



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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School of Fish

June 9th and 10th are the dates for this years' Summer Walleye Fishing Contest. The tickets will be sent out shortly and Deb and Pat McCaulif say that all is going well and that they are looking forward to meeting all the people again this year. Following the contest, on June 11th we will be having our School of Fish. This is a program put on by the UNS, with help from a donation from the Ron Heim family, for any youngster under the age of 18 who wants to learn more about the joys of fishing. The instructor is Mike Frisch, a professional fishing guide, who does a great job in keeping everyone's attention throughout the class. When the class is finished each student will go home with a new fishing rod and reel and some tackle. Students need not be a youngster of a member so if your youngster has a friend that you would like to bring along, feel free to do so. Remember though you have to register all that plan to attend and the class size is limited to 25 so get in early. For more information and to register call Gene Shaw at 218-348-2191 or any of the officers listed on page 4 of your newsletter.

Remember: For every new member that you sign up your dues for next year is reduced \$1.

Club Calendar	
May 3	UNS Board Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Meeting Work Party prior to
May 5	Application deadline Bear
May 10	UNS Membership Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Meeting Work Party prior to
May 13	MN Fishing Opener 12:01 AM Play Safe Please
May 14	Happy Mother's Day
May 27	Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Opener
May 29	Memorial Day

Catch and release

This article is taken from one by the MN DNR to help promote a better fishery in our state.

Responsible catch-and-release fishing can help ensure continued quality fishing opportunities. Anglers can boost the odds of fish surviving catch and release by using methods that avoid internal damage caused by hooks, stress and being pulled from deep water.

- Fish hooked in the mouth almost always survive. Set the hook quickly to avoid hooking a fish deeply. Jigs, circle hooks and active baits like crankbaits are more likely to hook a fish in the mouth.
- Use some restraint when fish are really biting, and it is a good idea to avoid deep water when planning to catch and release fish.
- Have pliers ready that work well for taking hooks out. Cutting the line and leaving the hook in the fish is also a good option.

- Quickly land a fish to minimize a fish's time out of water.
- Handle the fish firmly but carefully. Wet your hands before touching a fish to prevent removal of their protective slime coating. Rubberized nets help, too.
- Unhook and release the fish while it is still in the water, if possible, and support its weight with both hands or with a net when removed from the water. Never lift them vertically from the water.
- Do not place fish you plan to release on a stringer or in a live well.
- Revive a fish by cradling it under the belly and gently moving it forward in the water until it swims away.
- Do not release a fish that can be legally kept if it is bleeding heavily or can't right itself.

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Discussion followed about range reservations for longer than four hours.

Budget Report – John Bathke: John not present

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Banquet April 21 – Sandy Roberts: Sending around a sign-up sheet to sign up for tasks at banquet. Gave overview of banquet prizes.

Dan Smestad: 117 tickets sold so far.

Summer Fishing Contest Jun 9 & 10 – Pat & Debbie McAuliffe- Joe Roberts: Talked to Pat McAuliffe today picked up the tickets and mailers. The McAuliffe's will pick up everything to mail next week.

School of Fish Youth Event June 11 – Gene Shaw: Mike Frisch will be coming up from Alexandria. Need some sign ups.

Survey Committee Report – Duane Lasley: We have finalized the survey and are ready to send it out. Discussion followed about how the survey will be sent out and gave an overview of its purpose for new members.

Emailing of Newsletter – Duane Lasley: The email database for survey is same for newsletter. We are getting closer.

Camp Host Responsibilities Committee – Bob Kuettel: Committee has met. Rough draft is completed. Will read the changes for a vote at May BOD meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Committee Formed- Tom Wasbotten: Gave overview of the finance committee. John Bathke will chair and choose committee members.

