

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

Jan. 8 **UNS Board Meeting ****
Sportmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting

Jan. 10 **Newsletter Deadline**

Jan. 26 **UNS Ice Fishing Contest**
Don't pout and wish...
Go out and ice fish!!

Feb. 5 **UNS Board Meeting ****
Sportmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting

April 25 **UNS Annual Banquet**

**** Members are encouraged to attend!!**

RANGE USE CALENDAR
may be found on our website:

www.unitednorthernsportmen.org

Shooting Hours

A reminder about our shooting times. The ranges are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1/2 hour 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.



67TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

The 67th Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm at the United Northern Sportsmen Retreat on Island Lake.

In addition to the Gate Prize of \$2000, there will be prizes for the largest fish caught:

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

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

During the contest, great fishing prizes will be awarded every ten minutes (you need not be present to win).

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 designation area of the UNS Ice Fishing Contest, during the event hours of 12:30 - 3:30 on January 26, 2020 and caught by the person registering the fish. All Minnesota fishing rules and regulations apply.

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.

If you need more to sell - call, email or text Tina Sund, 218-591-3304, cms0789@gmail.com. Volunteers are always needed to help with the event. Please call Tom Wasbotten, 218-721-4864 if you are interested in helping out.

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

*Do you have an outdoor experience you would like to share in our newsletter?
Please submit by the 15th of the month prior to when you would like to see your article get published.
Email as a text document or in the body of an email to Sue Bathke at sue@b-green.us.*

UNS ANNUAL MEETING VOTING RESULTS

UNS voted on three 2020 Board of Directors positions at our annual meeting held on December 12th: The new directors are Mike Foy, Lance Haavisto, and Lance Parthe. Also, members present at this meeting voted in favor of the changes to the bylaws and to approve the 2020 budget.

2019 YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY

In the September newsletter we thanked all of the volunteers that helped the 2019 Youth Outdoor Field Day become a great success. I realized that I forgot to mention one of our important volunteers who ran the trapping seminar, Dick Davidson. Thanks for your help Dick, we look forward to having you again next year!

Thanks, Cody

UNS ANNUAL BANQUET

Save the Date....The United Northern Sportsmen Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the AAD Shrine Auditorium in Hermantown. More details to come as we get closer to the Banquet. If you are interested in helping out at this year's banquet, contact Eric Hansen at 218-831-8646, or gonefishing0101@hotmail.com. Events like this support the conservation and youth endeavors our club engages in.

CAMP HOST POSITION FOR THE 2020 CAMPING SEASON

The United Northern Sportsmen operates a campground at our property on the shores of Island Lake which is staffed by a campground host from Memorial Day weekend in May through Labor Day in September. The club is looking for a person to fill the position of Campground Host for the 2020 camping season. This position includes free camping with electrical power, water hookup, waste disposal and an annual combination membership. The position would be ideal for a retired couple looking for an opportunity to camp free for the season at a campground with access to beautiful Island Lake via our boat launch and shoreline docking.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact the club president, Tom Wasbotten at 218-721-4864 or 763-228-8889 for complete details.

EMAIL ADDRESSES WANTED

Did you know that the emailed version of the newsletter is different? It usually contains an additional articles and links to expanded information found on various websites as well as the link to the UNS website.

We are half way toward our goal of 95% participation in emailing out all of our communications. This allows us to increase the content of our newsletter as well as a more efficient way to communicate with the membership in a timely and eco-friendly way. After all - we are a conservation club!

So the next time you renew your membership, or even tomorrow, please let us know your email address. Emails may be sent to Duane Lasley, duanelasley@gmail.com.

AROUND THE RAPTOR CENTER

Surprising Patient



After 45 years of rehabilitating raptors, we still have our share of surprises and unique cases. This past October we received our very first barn owl juvenile in the clinic! This 2-3 week old nestling also had the distinction of coming from the northernmost reported barn owl nest site in Minnesota in 50 years.

We were also surprised by the timing of this nestling, having hatched mid-October. When food is plentiful enough, barn owls will lay multiple clutches of eggs throughout the year and this nestling was likely from a second, perhaps even a third clutch for the year. This article is from The Raptor Center Newsletter.

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UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2019

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 7 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers: Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Larry Chesney, Kyle Berg, Dave Shrader, Eric Hansen, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Duane Lasley and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Gene Shaw, Dan Smestad.

Correspondence: NA

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with new additions was moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes from the November BOD meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as corrected (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: Presented financial reports as of 11/30/2019. Motion made to accept the report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund: 1,663 current members; 83 renewals for November, 35 2nd notices sent out.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Updated the events page with the Ice Fishing Contest, range reservations and the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Bathke: Deadline is 12/15.

Incident Reports – Bob Kuettel: None.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Bob Kuettel: Plowing after the snow storm is all done. Small bore range is cleared. Discussion followed about clearing the big bore range.

Ranger Operations & Facilities Committee – Bob Kuettel: Met today. We received bids to put fences around the ranges.

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: Not present.

Volunteer Awards – Tina Sund: Bill Kliever and Howard Farmer 1000+ hours, Larry Chesney 500+ Hours, Lance Parthe 300, 400, and 500 hour awards.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Nothing to share.

Finance Committee – John Bathke: Budget

OLD BUSINESS:

UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel: Meetings were scheduled, postponed due to weather. Hope to have online by end of the year.

