

United Northern Sportsmen'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

- Nov. 29 Ranges Closed, Maintenance**
Dec. 1 UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Zoom Meeting
Dec. 6 Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Dec. 8 UNS Annual Meeting
6:00pm, Zoom Meeting
Jan. 5 UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Zoom Meeting
Feb. 2 UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Zoom Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP cody@ckpriv.com. If the meeting is at the clubhouse and is full then a Zoom Meeting Connection will be provided. If the meeting is via Zoom a connection will be provided when you RSVP.



SHOOTING HOURS

Range hours are 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 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

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE: Monthly newsletters are sent before the end of the previous month. Articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. If you have an article you would like share please send to sue@b-green.us. It may be shared space permitting.

2021 UNS ANNUAL MEETING

The UNS Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, at 6 pm. The order of business will consist of approval of the 2022 annual budget, the election of officers as well as any other business conducted for the good of the order.

Election of Officers at Annual Meeting

Nominees for open positions to date are:

Position	Nominee(s)
President	Tom Wasbotten
Secretary	Eric Hansen
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Kuettel
3 Directors, 3-Year terms	Vickie Jensen, Duane Lasley, Cody Privette, Ron Cretens, Keith Darsow, Tom Kulas
2 Directors, 1-Year terms	Maggie Cretens, John Jones, Sarah Spindler (Taylor)

The voting procedure will be in the order of: President, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, followed by (3) 3-year directors in one vote - The top three vote getters would win, then (2) 1-year directors in one vote - the top two vote getters would win.

Nominees will be called for 3 times from the floor at the next board meeting and again 3 times from the floor at the annual meeting.

John Bathke

UMD OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASSES AT UNS

This year we had 3 classes with UMD students. There were 49 students that got lessons on clay pigeon shooting, .22 rifle shooting, large bore rifle shooting, and bow and arrow. I believe everyone had a good time. The club would like to thank the range officers that put in the time to teach the classes. They are: Tom Harvey, Gene Bondson, Ron Cretens, Duane Lasley, Darrell Hanson, and Bob Kuettel.

Your hard work is what makes our club the great conservation organization that it is today, and will continue to be. Check us out on Facebook and at www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org. All events and club activities are posted there.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Call to order (Via Zoom): by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:32 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Elected Officers: Tina Sund, Tom Wasbotten, Lance Haavisto, Lance Parthe, John Bathke, Gene Shaw, Vickie Jensen, Duane Lasley, Jeff Jarvela, Cody Privette.

Members Present: Sue Bathke, Ron Cretens, Bob Kuettel.

Excused Officers:

Visitors: Keith Darsow, Maggie Cretens and Sarah Spindler Taylor.

Correspondence: St. Louis River Alliance Donation Request.

Agenda additions: Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: Motion to approve the October BOD minutes (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 10/31/21: Discussion followed about the check signing procedure. Motion made to use email to serve as the 3-party approval for check signature until April 2022. (M/S/C) Motion made to approve the report and pay bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 10/31/21: Current membership is 1673 with 72 individual & 36 family new memberships and 19 family memberships, and 77 2nd notices were sent out. Discussion followed about adding the definition of the membership types to the membership application (M/S/C). Tom introduced an issue with a new membership application. We have an instance of a couple with an adult child who is disabled who they wanted to include in their family membership. Tom proposed to give a single membership to the child so that we follow the membership definition rules. Motion made to give a single membership to the adult child as long as the family membership is kept active (M/S/C).

Committee Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen: Updated the website and Facebook page with the fall fundraiser and fishing contest. Discussion followed about the update of our website.

Facilities Committee – Tom Wasbotten: Overview of the first aid kit was given by Jeff Jarvela. Many of the items in the first aid kits are outdated. Jeff recommended that we replace all three first aid kits for \$200. There is money budgeted for this type of expense so no additional approval is required. Discussion followed about the incident report. Lance Parthe: The campground is basically winterized, all of the October chores are done. We need to check the fuel oil. Biffies have been removed. Tina Sund: Tina reported the request to reimburse the cost of a winch for a member whose winch was damaged when pulling in the docks (M/S/C). Tom Wasbotten gave an overview of the request to use the campground for deer season, outside of 10/15. Motion made to approve the request to use the campground. Discussion followed. Motion. Motion made to amend the prior motion that the party is to have prior approval before they camp out. Discussion followed. Carried. Main motion carried as amended (M/S/C). Discussion followed about the electric power. Motion made to make them pay the electric fee everyday they occupy the electric site (M/S/C).

