

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

July 7	UNS Board Meeting 6pm, UNS Clubhouse
July 12, 19	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
July 26	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Aug. 2	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Aug. 4	UNS Board Meeting 6pm, UNS Clubhouse
Aug. 9, 16	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Aug. 23, 30	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Sept. 1	UNS Board Meeting 6pm, UNS Clubhouse
Sept. 3-6	Ranges Closed, Holiday
Sept. 13	Retired Police Recertification Event, Steve Holt

All members are encouraged to attend. If attending you must RSVP with Cody Privette, cody@ckpriv.com, as space is limited at the retreat. In the event we reach capacity, the Zoom Meeting Connection, will be provided.

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

YES! UNS HAS RULES!

Every member who hasn't provided us with an email address was mailed a copy of the recently revised UNS Official Club Rules. Those with an email address will be mailed these rules at the time of membership renewal. The new rules are also available on our website. They were reworked over the winter and approved by the club's Board of Directors on April 7, 2021. They went into effect as of that date and will be strictly enforced. All members are expected to read the rules and to be aware of the changes.

We now have as large a membership as we have ever had. Because of this the facilities are more heavily used especially during the summer. Increased usage leads to additional stress on grounds and staff. This has prompted your Board of Directors to update the club rules which have not had major changes in some time.

Club rules are now organized with clear headings and categories that make them easier to find. Much of the document deals with usage of our facilities including shooting ranges, waterfront and boat launch, and campground. Other areas of the document have to do with general topics including membership, joining the club, fees, guest policies, and a section on pets. Also note the changes to the campsite layout down by the lakeside.

Careful thought has been put into the new rules and how we will operate. With our property containing both shooting ranges and waterfront, the safety of our members and guests is paramount. We also need to keep in mind the club's legal liability. Finally the board wants the property to continue to stay well maintained.

Please bear in mind we are a private club with one of our goals being furthering the conservation of our natural resources. We appreciate you being a member and hope our facilities meet your expectations as an attractive place to enjoy the outdoors.



UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2, 2021

Call to order (Via Zoom): by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:05 pm., Conservation Pledge.

Roll call of elected officers: Tina Sund, Tom Wasbotten, John Bathke, Lance Haavisto, Vickie Jensen, Gene Shaw, Duane Lasley, Judy Foy, Mike Foy and Cody Privette.

Members Present: Sue Bathke, Eric Hansen, Ron Cretens.

Excused Officers: Jeff Jarvela, Lance Parthe.

Correspondence: Thank you from Bong Center. Email thank you from Wildwoods.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 5/31/21: Motion made to approve the report and pay bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 5/31/21: Current membership is 1855 with 58 individual memberships & 56 family memberships. 59 - 2nd notices and 195 July renewal notices were mailed.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen: Posted a bunch of info on the website and Facebook.

Newsletter – Sue Bathke: Deadline for the newsletter is 6/15. Would like to know your favorite fish recipe to share.

Facilities Committee – Tom Wasbotten: Working on filling the pop machine. Will be working on possibly powering additional campsites. Plumbing repairs are needed. We need someone to run the brush cutter on the trap range

Incident Reports – Tom Wasbotten: Issues will be addressed below. Ron Cretens gave an overview of an issue with an unregistered guest, and the guest ended up causing a heated confrontation. Motion by Duane Lasley to send a warning letter and explain that further violation will result in a revocation of membership. Carried. Discussion followed further about a new member confronting the camp host. Motion made to also send a warning letter to this member.

Range and Grounds Calendar – Bob Kuettel & Lance Parthe: Lance not present. Discussion followed about the online range calendar. Overview was given about the conversation with Frank Radloff. He would like to host the Summer shooting league again this summer

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: Nothing new to share.

Volunteer Awards Committee – Tina Sund: Vickie has 400+ hours and Tina has 1300+ hours..

Finance Committee – John Bathke: Nothing to share.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kids Fishing Class – Gene Shaw: We are hard up for teachers for this year. We will likely need to cancel this year's event.

