

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

Dec. 5 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting

Dec. 12 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting &
Annual Election of Officers

January 27, 2019 Ice Fishing Contest

**Don't pout and wish...
Go out and ice fish!!**

SHOOTING HOURS

A reminder about our shooting times. The ranges are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1/2 before sunset. Range closing times are posted on the ranges and also on the bulletin board on the Retreat Bldg. Please obey the rules or you may lose your shooting privileges.

**RANGE USE CALENDAR
may be found on our Website:
www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org**



UNS ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Each year, at the December membership meeting, we elect officers and board members to serve our club for three year terms. The following positions will be filled with their term of office commencing in 2019. The President, Secretary, Sgt. At Arms, and three members of the Board of Directors are scheduled for election. These are the people who help operate the club for our approximately 1600 members.

The club's constitution stipulates that a Nominating Committee be formed each fall by October 14th. This part of the process has been accomplished and the five committee members have been charged with filling out our slate of candidates. If you would like to be more involved in the operation of the club, contact any current board member or officer and they will see that your interest is conveyed on to the Nominating Committee. Phone numbers for all officers are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

66TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

You are invited to the Annual Ice Fishing Contest held at the Sportsmen's Retreat on January 27, 2019 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. In addition to the Gate Prize of \$2000 there will be prizes for the largest fish caught.

What a wonderful opportunity for some winter fun! The \$5 tickets to this event are for entry to the actual contest but also include entry into the gate prize drawing as well as other drawings. Not bad considering you don't have to be present to win the drawings. These tickets have already been mailed to members to sell to family and friends.

Questions? Check us out on Facebook and on our website www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org or contact Co-Chairs, Eric Hansen, gonefishing0101@hotmail.com or Dan Woollett, Woollettd@gmail.com.

Do you have an idea or article you would like to share? Please send all articles and pictures for this newsletter to sue@b-green.us.

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN 2018-2019 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

Winter is not far off and the UNS Board of Directors is looking for individuals or companies who would be interested in bidding the job of snow removal at our Retreat for the 2018-2019 season. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Tom Wasbotten at 218-721-4864 for details. The Club will pay for snow removal on a per time basis when there is snowfall of four inches or more. The deadline for submission of bids is December 4th.

FALL SIGHT-IN AND FUND RAISER

The Fall Sight-In was very busy and profitable. We helped sight-in 561 guns and sold 500 of the 600 raffle tickets. Our total profit was \$3,050.24. We also signed up 66 memberships. Thank you to the members who helped make the Fall Sight-In and Fund Raiser successful.

The guns we raffled off were won by: S&W M+P9 Shield CTC was won by Dan Richardson, Ruger LC9s 9mm was won by Matthew Mitsaal, Ruger LCPII .380 was won by David Orinzn, Henry Golden Boy Lever Large Loop .22 was won by Matthew Mitsaal.

Bob Kuettel, Event Chair

ST. LOUIS COUNTY ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ACCEPTS UNS APPLICATION

On September 10, 2018 the application from United Northern Sportsman was accepted by the St. Louis County Administrator. By accepting this segment, UNS agrees to schedule and complete at least two clean-ups within 12 months. UNS is charged with Rice Lake RD segment CSAH 4 between CR274 and 2 miles South. Or the 2 miles from Thompson Lake RD to north side of Island Lake Bridge. See the map link <https://gis.stlouiscountymn.gov/AdoptAHighway>.

The first clean-up was on October 26 by the Two Harbors Trap Club members and 2 adult supervisors. They collected 11+ bags of trash plus some carpeting and auto parts. A big thank to the group for their work on this. The second clean-up will be scheduled after the 2019 Fishing Opener.

St. Louis County's Adopt-A-Highway program is a public service opportunity for companies, clubs, churches, families and other organizations interested in keeping a county road segment clean. Participants are provided safety vests and garbage bags. St. Louis County has installed Adopt-A-Highway signs on your county road segment to recognize your organization's service.

UNS is responsible for applying for the Adopt-A-Highway program and then serves as the point of contact for communication from St. Louis County. Once approved, a group must complete at least two (2) clean-ups every 12 months. Typically the clean-ups are completed in the spring and fall.

A big thank you to Gene Shaw for making this project happen!!



