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# Sportsmen's NEWS

Conservation Pledge

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## Election of officers for 2014

Your Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in running for office of the United Northern Sportsmen for the year 2014. There are a number of openings however if interested you may put your name into nomination for any office. We certainly would like to see some new faces at the meetings and also at some of our work parties. Most of the fall work is done at the Retreat for this year so now is the time to get initiated into your club. You can be as active as your time allows but we sure would like to see some new faces. Check the Club Calendar for the times and note the meeting location change for January through March.

## New Boat Ramp for 2014

The contractor has been contacted, the contract is in the mail and it looks as though we are only waiting for one last permit for the construction of our new launch ramp. As stated before, this summers' launching was greatly hampered for the larger boats due to ice damage last winter to our ramp. With ice out next spring a new ramp will be put in place. According to the contractor it should only take the better part of a week to finish the project. That should be one of two major projects for 2014. The other will be announced at a later date.

### Club Calendar

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| Nov. 2  | Mink, muskrat, otter and beaver season opens (south zone)   |
| Nov. 3  | Daylight Saving Time Ends   |
| Nov. 4  | Rail, woodcock & snipe season ends  |
| Nov. 6  | UNS Board Meeting<br>Sportsmen's Retreat<br>6:00PM Pot Luck<br>7:00 PM Meeting<br>Work party prior to     |
| Nov. 9  | Deer – Firearms season opens  |
| Nov. 13 | UNS Membership Meeting<br>Sportsmen's Retreat<br>6:00PM Pot Luck<br>7:00PM Meeting<br>Work party prior to |
| Nov. 28 | Thanksgiving Day  |
| Nov 30  | Muzzleloader season opens<br>Grouse season ends   |

## November Drawing

There wasn't a party present during the October Membership Meeting to win the \$50 Attendance Drawing so this month's drawing will be for \$60 but you must be present to win. See you there?

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## Trap Range

A few years ago when we cleared the land for the trap range and finally got it to a point where it could be used we were unsure how it would go over. Therefore we did not spend the money for the better throwers. Now we find that our trap range probably gets as much use as the large bore range, if not more. Therefore the club has decided to spend the extra money and buy better throwers. These should perform better and definitely will save on the time and labor of constantly fixing the cheaper ones. We do however ask that you treat the new ones as though they were your own as even the more expensive ones are not indestructible.

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## Site-In Days

At the time of this printing the Site-In fund-raiser is in full swing. The event will go daily from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob Kuettle, Chairperson, says all is well but he could still use help during the week. If anyone can help with this fund-raiser and take a 4 hour shift please call Bob at 218-393-2000. Remember, any time volunteered during this event will go toward that beautiful UNS jacket. Please, if you can fit it into your schedule call Bob and give him a hand. Bob would also like to take this time to thank all of the many volunteers that he has had helping so far this year. This event couldn't go without their help.

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## School of Ice Fishing

The School of Fish program that the UNS held this summer was so successful that we are going to have another one. This one however will be for ice fishing. We are not sure of the location yet but the date will be January 18, 2014. As with the summer event this will be free to the first 15-20 youngsters 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Keep

watching this newsletter for the exact location. We should have all the information by next month.

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## Conservation Corps Minnesota accepting applications for 2014

Young adults, ages 18 to 25, are encouraged to apply for one of 160 positions available with Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa. Conservation Corps is currently accepting applications for AmeriCorps field crew leader and member positions for the 2014 program year. Positions are available statewide, including northern, central and southern Minnesota, as well as central Iowa. Priority application deadline is Dec. 4.

All projects are completed on public land in cooperation with nonprofit organizations and government agencies, such as the Minnesota DNR. These opportunities provide technical field experience and professional certifications for future natural resource careers. Many DNR employees got their start in natural resources with the Conservation Corps (formerly MCC), where they learned a strong work ethic and a first-hand appreciation of the environment.

Corps members receive on-the-job training in natural resource management and put those skills into practice working on habitat restoration projects throughout the Midwest. Typical project work includes exotic species management, prairie and oak-savanna restoration, stream bank stabilization, trail building and maintenance, prescribed burning and wildland fire suppression.

Crew members receive a living stipend of \$1,210 a month (crew leaders: \$1,565 a month), health insurance, student loan forbearance during the service term and a post-service AmeriCorps Education Award that may be used for college expenses or to repay qualified student loans.

A crew member or leader position with the Conservation Corps involves physically challenging, team-oriented work to accomplish habitat restoration and emergency response projects. Projects are usually completed outdoors and about 70 percent involve camping near the project location. Applicants should have an interest in working outdoors in a team setting, giving back to their community and exploring professional development opportunities.

To apply for the field crew program, and to view other AmeriCorps positions with Conservation

Corps, visit [www.conservationcorps.org/apply](http://www.conservationcorps.org/apply) or contact Mark van der Linden, recruitment coordinator for more information at [mark@conservationcorps.org](mailto:mark@conservationcorps.org) or 651-209-9900, ext. 31.

## **UNS MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes** **October 9, 2013**

**Call to order:** by President Jim Lemmerman @ 7:00 PM.

**Roll call of officers:** Jim Lemmerman, Kevin Stern, Joe Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Eric Hansen, Dan Smestad, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Kevin Waino, Bob Krepps, Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel, Mike Drager.

**Excused Officers:** John Bathke, Dan Woollett and Cindy Craig.

**New member introduced:** Kathleen Hein

**Reading of Minutes:** Eric Hansen read minutes from the Sept 11 Membership meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Joe Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Foy carried. Boards of Directors minutes from Oct 2 were also read.

**Agenda additions:** Kevin Stern made a motion to

**Retreat improvements –** Bob Kuettel: all docks are in, picnic tables are in, fire rings are all moved back out of the way for snow plowing

**Burned picnic table:** Joe Roberts says that we have not received payment for the picnic table & have not heard from them.

**Incident reports –** Mike Foy and Eric Hansen nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fall Fund Raiser –** Sandy Roberts says she has been receiving money.

**Boat Ramp Repair –** Jim Lemmerman has initial approval from MN Power rep.

**Security system –** New security system is working well tonight.

**Clay pigeon throwers –** Bob Kuettel says that Bob Curtis offered to 'beef them up' when we get them but Dave Shrader reported that the \$50 throwers were not worth buying; we would be repairing them often. Joe Roberts made a motion to spend up to \$400 for 2 trap throwers from Gander Mt & Dave Shrader offered to pay anything over \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Mike Drager, carried.

**College Skills Day -** Kevin Stern, 30 students

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approve the agenda with the new additions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Foy carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Cindy Craig was not present to give the financial report.

**Membership secretary's report:** Sandy Roberts – current membership is 1506.

### **Committee reports:**

**Web master –** Eric Hansen: made updates to the events page, added sight-in dates and times to the range page and Face Book page.

attended, we will need more 22 ammo.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chamber Flags:** Jim Lemmerman brought info on chamber flags: 100 for \$50.00 w/o a logo, Joe Roberts made motion to purchase 100 for \$50.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Johnson, carried.

**Snow Plowing –** Ted Johnson will not be plowing this year.

**Correspondence:** was shared

**Attendance Drawing:** Dan Smestad won the \$20.00.

**Progressive Drawing:** Scott Anderson was not present to win \$50.00.

**Members sick or in distress:** none reported.

**Adjournment:** motion was made by Mike Foy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Klein at 7:52 pm; carried.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.