UNS Fall Fundraiser and Sight-in – Bob Kuettel: Total profit for Fall Fundraiser \$999.50, the Sight-In Profits were \$1,877.82. 431 guns came through. 15 day passes were sold and \$58.50 worth of brass was sold. Congratulations to the following winners: Browning Challenger Rosewood Stock 22 Semi-Automatic: Tom Harvey; Henry Golden Boy Lever Octagon 22LR 20in: Conrad Sund; Savage Axis II XP Hardwood 308WIN 22in: Dylan Nihart-Priar; Smith & Wesson M+P 9 Shield M2.0 CTC 9mm 3.1in.: Holly Pappas

Constitution and Bylaws – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of the changes that were approved by the BOD. 1st reading was read at the November special meeting, the 2nd will be at the 2019 annual meeting for Membership approval.

Update Elections 2020 Board of Director Position – Duane Lasley: Larry Chesney, Lance Parthe, Eric Hansen, and Lance Haavisto are nominees for the three positions.

Workamper Newsletter Subscription Camp Host Position – Tom Wasbotten: Position has been advertised and no one has shown interest. Tom gave overview of the national publication to advertise the camp host position. Motion made to spend \$100 to advertise our camp host position. Discussion followed. (M/S/C).

UNS 67th Annual Ice Fishing Contest – Eric Hansen & Tina Sund: Event will be January 26th. Posters are in and ready to be hung up. Tickets are sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review & Approve Finance Committee Recommended UNS 2020 Budget – Tina Sund: Tina gave overview of the proposed budget. Discussion followed regarding member dues revenue. Motion to approve this budget (M/S/C).

February Guest Speaker DNR Wildlife Manager Chris Balzer Canosia WMA – Tom Wasbotten: Discussion followed about Isaac Walton League request regarding WMA's. Chris agreed to speak at our February meeting.

Donation Request from Wildwoods Rehab – Cody Privette: Gave overview of the request for donation as well as some of the recent needs of the group. Motion to give \$500 (M/S/C).

Donation Request From Marine General Bob's Bike Fund – Tom Wasbotten: Gave overview of the donation request. Motion to give \$500 (M/S/C).

Insurance Review with Greg Briskey in March – Tom Wasbotten: Greg will be at our meeting in March to go over our insurance policies.

Donation from Mike Drager's Family AED Weather Resistant Storage Cases – Tom Wasbotten: Discussion followed about the weather resistant case. Case is in the target shack.

President's Comments: 2200+ Volunteer hour award plaque presented to Dave Shrader. Tom thanked Dave for all his work and reviewed the changes and improvements that took place because of Dave's initiative.

Members sick or in distress: Dan Smestad

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:18pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next meeting is the annual membership meeting is Dec. 11th, 7pm at the retreat.

UNS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2019

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:01 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers: Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Bob Kuettel, Tom Wasbotten, Kyle Berg, Larry Chesney, Judy Foy, Duane Lasley, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Dave Shrader, Gene Shaw, Dan Smestad, Eric Hansen.

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

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes from the November Special Meeting. Minutes accepted as corrected (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: As of 11/30/19 YTD Profit reported with one month to go. Costs significantly under our annual budget. Motion to approve the report (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report - Tina Sund: 1,658 current members, 926 single memberships, 366 combination memberships.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Second Reading Board Recommended Changes to the UNS Constitution & By Laws – Constitution Committee: Tom Wasbotten read through the recommended changes. Motion to amend the constitution with the proposed changes (M/S/C).

Membership Approval of Changes to the UNS Constitution & By Laws – Constitution Committee: See above.

Slate of Candidates for 2020 Election & Second Call For Nominations – Nominations Committee: Larry Chesney, Lance Haavisto, Eric Hansen, and Lance Parthe are the current candidates. Tom Wasbotten called for additional nominees from the floor three times. Judy Foy nominated Mike Foy. (M/S/C) to close the nominations.

Formation UNS Election Committee (3 Members) – Nominations Committee: Election committee formed, Cody Privette, Duane Lasley, and Tom Harvey.

Election Of 2020 Officers (Three Board Of Directors Positions Each For 3 Year Terms) – Nominations Committee: A paper ballot was used. Those elected are: Mike Foy, Lance Haavisto, and Lance Parthe.

Installation of Newly Elected Members Of The Board Of Directors – Tom Wasbotten: Lance Haavisto and Mike Foy were present for the installation.

Membership Approval Of Board Recommended UNS 2020 Budget – Finance Committee: Tina Sund gave overview of the proposed 2020 budget. Bob Kuettel gave overview of proposed shooting range fence project that is included in the budget. Discussion followed about the fence project. Motion (M/S/C) to approve the 2020 budget.

Adjournment: Motion (M/S/C) to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next meeting is the January BOD meeting is Jan. 8, 7 pm at the retreat.

SWANS IN ICY WATER AREN'T ALWAYS IN TROUBLE

The Department of Natural Resources asks Minnesotans to carefully consider the situation before reporting trumpeter swans or other waterfowl that appear to be trapped in ice or rapidly freezing water. While they may initially appear to be distressed, they most often are not.

Just like humans, animals behave differently when the seasons and temperatures change. It is important to not assume the worst when observing a wildlife situation. It is easy to mistake unusual animal behaviors for an animal in distress. Stop and closely observe before attempting to find help. Read more at dnr.state.mn.us/news/2019/11/14

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