



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

- April 29 DNR Gun Safety**
- May 2 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting**
- May 9 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting**
- June 5 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting**
- June 8-9 Summer Fishing Contest**
- June 10 School of Fish 12-2:30 PM**
- June 13 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen Retreat
6:00 PM Potluck
7:00 PM Meeting
Presentation by Jan Bernu**
- August 4 Summer Picnic 11-12 Eat**

RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found on our Website: uns-duluth.com

Shooting Hours

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

2018 UNS ANNUAL BANQUET & FUND RAISER

The 2018 United Northern Sportsmen's club banquet was held on Friday, April 13th. It is an annual event giving members a chance to gather and socialize. It is also a time to honor members and to help raise funds for our youth, charitable, and club activities. This year's event was held at the Aad Shriners Center and Meeting Facility in Hermantown with many members and guests attending.

Some thanks are in order. To those who were there, a heartfelt thank you for your generosity contributing financially to our largest yearly fund raising effort. An extension of appreciation to the many volunteers who worked countless hours to make the event a success. And finally, a special thank you to all the area businesses who donated thousands of dollars of prizes used in our raffles and auction. Through the generosity of everyone we raised a significant amount as well as having a great time.

Some of the activities for which the fund raising dollars support are the annual UNS Summer Youth Field Day held in August which is attended by up to 80 kids, local area high school trap shooting teams, and sending kids to camp at the Long Lake Conservation Center near McGregor, MN. We also contribute to other conservation and charitable activities in our area.

The club is making initial plans for next year's banquet so see you there in April of 2019. And consider attending our next events which are the summer fishing contest in June and annual picnic in August.

38TH ANNUAL WALLEYE CONTEST

United Northern Sportsmen is hosting the 38th Annual Walleye Contest starting on June 8th from 8 am to 5 pm and June 9th 8 am to 3 pm on Island Lake at 7229 Rice Lake Road.

Proceeds from the Walleye Contest will support the many conservation educational efforts, youth firearms safety, camp scholarships, youth field day, and School of Fish clinic.

Our Annual Walleye Contest is held the same weekend as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources sanctioned "Take a Kid Fishing Weekend". This weekend adults accompanying their kids will not need a license, enabling more kids the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors. There is a special "Youth Division" and everyone entering a 14" or larger walleye receives a prize.

Any donation from you will help defray some of the cost of the contest. United Northern Sportsmen is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

Thank You, Pat and Deb McAuliffe, Contest Chairs, 218-729-5121

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S SCHOOL OF FISH ON JUNE 10TH

School of Fish is a 2 1/2-hour fishing class (Noon-2:30 PM) open to kids ages 6 up to 12 taught by pro angler and television show host Mike Frisch. Students learn about lakes, finding fish in those lakes and some great ways to catch them. They also learn to tie a fishing knot and rig and use a slip-bobber setup.

School of Fish kids attending will receive: Rod & Reel, Tackle Box with Northland Tackle - worth over \$50, Cabela's \$10 Gift Card, School of Fish 32-page full Color Workbook, KLN/Shearer's Snack Pack. More importantly, however, they leave class with the knowledge and skills to go fishing!

Also, two 2018 School of Fish graduates names will be drawn to have the opportunity to be a guest on Fishing the Midwest TV show!

To register call Gene Shaw at 218-348-2191 or email geneshaw2017@gmail.com.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR UNS PROPERTY

A year ago the UNS board adopted a strategy to obtain a forest management plan for the UNS property. UNS has approximately 37 acres, about 32 acres of which are undeveloped forest land. The board contracted with private consulting forester Jan Bernu, Two By Forestry, to provide a certified forest management plan for all UNS acres. This plan was completed early 2018 and registered with the state of MN DNR.

There are two main purposes for obtaining this plan;

1. Provide guidelines and strategies for management of UNS property so we can progress towards long-range goals of improving wildlife habitat, forest health and resilience, addressing invasive species and providing additional recreation opportunities on UNS land, and
2. Qualify for property classification 2(c) for a discount on taxes on eligible managed forest land acres.

As a conservation organization it makes sense to manage our property sustainably for our future enjoyment etc. With the management plan as a guide we can design projects such as tree planting and building enclosure fences to protect plantings from deer and rabbits, eliminate exotic species such as buckthorn, develop trails for hiking and working on the stream riparian corridor and buffer areas through the northeast corner of the property.

The forest management plan is available electronically by request – Email to john@b-green.us to request a copy by email.

The DNR is preparing a stream report on the designated trout stream in the northeast corner (which has a DNR management easement) – This report will be attached to our management plan and help us further in our management efforts.

Please come see the presentation of our new forest management plan by consulting forester Jan Bernu, Two By Forestry:

Membership Meeting June 13
Potluck Supper at 6:00 pm
Meeting and presentation begin at 7:00 pm
Everyone is welcome.

John Bathke, Finance Committee



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMPS AT LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER

UNS is giving four scholarships to send some lucky kids to camp. The programs cover ages 10-16 and take place from June 10th - August 1st. The flyer for this is posted on LongLakeCC.org. If you have any kids or grandkids or neighbors interested have them email or write a note to Tom Wasbotten, at 218-721-4864 or twasbotten@outlook.com.