Range and Grounds Calendar – Bob Kuettel and Lance Parthe: Nothing to share.

Incident Reports – Lance Parthe: Incident with a range officer during Sight-In days when he fell on the range.

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: Nothing to share.

Volunteer Awards Committee – Tina Sund: Waiting for confirmation on the jackets that were ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

UMD Outdoor Education Field Day – Bob Kuettel: We did well, great group of 49 students. The cost of the event was covered with our budget (less than \$75). We had great help. Discussion followed about involvement from St. Scholastica.

Ice Fishing Contest (1/30/22) Planning Committee Update – Tina Sund & Gene Shaw: An overview was given of the IFC planning committee process. Deanna Dodge will handle the ticket sales. We will change the 10-minute drawing process. Gene Shaw: Marine General, Northwest Outlet, Outdoor Advantage, Minnoette & Chalstroms will participate as sponsors.

2022 Budget Process – Tina Sund: Tina described the budget process. The 2022 budget will be voted on for approval in December.

Fall Sight-In Update – Bob Kuettel: Bob gave an update on the sight-in event. Not much ahead of last year. We are at 212 guns so far, we were at 200 last year.

Fall Fundraiser Update – Tina Sund: We have expenses of about \$3,500 with about \$6,400 revenue, we are about \$3,000 down from last year.

Campground Electric Pedestals Project Completion – Cody Privette: An overview of the electrical project was given. It is complete and operational.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2021 *continued*

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations Committee's Slate of Candidates & Call For Nominations – John Bathk: John presented the open positions and slate of nominees so far, from the nominating committee (consisting of Lance Haavisto, Lance Parthe, Jeff Jarvela and John Bathke, chair). The candidates:

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Nominations from the floor were called for 3 times. Keith Darsow nominated himself for 3-year director.

Discussion followed about voting procedure. Motion made to elect the officers in order of President, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, followed by (3) 3-year directors in one vote - The top three vote getters would win, then (2) 1-year directors in one vote - the top two vote getters would win, (M/S/C).

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UNS 2021 Annual Meeting - Wednesday, December 8th – Tom Wasbotten:

Camp Host Ron Cretens – Tom Wasbotten: Tom thanked Ron on behalf of the BOD. In appreciation of the great job, we are giving a \$500 end of the season gift.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn at 8:35 pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary

Next meeting will be the December BOD meeting on 12/1/21 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

FALL 2021 SIGHT-IN

This year's Fall Sight-In was the second highest gross income in the last five years. We sighted in 279 guns, sold 25 ear plugs, 6 pounds of brass, 171 raffle tickets, and had \$28.50 in donations. We also issued 8 day passes. That comes to a total of \$2,343.00 for 11 days of work. The club thanks all the people that worked to make this a successful event. They are: Gene Bondeson, Chris Chouinard, Ron Cretens, Howard Farmer, Mike Hart, Tom Harvey, Jeff Jarvela, Vickie Jensen, Bob Kuettel, Tom Kulas, Duane Lasley, Lucas Nordby, Frank Radloff, Sarah Taylor, Tim Walberg.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our 2021 Fall Fundraiser was a great success because of our members who bought and sold these tickets. After expenses we were able to raise close to \$5900 dollars for our conservation endeavors. Thank you, Deanna Dodge for being our Ticket Chair for this event.

Congratulations to the following winners! Your winning letter's/certificates have been sent via USPS certified mail.

