel source for fire.

A forest restoration project may cycle through three phases: cutting forest gaps to allow enough sunlight to support new trees, removing brush around recently planted trees as they try to establish; and planting long-lived trees like white pine, white cedar, and red pine. These trees' lifespans are 200 to 800 years, and the pines' thick, protective bark makes them naturally resistant to moderately intense fires.

Forests have the potential to offset around one-third of global emissions. This permanently protected forest will benefit generations to come by helping reduce the spread of fire, preserve air quality, and sequester more carbon over the lifetime of the trees. According to the US Forest Service, 15 - 40% of Minnesota's forested acres contained old growth trees prior to European settlement (1847 - 1907). Today, it's only about 2%.

Information from Haley Golz and written by Sarah Sullivan, Fall Review 2023, Minnesota Land Trust.

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