UNS SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 7.01 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Moment of Silence: For Arlo Danielson and Veterans

Roll Call of Officers: Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Gene Shaw, Bob Kuettel, Mike Drager, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Tom Wasbotten, Eric Hansen, Bob Klein, and Dan Smestad.

Absent Officers: Cody Privette.

New Members: None.

Correspondence: None

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: John Bathke read the October 10, 2018 Membership Meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes as read moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 10/31/18: Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund: 1,631 current members. 104 single and 42 combination renewals, and 30 notices for December renewal and 53 2nd notices.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Facebook, calendar and the website have been updated.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Bathke: Deadline for newsletter is November 16th.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: None.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: With Tom Wasbotten – Removed outhouse wash station for the winter. Purchased a door latch and installed, finished soffit work, set plow sticks, ordered 3 thrower clips, restrung the flag pole, removed wiring and propane tank from the rifle shelter. And there will be a work party Nov. 17th to replace ceiling tiles in the retreat.

Grants Committee – Mike Drager: AEDs will be shipped to Tom's address. Trap Range Project - Weather forced the contractor to next spring. We are first up.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Cody Privette is over 200 hours and Kathleen Privette is over 100 hours. Dan received 11 sheets of volunteer hours - mostly from Fall Sight-In.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Nov. 15th Steve Holt will have the pistol range noon to 4 pm. The retreat will be busy with ceiling work on Saturday, Nov. 17th from 10 am on until done.

Finance Report – John Bathke: The committee met and results are the following agenda item Budget and Isaak Walton League.

OLD BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract – Tom Wasbotten: He has reached out for bids this year, particularly because we have removed the railing in front of the retreat and want shoveling included, since we now have our meetings at the retreat all winter. He has received 2 bids so far.

UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel: The committee met and made good progress. They plan to meet again Nov. 27th and firm up some issues and plans and will have a report for the next board meeting.

UNS Adopt a Highway – Gene Shaw: UNS is registered (2 year commitment), the county put up the signs and there was a fall cleanup group of 6 high school kids plus 2 adults from the Two Harbors trap team. Cleanup is done twice per year. The next time will be in May after the fishing opener.

Fall Sight-In & Gun Raffle – Bob Kuettel: There was a \$957.01 profit on the raffle which is considered pretty good plus \$2093.23 for the sight-in. Bob and several others spent extra time at the range through the sight-in time and checking for memberships. They found 95 people who were not members resulting in many new membership purchases.

Ice Fishing Contest January 27, 2019 – Eric Hansen: Dan Woollet will co-chair again along with Eric Hansen and plans are going ahead, advertising is arranged and Dan has started prizes. An MC has been arranged. There are a few changes to rules this time. All legal fish will qualify (VS game fish before), Youth may select whether to register fish as youth or adult (for prizes.)

Trap Range Remodeling Committee – Mike Drager: Weather forced the contractor to next spring. We are first up.

Nominations Committee for Election of 2019 UNS Officers – Dan Smestad: We have elections at the December membership meeting. Nominations so far are: for president (Tom Wasbotten), secretary (Cody Privette), sargent-at-arms (Duane Lasley), and 3 directors (Judy Foy, Eric Hansen, Bob Klein). There were three calls for additional nominations for each office, there were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Izaak Walton League– John Bathke: John gave overview of the request for financial assistance with attorney's fees with regards to the suit against the State of MN to restore lottery funding to wild life programs. Discussion followed. Motion to authorize a \$250 donation as recommended by the board contingent on the Izaak Walton League's continuing effort (M/S/C).

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Drawings at Monthly Membership Meetings – Tom Wasbotten: Tom explained that the monthly drawings might be considered as self-serving and could affect our charitable status. Motion to suspend monthly drawings for one year beginning 1/1/2019 as recommended by the board (M/S/C).

UNS 2019 Budget – John Bathke: John explained that the 2018 Budget was very conservative and resulted in a better forecast year-to-date so far. It is the feeling of the Finance Committee that it is necessary to be conservative if we are acting responsibly. The 2019 Budget was presented, showing a year end profit. With recent adjustments like no monthly drawings and in-kind labor and materials instead of cash for the Trap Range Project we will come out even better at the end of 2019. Motion to approve the 2019 Budget as presented and as recommended by the board (M/S/C).