CONSERVATION EFFORTS – ADOPT A WMA

Several comments were shared via our recent membership survey that some of our members would like to see more conservation efforts in the area. Our Club President Tom Wasbotten will be forming a committee to review the possibility of adopting the Canosia Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to assist the MNDNR with maintaining the area. Some examples of the things the club can help the DNR with are: Managing Wood Duck boxes, Mowing trails and clearing debris, Repainting kiosks, Posting/checking signs, etc.

Your input is important! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to be involved on the committee, please contact Tom Wasbotten at 218-721-4864 or twasbotten@outlook.com or Cody Privette at 218-260-2932 or codyprivette@gmail.com.

UNS MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes 4.11.2018 *(Sensitive Material Withheld)*

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 7:00 p.m. Conservation Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers: Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, John Bathke, Bob Klein, Dan Smestad, Sandy Roberts, Mike Drager, Eric Hansen.

Excused Officers: Cody Privette

Correspondence: was shared

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

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read minutes from the March 14 Membership meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected (M/S/C). Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from March 7 was read.

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of March 2018. 1st ½ prop taxes are due in May, 1st ¼ sales taxes due but no estimate on amount yet. Motion to accept the report and pay our bills, (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Sandy Roberts – current membership is 1615, 48 2nd notices sent, Sandy reported that a member requested full financial disclosure be reported again in the newsletter.

Committee reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: made range use updates and reminders for the upcoming banquet to the events page, range page and Face Book page. The brass report was posted on the web site.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: nothing to report

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: finished 100 yd berm west of rifle range (material was taken from existing rifle range), seeded and covered with hay and erosion mats erosion control mats, thanks to the 6 club members who cleared the area for the berm and later seeded and covered it. A special thanks to Mike Hart who contacted Ben Pearson about providing the hay and erosion mats, and to Ben Pearson for providing the hay and donating more than 400' of the matting. Picnic Tables and boat docks will be put out as soon as possible.

Grants Committee - Mike Drager: nothing solid to report yet and he will work on 'grant work' now that he is home.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Duane Lasley has 150 hrs.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Border Patrol 4/23 & 24, Rifle Range 9-noon, DNR firearms safety class reserved the retreat from 8:30 to 1:30 and the ranges from 11:30 – 3:30 on May 29th.

Budget Report – Tom Wasbotten for John Bathke: Jan Bernu will attend membership meeting on June 13 to talk about the forest mgmt. plan for UNS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet — Duane Lasley: we have 450+ items and things are still coming in. Tina Sund reports boards done, trailer is loaded, stations are filled. We will meet at 9:00 am at the AAD Temple. Dan Smestad reported 141 tickets sold and ordered 145 meals.

Campground Committee — Bob Kuettel: will report at BOD meeting in June & next meeting in May.

Berm Construction — Bob Kuettel: the berm is complete; it will still need to be graded and seeded.

Communication Committee — Tom Wasbotten for John Bathke: newsletter has been sent out on time and committee is looking at long range plans.

Summer Fishing Contest June 8 & 9, 2018 — Chairpersons: Pat & Debbie McAuliffe, Tom Wasbotten reports 'Planning is going well.'

School of Fish June 10, 2018 — Gene Shaw says it is ½ full already.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Board Recommendation \$150 Memorial Flower Expense — Tom Wasbotten: Motion (M/S/C).

Summer Picnic is Aug 4, 2018 — Tom Wasbotten reports Dana Dollum will chair the picnic again!

Youth Field Day is Aug 11, 2018 — Tom Wasbotten reported for Cody Privette; Cody is working on it.

Long Lake Conservation Camp — Mike Drager suggested we promote it better.

Attendance Drawing: Tom Wasbotten won the \$20.00.

Progressive Drawing: Dave Shrader was present and won \$100.

Members Sick or in Distress: none reported.

Adjournment: motion was made at 7:48 pm; (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary pro tem

Next BOD meeting May 2nd, Next Membership meeting May 9

UNS VOLUNTEERS

Nearly all clubs and associations like UNS rely on memberships, donations and fundraisers for their funding. All of these efforts are accomplished by dedicated volunteers who come together for these specific purposes. United Northern Sportsmen has been very fortunate to have had committed volunteers like Joe and Sandy Roberts, Bob Curtis, Ken Norenberg and others who have dedicated many many hours, year after year for more than 40 years to help maintain the Club.

There are many ways to contribute from serving on the board or helping at a picnic or work day.

We encourage everyone to find out about our volunteer opportunities - Please Email us at unsclub@gmail.com or call or email.

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IMMEDIATE POSITION AVAILABLE

The United Northern Sportsmen Board of Directors is looking for a qualified person to fill the **position of editor of our monthly club newsletter, United Northern Sportsmen's News**. This is a part time compensated position. You will be on the Board of Directors and need to be a member of our club or be willing to become a member. The person filling this position should have desktop publishing or equivalent experience, good written and verbal communications skills, and be willing to attend board meetings once a month. The position requires organizing and layout of each month's newsletter, selecting articles, and some writing of short related pieces. We will consider applicants without all of the above mentioned abilities. If you know of someone who might be interested pass this notice on.

For further details please **contact Tom @ 218-721-4864 or 763-228-8889**.

RIFLE RANGE BERM

The berm on the west side of the rifle range is now complete, making the range completely compliant. More seeding and leveling needs to be done between the 100 yard berm and the 200 yard berm. This area is still quite muddy, so watch your step. The contractor moved over 1,000 yards of gravel and soil to give the range a berm 7 feet high and 100 yards long. Thank you to Lakehead Trucking for a job well done.