



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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RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found on our Website: uns-duluth.com

Note Note Note

The Board of Directors has made a change for the next three months. From this month on the UNS Board Meetings and the UNS Membership Meetings will both be held at the Sportsmen's Retreat on the Rice Lake Road. This changer is actually only for January, February and March as all of the rest of the meetings for the year have always been at the Retreat. We hope this is not an inconvenience for anyone and hope to see you there.

December Meeting

Remember, the December meeting is election of officers and you can nominate anyone from the floor as long as they are present and have been a member for at least one year. So if you would like to see your club run in a different manner, now is the time to change it. Also the Pot Luck dinner will be ham and all the trimmings with homemade delicious Christmas cookies for desert. So lets see how big of a turnout we can get for this one.

Club Calendar

- Dec. 1** Muskie season closes
Lake Superior Lake Trout Season closes
- Dec. 6** UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting
- Dec. 10** Deer Muzzleloader season Closes
- Dec. 13** UNS Membership Meeting
6:00 PM Pot Luck (ham)
7:00 PM Membership Meeting & Elections
- Dec. 14** Crow season opens
- Dec. 21** First day of winter
- Dec. 25** MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 31** Deer Archery season closes

Ice Safety

With the number of ice rescues and drownings already this year how about if we all just walk out onto the ice for another week or so? One drowning in a year that could have been prevented is too many and we have all ready surpassed that. Also when you do decide to venture out onto the ice please wear a pfd. You won't live long in that water but you may have a chance with a pfd.

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2018 Youth Outdoor Field Day- Cody Privette:

Tentative date is 8/11/18.**Website Committee – Tom Wasbotten:** Tom gave an overview of the committee purposes. They will review the website for possible changes. Bob Kuettel will Chair. Eric Hansen, Duane Lasley, Lance Parthe, and Cody Privette will also be on the committee. **Approve**

2018 UNS Budget – John Bathke: The budget committee has met and generated a budget for 2018. The BOD accepted the budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Duane Lasley 2nd by Eric Hansen to approve the proposed budget; Carried.

Snow Plowing Contract Pat Dodge – Tom Wasbotten: Decided not to bid it out again this year. Pat Dodge did a great job last year and will honor last year's price. Motion by Bob Klein 2nd by Mike Foy to approve contract; Carried. **Winter Meetings – Tom Wasbotten:** Tom gave overview of discussion regarding winter meetings. BOD approved that all winter meetings will be held at the retreat.

Officers and Board Nominations 2018-Nominations Committee- Sandy Roberts: Bob Kuettel was nominated for Vice President. Tina Sund was nominated for treasurer. Gene Shaw, Dan Smestad, and John Bathke are each nominated for a BOD Trustee 3-year term. Nominations were called for twice for each position.

.Second Reading and Vote Proposed Constitutional Amendment- Tom Wasbotten: Tom Wasbotten read the proposed change to remove the word "Budget" and replace with the word "Finance" in section C.3.4. Motion by Bob Klein 2nd by John Bathke to approve; Carried.

Attendance Drawing: Bob Klein won the \$20.00

Progressive Drawing: Bob Loubek was not present, therefore did not win \$50.

Members sick or in distress: Joe Roberts, Mike Drager, and Dan Smestad

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mike Foy, 2nd by Sandy Roberts at 8:43 pm; Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Some dates to keep in mind for 2018

We have some dates on the calendar already for 2018 and they are as follows: Ice Fishing Contest is Sunday, January 28. Our Annual UNS Banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 13 and our Youth Outdoor Field Day is tentatively set for Saturday, August 11th. Please watch your news letter for additional dates or any changes in the aforementioned ones.

DNR invites input on Iron Range OHV recreation area plan amendment

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will host a public meeting to review a draft master plan amendment for the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area in Gilbert. The meeting will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the training center at the Iron Range OHV State Recreation Area, 7196 Pettit Road, Gilbert.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to review the draft, ask questions and submit comments. The DNR began a master plan amendment process for the site with a public open house in June 2017. The draft amendment includes proposed changes to site access, miles of trail within the site and site management.

The Iron Range OHV Recreation Area was designated in 1996 as Minnesota's first recreation area catering primarily to OHV enthusiasts. Originally 1,200 acres, the site was expanded to more than 3,700 acres in 1999. It has trails for all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-road vehicles.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting can submit comments by email to joe.unger@state.mn.us or by mail to Joe Unger, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4039. The DNR will accept written comments through Jan. 2.

The draft master plan amendment can be [found online](#) or at the park office. For more information, contact Allan Larsen, site manager, allan.larsen@state.mn.us or 218-735-3833.

Visit the Iron Range OHV Recreation Area [webpage](#) for more information.

UNS Club Notes November 8th, 2017

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten@ 7:00 pm. Conservation Pledge and moment of silence for Gary Miskowski and in honor Veterans Day.

Roll Call of Officers: Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Bob Klein, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Sandy Roberts, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, John Bathke, Gene Shaw, Eric Hansen and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Mike Drager, Joe Roberts, and Dan Smestad

Correspondence: Gnesen Newsletter and MNP Shoreland Traditions letter.

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions by Gene Shaw 2nd by Bob Klein; Carried.

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: Finally got the new Centurylink modem installed, sorted brass, replaced firing line siren, set out gongs, put out plowing sticks, and took 285lb of brass to recycling. Worked with Bob Klein and replaced dead bolt locks and cut cardboard target backings.

Grants Committee - Mike Drager: Mike not present **Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad:** Tom Wasbotten on behalf of Dan: Duane Lasley has 509 hours and Larry Chesney has 202 hours, Pat Dodge 205.5 hours and Pat and Debbie McAuliffe have 400+ hours. **Facilities Calendar –** Sight in days Nov 1,2, and 3rd. All ranges closed 8-10am Nov 27th for a DNR site survey. **Finance Report – John Bathke:** See budget approval item below.

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from the October Membership Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Judy Foy, 2nd by John Bathke ; Carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from October was also read.

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 10/31/17 Motion to approve the report and pay the bills by Bob Klein, 2nd by Judy Foy; Carried

Membership Secretary's Report- Sandy Roberts Membership is at 1,618, deposit was \$4,870 and 76 2nd notices were sent. There were 42 non-renewals this month.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Updated the range reservations and the events page. Put the notice of the membership meeting on the Facebook page. **Incident Reports – Mike Foy:** Nothing new.

Survey Committee- Duane Lasley: We will meet next Thursday.

Banquet April 13, 2018 – Eric Hansen: Paperwork is ready for the AAD Shrine

Ice Fishing Contest January 28, 2018 – Eric Hansen: Nothing New to share. **Fall Sight In – Bob**

Kuettel: Worst turn out in 5 years. 409 guns total. Total income \$2213, expenses of \$181.13. 52 new memberships were paid. **Fall Fund Raiser – Tina Sund:** \$2,971 came in with \$1,374 of expenses and \$400 in prizes. 1st Place: Finley Erjavec 2nd place Kevin Kervina 3rd place Dede Chart.

NEW BUSINESS:USS Sulfate Mining – Eric Hansen: Gave overview of possibility of a presentation regarding sulfate mining on wild rice.

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