Treasurer's Report Change- Bob Kuettel: Currently have a full accounting report at Membership meeting and summary at BOD meeting. This seems to be backwards as BOD makes decisions on paying bills. Motion to make the change as described above by Bob Kuettel 2nd by Dan Smestad; Discussion followed about how financial info will be given to membership quarterly and by request. Carried.

Attendance Drawing – Dave Shrader won the \$20.

Progressive Drawing – Jan Polecheck was present and won \$100

Members Sick or in Distress – Bob Klein and Beverly Tullgren

Adjournment - Motion was made by Mike Foy, 2nd by Mike Dragger at 8:19pm; carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary. Next Meetings will be May Board of Directors on 5/3 and May Membership Meetings on 5/10 both will be at 7pm at the retreat.

Summer Fun Shooting League

This summer there will be a Summer Fun Shooting League at the UNS on the Big Bore Range. Shooting will be for score and will run from the first Wednesday in June through the third Wednesday of September. The league is open to all ages and all rifles, rim-fire and center-fire. There will be five classes of shooters:

<i>Rifle Type</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Max Score</i>
Rim-Fire	Iron sights	25 yards	250 Points
	Scoped sights	50 yards	250 points
Center-Fire	Hunter Class (factory rifles)	100 yards	150 points
	Black Gun Class (AR style rifles)	100 yards	150 points
	Unlimited Class (Benchrest and Target rifles)	100 yards	150 Points

A shooter may start shooting between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM every Wednesday evening.

The fees pay for the targets and trophies at the end of the league shooting. The cost is \$5.00 per evening for one class and an additional \$1.00 for each additional class shot. This fee is for UNS members. Non-members must shoot as a guest for an additional \$5.00 per evening. There is no membership fee for kids 16 and under.

CLUB NOTES April 12th, 2017

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:03 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers - Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel, Sandy Roberts, Joe Roberts, Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Bob Klein, David Shrader, Dan Smestad, Mike Drager Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Tina Sund, and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers – Bob Klein, Eric Hansen and John Bathke.

New Members – Tim Ferdon.

Correspondence - was shared

Agenda Additions- Motion to approve the agenda by Duane Lasley, 2nd by Gene Shaw; carried.

Reading of Minutes - Cody Privette read minutes from the March Membership meeting. Motion to

of the rifle range roof. Tightened 2 traps on the trap range, mowed field, and piled up limbs for fires. We replaced the back stop matting at 25, 50, and 100 yard ranges. Worked on one aluminum dock and more repairs need to be made. 10 picnic tables were placed on the lake front. Al Bray and I repaired two docks. Eight buckets of brass were sorted.

Joe Roberts: DVR for the cameras has been sent in for repair. Got the camp host building and camp sites ready for summer.

Tom Wasbotten: Thank you to members Bob Kuettel and Dave Shrader that are consistently volunteering time as Range Officers at the ranges.

Grants Committee - Mike Drager: Need some ideas for grant proposals. FNRA is not giving out as much money as in the past. Discussion followed

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accept minutes as corrected by Joe Roberts, 2nd by Mike Foy; carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from April 5th was also read.

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 3/31/17. Dan Smestad made a motion to accept the report and pay our bills, 2nd by Mike Dragger; carried.

Membership Secretary's Report - Sandy Roberts: Current membership is 1654, \$3,610 was deposited and 25 2nd notices were sent.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Made updates to the events page, range page and Face Book page.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: Nothing to report

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance –. Dave Shrader: Broom hangers installed at pistol range and picked up the pine needles that were swept off

about facilities in the Twin Cities that may be getting a majority of the funding from FNRA.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Boards are up to date, need to get name plaques ordered.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Border Patrol has the rifle range for the following dates in April: 3rd, 4th, 17th, and 18th. William Ulvi has the pistol range, trap range, and woods course reserved for Duluth area safety training on April 30th.

Steve Holt has retreat and pistol range reserved 4/15. On 4/29 Mike Harvesti will be reserving pistol range and woods course for firearm safety for Two Harbors area.

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