



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

UNS Annual Picnic

August 5th is the day set aside this year for our annual picnic and we have new faces involved. Dana Marciniak has graciously taken over the chairmanship of the event. Dana has her own crew all lined up and with help from some of the past experts this should be one of the best picnics the club has put on in many years. We have been informed of some changes that have been made to the menu and also to some of the games for young and old alike. Once again, the event is free to members and non-members are only \$5 per adult. All of the kids are free. I don't know what to expect, as I haven't spoken with Dana, but rest assured it will be one of the most enjoyable picnics the club has had. So pack up the flivver, the kids, the neighborhood kids and the lawn chairs and head to the lake for an enjoyable day of fun and games. We sure hope to see all of our friends and maybe make some new ones **Hope to see all of you there on August 5th.**

Remember: \$1 off your renewal for every new member that you sign up!

Club Calendar

- July 4** **Independence Day**
- July 5** **UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
No Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting**
- July 12** **UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
No Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting**
- Aug. 2** **UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat**
- Aug. 9** **UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat**
- Aug. 11** **Bear baiting season begins**
- Aug. 18** **Application Deadline
Camp Ripley Archery Deer,
Youth Deer Hunt & Prairie
Chicken Hunt**

(Notes Continued)

School of Fish Youth Event June 11-Gene Shaw: 18 kids registered. Turned out to be a great event. Under budget by \$650

Survey Committee Report – Duane Lasley: 110 responses so far. 24 hard copy responses just came in.

Emailing of Newsletter – John Bathke: Duane Lasley is taking the lead. First newsletter went out by email last month. A lot of notes of appreciation for the change.

Outdoor Writers Association Of America Break-Out Day June 25 – Gene Shaw: 275 registrations for this event so far. Reminder the entire grounds will be closed on June 25th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Forest Stewardship Plan Budget of \$550 – John Bathke: John gave an overview of what the plan is and what will come of it. Will save money on property taxes. Motion by John Bathke to approve cost 2nd by Duane Lasley. Discussion followed. Carried.

Approve Addition of Two Flag Signs to Main Retreat Sign \$170 – Mike Foy: Motion by Mike Drager to approve 2nd by John Bathke; carried

Approve Summer Picnic (August 5th) Budget of \$1500 – Tom Wasbotten: Dana Dallum will chair. Motion by Bob Klein 2nd by Duane Lasley to approve budget; carried.

Approve Youth Field Day (August 12th) Budget of \$1100 – Tom Wasbotten: Need a chair for this event. Motion by Larry Chesney 2nd by Mike Drager to approve budget; carried.

NRCS Watershed Initiative Project- John Bathke: Gave overview of the state-wide NRCS program and the watershed sub-committee.

Attendance Drawing: Mike Foy won the \$20.00

Progressive Drawing: Bruce Hemmerling was not present, therefore did not win \$60 .

Members sick or in distress: Joe Roberts and Don Solem

Adjournment: Motion was made by Gene Shaw, 2nd by John Bathke at 8:27 pm; Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.
Next meetings are the July Board of Directors meeting on 7/5 and the July Membership meeting on 7/12. Both will be at 7pm at the retreat.

Youth Outdoor Field Day

One of your clubs priorities is to try to keep our youth involved in the great outdoors. In trying to do this we have our Summer Walleye Fishing Contest (aimed toward the youths with the largest prize going to them) and our Youth Outdoor Field Day. This event is put on each year by the United Northern Sportsmen along with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. This year the date will be August 12th and it is open to the first 80 youngsters, ages 8 – 16. It will consist of a number of stations that each group will attend for a forty-minute session These stations will consist of high-powered (deer) rifles, small bore range (.22 cal), archery range, trap range, black powder demonstration, tree stand safety, trapping seminar and hopefully one other station yet to be announced. Lunch will be served and it comes with a beverage. The cost is free but you must pre-register. Oh yes, two lucky boys and girls each will go home with a new gun. Did I mention that this event was **FREE!** For more information please contact Cody Privette at 218-260-2932 our UNS contact or Paul Pederson at 218-590-7716 MDHA contact person.
Remember: Pre-registration is a must!

Cost for hunting and fishing licenses won't increase until 2018

The Department of Natural Resources reminds state park visitors, snowmobilers and ATV riders that modest fee increases will go into effect on July 1. However, the cost of fishing and hunting licenses, including deer licenses, won't increase until 2018. "I want to thank the many Minnesotans and state lawmakers who supported these modest increases in parks, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, hunting and fishing fees during the recent legislative session," said Commissioner Tom Landwehr. "These fees will help maintain quality outdoor experiences for now and for future generations. We are fortunate to live in a state that offers such great outdoor opportunities and passionate citizenry that supports those resources." Effective July 1, the fee to register all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles will increase and a \$15 license will be required for ice shelters that do not collapse, fold or disassemble.

Club Notes June 14, 2017

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:02pm. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers: Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel, Eric Hansen, Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, John Bathke, Mike Dragger, , Mike Foy, Bob Klein, Dan Smestad, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Sandy Roberts, Joe Roberts, Dave Shrader, and Judy Foy

Members: Cliff Taylor

Correspondence: Game Fair Event in August Letter.

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions by Gene Shaw, 2nd by Dan Smestad ; carried.

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: Nothing New.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: Tom Wasbotten: On behalf of Dave Shrader; Sprayed lawn, changed mower oil, picked up brass and shotgun hulls, assembled picnic tables and shocked the well water. Also painted sign posts and installed new garden hose reel. Remounted signs and cleared garbage cans.

Tom Wasbotten gave an overview of the annual well water test. Had coliform in the water. Went through procedure to shock the well. Took another test, the coliform is gone. Tom also gave an overview of the plumbing issue in the camp host building. Pipes and water heater are repaired by the plumber.

Grants Committee - Mike Drager: Continuing to work on AED grant possibilities.

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from the May Membership meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by John Bathke, 2nd by Bob Klein; Carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from June was also read.

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 5/30/17 John Bathke made a motion to accept the report and pay our bills, 2nd by Mike Drager ; Carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Sandy Roberts – Bob Kuettel on behalf of Sandy. 65 2nd notices were sent 1659 current membership \$6,655 was deposited

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Made updates to the events page, range page and Face Book page. Range reservations and newsletter posted and a reminder of the OWA event on the 25th.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Nothing new to add.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Border Patrol has the rifle range reserved for the following days in June: 5th, 6th, 19th and 20th. Jerry Siedlecki has the pistol range reserved on the 13th. OWA has all ranges and campground for entire day on June 25th.

Budget Report – John Bathke: We will start looking at budgets for events next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Fishing Contest June 9 & 10 – Pat & Debbie McAuliffe: Pat and Debbie are on vacation. They will have a financial report in July. Mike Foy: 51 fish registered. Event went great. Great effort by the volunteers, it was greatly appreciated. Also thanks to the McAuliffes for all of their hard work..

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