UNS Adopt a Highway Program Update – Gene Shaw: Contacted the coach for the Two Harbors Trap Team, nothing new back yet. John Bathke will follow up.

UNS Fishing Contest/Fish Donkey – Lance Haavisto: Lance gave an overview of the meeting that the committee had. We discussed hosting the event on Labor Day weekend on 9/4 and using the Fish Donkey app. We would look at eliminating the raffle portion of the event and make it a state wide event. Motion made to host the event as described (M/S/C).

UNS Youth Field Day Event – Cody Privette: Motion made to host the YOFD event on 8/14 (M/S/C).

NEW BUSINESS:

Fishing Opener & Memorial Date Weekend Campground Update – Tom Wasbotten: Overall these weekends went well. The new rules were followed with little issue. Motion made that all campers need to be centered on the railroad tie. (M/S/C). Motion made to send the member a letter of warning from breaking the rules (M/S/C). Thank you to Board Members and other members who were present in enforcing the rules. Thank you to Tina Sund for putting together the new forms.

Fourth of July Weekend Planning – Tom Wasbotten: We are going to be looking for some assistance during the 4th week end. Discussion followed about "parking tickets".

Campground Committee Formation – Tom Wasbotten: Lance Haavisto will chair a campground committee that will meet 4 times a year.

UNS Volunteer Workers Recognition Picnic – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of the desire to host a volunteer recognition picnic mid-September.

Fisherman's Corner Membership – Cody Privette: Discussion followed about a membership for the Fisherman's Corner staff that are helping out with the Youth Outdoor Field Day. Each employee would need to have an individual membership to use the range.

Members sick or in distress: None to share.

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

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next BOD meeting will be held on July 7th at 6pm at the UNS Clubhouse.

YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY

After being cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, we are excited to be hosting the annual Youth Outdoor Field Day event in conjunction with the Lake Superior chapter for the MN Deer Hunters Association. The event this year will be held on Saturday August 14th.

We are in need of volunteers! Most specifically we need help with: setting on Friday afternoon (Banners, Targets, Tents, etc), We need Range Officers (22lr, Centerfire, Trap Range, and Muzzleloading), and we are in need of someone to lead the muzzleloader station. Please reach out to the event chair Cody Privette at 218-260-2932 or Cody@ckpriv.com if you are able to help!!!!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE?

UNS Board Members were asked, "What is your favorite recipe for fish?"

Tom Wasbotten says there is nothing better than fish cooked over an open fire. Just wrap the fish in tin foil, add butter and some favorite spices. A new favorite is to cook fish in **Beer Batter Shorelunch**.

Cody Privette, our club secretary, said the **Original Shorelunch** is, hands down, still his favorite.

Tina Sund, our treasurer and membership secretary, says her recipe is nothing fancy. Your Favorite Fish, finely crushed Toll-house or Ritz Crackers, egg wash, oil (I use avocado oil). Filet fish. Dip in egg wash, and then crushed crackers. Pan fry in your choice of oil until golden brown on both sides.

Sue Bathke likes **Cedar-Planked Salmon with Hoisin-Mustard Glaze**. This recipe, originally found in a Weber grill cookbook, may also be found at this [LINK](#). Soak a 16 x 8 untreated cedar plank for at least 1 hour. The glaze is 1 Tbsp each of Hoisin sauce, Dijon mustard, lemon juice, and melted butter plus 1/2 Tsp dark sesame oil. Cut to skin lengthwise and then 3-4 cuts crosswise a 2-2.5 lbs salmon with skin on, pin bones removed and 3/4" thick. Brush on the glaze and then a little salt, pepper and poppy seeds and let stand 30 minutes. Place the soaked planks on the grill over direct medium heat and close lid. In a few minutes it will begin to crackle and smoke, place the salmon on the plank skin side down, and close the lid. Cook for 15-25 minutes or until fish is opaque throughout. Enjoy!

