



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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64th Annual Ice Fishing Contest

According to our chairpersons, the 64th Annual IFC went off without a hitch again. Ella Armstrong was the winner of the Youth Class with a 3/4# crappie. Ella won \$50 and a trophy for her catch. **Congratulations Ella!** There were a total of 39 fish registered with Jim Salo registering the largest and winning the \$1,000 with a 1.98# Northern. 2nd Place went to Matt Marciniak with a 1.31# crappie (\$500), 3rd Place was Brodie Nordquist with a 1.13# crappie (\$250) and we had a tie for 4TH Place between Matt Baer and Justin Peterson, each registering a 1.11# crappie and winning \$100 each. The Gate Prize of \$2,000 was won by Scott Peterson of Duluth. Congratulations to all and a Thank You for your help in supporting the UNS.(10 minute drawing winners on page 2)

Grant Suggestions

Mike Drager, our Grants Committee Chair, is looking for ideas for grants for 2017. If any of you folks have any ideas please give Mike a call at the number listed on age 4 of your newsletter. Any and all suggestions will be given consideration. It's a rather long process in writing these grant requests so get them to Mike as soon as possible. Also, earlier requests are more apt to gain more interest. Thank You in advance.

Club Calendar

- Feb.1** UNS Board Meeting
 American Legion
 5814 Grand Ave.
 7:00 PM
- Feb. 8** UNS Membership Meeting
 American Legion
 5814 Grand Ave.
 7:00 PM
- Feb. 14** Happy Valentine's Day to all
- Feb. 15** Duluth Boat, Sports &
 Travel show
 DECC
- Feb. 26** Walleye, sauger, pike and bass
 Seasons close

 Darkhouse spearing season
 Closes
- March 1** UNS Board Meeting
 American Legion
 5814 Grand Ave.
 7:00 PM

64th Annual Ice Fishing Contest 10 minute drawing winners

12:40 Donald Solem, 12:50 Cricket Halten, 1:00 Hanna Johnson, 1:10 Kathy Holzuagel, 1:20 Scott Carlson, 1:30 Glenn Armstrong, 1:40 Bruce Ertavee, 1:50 Anita Miller, 2:00 Gary Nelson, 2:10 Shawn Meyer, 2:20 Pat Soderstrom, 2:30 Amu Hudson, 2:40 Owen Erickson, 2:50 Jim Balduc, 3:00 Terry Kaldahl, 3:10 Mark Boline, 3:20 Kyren C. and 3:30 D. Debolt. If any of the above have not received their prizes please contact Eric Hansen at 218-831-8646

and make arrangements to pick them up. They will be held for one month and then donated to the club for our next fundraiser. Congratulations to all and a big thank you for your support of our club.

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Range Rules Committee – Bob Kuettel – Nothing yet, work in progress.

Survey Committee – Duane Lasley – Committee will be meeting soon

Retreat Sign – Mike Foy – Waiting for response from vendor on changes to design.

New Business:

Approval Insurance Premium Expense – Motion to approve insurance coverage and premiums increase as presented \$152.25 for Property Plus and \$175 for Forgery, Crimes and Volunteer Theft By Bob Klein 2nd Duane Lasley, Carried

Approval St. Louis River Alliance Donation

Request - Motion by Duane Lasley to approve \$250 donation 2nd by Kevin Waino; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attendance Drawing: Tina Sund won the \$20.00

Progressive Drawing: Bradley E Berg was not present, therefore did not win \$70.

Members sick or in distress: None Reported

Adjournment: motion was made by Mike Foy, 2nd by Dave Schrader at 8:19 pm; carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Meeting Note:

Next board meeting will be on 2/1/17 and membership meeting will be 2/8/17. Both will be at the Legion in West Duluth at 7pm.

Financial Assistance available to woodland owners

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging family forest owners to take advantage of cost-share funds available in 2017 to improve their woods.