<u>Number and Name</u>	<u>Prize Gift Certificate</u>	<u>Number and Name</u>	<u>Prize Gift Certificate</u>
3645 JAMES MANFRED	\$ 25 Blue Max	5026 ROD SAARELA	\$100 Blackwoods
0125 RICKY ANDERSON	\$ 25 Duluth Grill	0797 KATHY BRYCE	\$100 Bullyans
0831 BOB CANNON	\$ 25 Harley Davidson	1004 CHRIS CHOUINARD	\$100 Chalstrom
5346 TERRY SLATTERY	\$ 25 Island Lake Inn	4106 WILLIAM MYERS	\$100 Duluth Lawn & Sport
3293 TOM & WANDA LARSON	\$ 25 Walmart	3005 JAMES KING	\$100 Fishermans Corner
4110 MICHELLE ROBERTSON	\$ 50 Chalstrom	3555 JOE MACOR	\$100 Marine General
3049 MIKE & AMY KLONGERBO	\$ 50 Duluth Lawn & Sport	0381 DENNIS R. BELICH	\$100 Outdoor Advantage
0494 JOHN W. BEYER	\$ 50 Fishermans Corner	2732 DOUGLAS E. JOHNSON	\$100 RJ's Sport & Cycle
6517 BRETT BAKER	\$ 50 Marine General	1532 MITCH & ROSEANN ERICKSON	\$ 25 Island Lake Inn
3901 PAUL MIKRUT	\$ 50 RJ's Sport & Cycle		
3616 SCOTT MAKI	\$ 25 Island Lake Inn		
0206 JEFF ASPERHEIM	\$ 25 Blue Max		
1895 TERRY GITCHELL	\$ 25 Duluth Grill		
2658 VICKIE JENSEN	\$ 25 Harley Davidson		
6247 JAMES YLITALO	\$ 25 Island Lake Inn		
2540 BREANNA DIEDRICH	\$ 25 Walmart		
4739 JERRY PYBAS	\$ 50 Chalstrom		
0986 DIANE CHICOS	\$ 50 Fishermans Corner		
3034 BILL KLEIN	\$ 50 Marine General		

68TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

United Northern Sportsmen Club invites you to join us for the 68th Annual Ice Fishing Contest at the Sportsmen Retreat on Island Lake; Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm.

Our Gate Prize is \$1000, and you will not need to be present to win. In addition to the Gate Prize, there will be prizes for the largest fish caught:

1st Place \$1000 2nd Place \$500 3rd Place \$250 4th Place \$125 5th Place \$75

For the youngsters, age fifteen and under a \$50 prize, and trophy.

There will be additional prize drawings during the contest for those fishing the contest.

What a wonderful opportunity for some winter fun! As always, we hope for the best possible weather. So, come join the festivities. Shelters are allowed. Everyone on the ice MUST have their participation ticket in possession. Participants are allowed up to two holes. All qualifying fish must be caught within the designated area of the UNS Ice Fishing Contest, during the event hours of 12:30 - 3:30 pm. on January 30, 2022 and caught by the person registering the fish. All Minnesota fishing rules and regulations apply.

Our event sponsors this year are: Marine General, Minno-ette, Fisherman's Corner, Chalstroms, Outdoor Advantage, Northwest Outlet, and B&B Market. B&B concessions will be here for good food and drinks.

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Secretary Cody Privette	218-260-2932
Treasurer Tina Sund	218-591-3304
Sgt at Arms Duane Lasley	218-310-4273

Directors:

John Bathke	612-991-5363
Lance Haavisto	906-235-8483
Jeff Jarvela	218-461-6007
Vickie Jensen	218-591-5619
Gene Shaw	218-348-2191

Membership Tina Sund	218-591-3304
Webmaster Eric Hansen	218-831-8646
Newsletter Susanne Bathke	612-991-5364
Camp Host Ron Cretens	218-349-8510



NICE JOB RON CRETENS!

On behalf of United Northern Sportsmen Club, the Board of Directors expressed their sincere gratitude for the support Ron provided this past summer as Camp Host. With appreciation he was presented a gift in the amount of \$500.

Ron came in with no experience, arrived early, and stayed to the end of the season. He provided a model of consistency, kindness, friendliness, and maintained order throughout the summer. In addition, Ron provided assistance with monitoring the Ranges, and the Boat Launch.

Thank you Ron.