Drawings: Attendance - Dave Shrader won \$20; Progressive - Larry LaFave was not present to win \$60.

Members Sick And/Or in Distress – None

Adjournment & Date of Next Meetings - December 5th and December 12th at the Retreat

Respectfully Submitted, John Bathke

REFLECTIONS ON THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Enacted on October 18, 1972, the Clean Water Act revolutionized the way in which waterways and pollution are managed, but there is still further to go.

On the anniversary of the Clean Water Act, we are ever so grateful for this law and for conservation heroes like Rachel Carson, who helped shift the national climate away from widespread negligent polluting toward the promotion of clean water and healthy aquatic ecosystems. Although the future of our nation's water is currently murky, we still have time to make things right. We have the past successes of the environmental movement for inspiration, and the research and recommendations of hundreds of modern scientists to strive towards. Remember: We have once before risen from the literal ashes of a burning river to evince positive, albeit incomplete, change for our nation's waterways. We are capable of rising together to make a difference for our water, and for the creatures that depend upon it -- from invertebrates to humans.

Revolutionizing the way in which waterways and pollution are managed, and reinforcing a burgeoning national consciousness of the importance of quite literally cleaning up our act, the Clean Water Act is a key milestone in United States environmental history.

Read more about it at <https://xerces.org/2018/10/18/clean-water-act-anniversary/>.



FREE E-SCOUTING COURSE

Charlie Ek, a new member of UNS and an experienced wilderness navigation instructor, will teach a free "e-scouting" course at UNS this January. The technique involves using Google Earth, GeoPDF maps, geographic information systems and GPS devices to gather detailed information about an area before setting foot on it. It is particularly useful for scouting hunting areas, but it can also be used for planning outdoor photography, hiking, canoe trips, etc.

The course will be held in four parts on Thursday evenings at the UNS Retreat, beginning January 10th and continuing to January 31st. Participants are welcome to attend all or any part(s) they wish. Class sessions will run about 60-90 minutes in length. The class size will be limited to 25 to maximize the value to participants. Preregistration is required (see below for details).

Those interested can register by sending an e-mail to Charlie at cxtranslations@me.com by December 15th. Please be sure to include the "s" in the address, and put "e-Scouting" in the subject line.



Wilderness First Aid

at the
Cloquet Forestry Center

What: **Wilderness First Aid** certification course

Why: **Medical emergency management skills**

for when you're off the beaten path

When: **March 15-16, 2019**

Please register by January 7th

Where: **Cloquet Forestry Center**

175 University Rd, Cloquet, MN 55720

Course Fee: **\$165.00**

On-site lodging (if necessary) \$40.00/night

Register:

<http://www.longleafmedical.com/schedule.html>



New Wildfire Videos Available

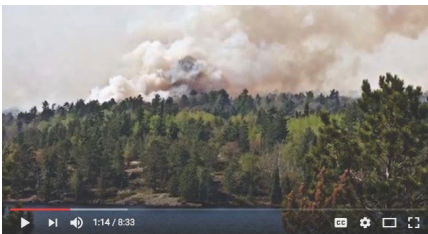
PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE: THE HWY 1 FIRE WAKE-UP CALL

This video addresses community preparedness in the face of the recent Highway 1 wildfire in Ely, Minnesota. It gives residents the tools they need to prepare for this kind of event should it happen again in the future. Choose [Prepare for Wildfire](#) to view.



LIVING WITH FIRE: WHY AND HOW?

This video provides information and useful tools for residents who live in a fire prone environment to reduce their risk of property loss. Choose [Living with Fire](#) to view.



Prepare for Wildfire: The Hwy 1 Fire Wake-up Call

The videos were made possible with support provided by Promoting Ecosystem Resilience and Fire Adapted Communities Together - a cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior through a sub-award to the Watershed Research and Training Center. The USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity employer. Additional support was provided by the MN DNR Firewise program, which is funded by Title III funds of the Secure Rural Schools Act. Additional support by the St. Louis County funded by the Title III funds of the Secure Rural Schools Act. Special thanks to Vermilion Community College, Morse Fall Lake Fire Department, Ely Fire Department, Eagle's Nest Fire Department, Forest Stewards Guild, and the Dorothy Molter Museum.

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