“The DNR is here to help woodland owners with forest management advice and financial assistance to keep your woods healthy and productive,” said John Carlson, DNR private forest management coordinator. “We have cost-share funds to help you complete a wide variety of woodland projects.”

Cost-share funds can be used to replant woods after a harvest. Funds can also be used to protect

newly planted trees by removing competing vegetation and protecting them from deer browse by applying bud caps, adding tree tubes or constructing a fence. To help prepare the woods for a future harvest, woodland owners can use cost-share funds to do a thinning so remaining trees have more room to grow. Many woodland owners enjoy wildlife watching and hunting. Planting native trees and shrubs suitable for wildlife habitat are eligible cost-share activities. Creating a native prairie to increase food supply and cover for wildlife is another option.

Funds are available to help address forest pests and invasive species. White pine blister rust can make growing a healthy white pine forest difficult. Cost-share funds can be used to pay to prune white pines to help reduce their chance of becoming infected. Removing and treating invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard, to keep the woods healthy, are also eligible activities.

Family forest owners wanting to protect ponds and streams in their woods can use cost-share funds to create riparian woody cover by planting trees. Funds can also be used to reduce soil erosion by rehabbing forest roads or creating temporary grass cover during forests management activities.

This year, a \$300 reimbursement is available toward creating a new woodland stewardship plan for woods 20 acres or more. This involves walking the woods with a professional forester to get ideas on how to improve its health and productivity. The forester then helps develop goals and outlines recommendations to accomplish them. Having a current woodland stewardship plan allows owners to take advantage of tax incentive programs in 2017.

Cost-share funds are available for a limited time so don't delay contacting a local Cooperative Forest Management forester. Find a forester at the DNR Cooperative Forest Management contact map www.mndnr.gov/woodlands/cfm-map.html. Visit the Cost-share for Woodland Owners webpage at www.mndnr.gov/woodlands/cost-share.html for more information on activities to improve a woods.

Remember – receive a \$1 deduction in next years' dues for each new member that you sign up!

Club Notes of Jan 11th 2017

Call to order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:08 pm. Conservation Pledge

Meeting suspended for swearing in of new officers

Installation of Officers for 2017: Officers were sworn in by Sandy Roberts.

Installation of appointed positions for 2017: Positions were sworn in by Tom Wasbotten; meeting resumes.

Roll call of officers: Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel, Eric Hansen, Sandy Roberts, Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Bob Klein, David Shrader, Dan Smestad, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Joe Roberts and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: John Bathke and Mike Drager

Correspondence: MOOD winter edition was shared

Agenda additions: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions by Mike Foy, 2nd by Howard Tullgren; carried.

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes from the December Membership meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Howard Tullgren, 2nd by Duane Lasley; carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from Jan 4th was also read.

Treasurer's report: Tina Sund as of 1/11/17 Bob Kuettel made a motion to accept the report and pay our bills, 2nd by Eric Hansen; carried.

Membership secretary's report: Sandy Roberts – current membership is 1,634 and deposit was \$1,715 and 19 second notices were sent.

Committee reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: made updates to the events page, range page and Face Book page about the 2017 Ice Fishing contest, Spring Banquet and Brass report.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy – nothing to report

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: Plowed retreat and pistol range. Salted sidewalks and made new brass funnels for buckets. MN flags were purchased for the retreat.

Grants Committee - Mike Drager – Mike not present

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad – Tina Sund 500+ hours. Bob Kuettel awarded 1000 and 1200 hour awards.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel – Nothing for January or February yet.

Budget Report – John Bathke not present

OLD BUSINESS:

Ice Fishing Contest January 22 – Eric Hansen & Tina Sund: Eric: Advertising in progress.

Reminder to please get posters posted. Tina: deposited \$630 and 708 tickets have been sold so far.

Spring Banquet April 21 – Eric Hansen We had a meeting tonight before the membership meeting and decided who was responsible for what. Committees formed.

Summer Fishing Contest June 9 & 10 - Joe Roberts: Question on postage for vendor solicitation letters. Pat and Debbie McAuliffe are chairs.