Lance Haavisto, a board member, shared **Coconut Curry Fish Fillet Packet**. 2 pounds of fish fillets, 1/4 cup of green curry paste, 1/4 cup coconut milk or fish stock, 1/4 cup vegetable oil, 4 sprigs fresh thai basil, 4 sprigs fresh cilantro, 1 stalk fresh lemongrass (outer leaves discarded, then halved and smashed). Wrap in tin foil and grill then serve over rice.

Check out these DNR [helpful guides](#) on catching sunfish, bass and other fish. To decide what lures or bait you want to try look at this guide. [PDF](#) And where to go to fish, [Find a place to fish](#) go to the DNR website which has maps for 4,500 fishing lakes, trout streams, fishing piers, urban ponds, canoe landings and more.

Sunfish anglers will need to check the 2021 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and signs at water accesses for new sunfish limits now in effect on 94 waters. The new regulations only modify daily limits.

Spending time with someone who already fishes is the easiest way to learn or remember how to fish. Likewise, spending time while fishing is not only relaxing but is also a great way to share some of your knowledge.

DNR INVITES COMMENT ON PROPOSED SUNFISH REGULATIONS

Second phase of lakes in Quality Sunfish Initiative would get lower sunfish bag limits.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages the public to weigh in on proposed special fishing regulations that would allow anglers to keep fewer sunfish from 50 lakes. The proposed regulations are part of the ongoing Quality Sunfish Initiative. The proposed lower bag limits on 50 lakes would go into effect in March 2022. Under the proposal, sunfish daily bag limits would be reduced from the statewide limit of 20 sunfish to five sunfish on some lakes and 10 sunfish on others. Some lakes also have similar proposals for lower crappie daily bag limits.

The aim is to protect and improve sunfish sizes on select lakes with the biological potential to produce large sunfish.

Comments on the proposed regulation changes may be submitted multiple ways, including an online survey open through Sunday, Oct. 31, by contacting an area fisheries office, or by attending an in-person meeting this fall. Details about the meetings will be posted and publicized later this summer.

FOND DU LAC BAND PROPOSES RETURNING ELK TO NE MINNESOTA

Fond du Lac Band submitted a proposal last week to the DNR to expand the state's elk numbers and range by moving 100-150 elk from existing herds in NW Minnesota to the area of the Fond du Lac Reservation and Fond du Lac State Forest in Carlton and southern St. Louis counties.

Elk are native to Minnesota with historic numbers in the thousands and ranging most of the state. Known as *omashkooz* by the Ojibwe, they were important to the diet and culture of Native Americans. Today Minnesota's remaining elk are confined to 2 small herds in the far northwest corner of the state where the land is used for agriculture. A hunting season holds this number in check.

In 2014, the Band initiated an effort to explore the feasibility of restoring elk to 3 different areas in or near their historic range in NE Minnesota. The Band partnered with the University of Minnesota and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. In 2016 the University received a grant to research levels of public support and potential suitable habitat for elk in NE Minnesota. Completed in 2019, results showed there was strong support for elk from landowners and the general public. This study also analyzed habitat suitable for carrying 1 elk per square mile which indicated that the proposed restoration area has a biological carrying capacity of 287 elk approx.

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It is proposed to move elk, over a period of 3-5 years, and as their numbers exceed population goals in NW Minnesota. The Band also proposes all elk being moved undergo appropriate health screenings, before and after moving in order to assess elk movements, mortality and any areas of conflict. Before moving forward, a period of inter-agency planning as well as public review and input should follow to refine this proposal, develop capture and handling protocols, and to write post release state and tribal elk management plans. The Band proposes initial planning efforts with the Minnesota DNR begin this year with a goal of moving the 1st elk in 2025.

The Band's long term objectives for elk restoration: allowing elk to play a role in the diet and culture of the region's native peoples, restoring an elk population, provide recreational opportunities for elk viewing, boosting the local economies in an area primed for ecotourism, providing future hunting opportunities for tribal and nontribal members, and restoring a species likely to adapt well to future climate change.

The full proposal can be found at <http://www.fdlrez.com/RM/wildlife.htm>.