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Elections for 2011

The Nominating Committee was appointed at the October Membership meeting and consists of Sandy Roberts, John Bathke and Eric Hansen. These three members will appoint another two and then contact a number of members and ask them if they are interested in running for an office. The only qualifications for the various offices is that you must be a member in good standing for one year. If you are interested in running for an office please contact one of the above mentioned members and give them your name. It is a great way to see how your club is run and you may have some better ideas in how to run the club. We certainly would like some new faces at our Board Meetings.

November guest speaker

Eric Hansen has arranged for Nancy McReady, President of Conservationists With Common Sense, to be our guest speaker at the November meeting. The UNS is a member of this organization and CWCS supports the following: 1) Reasonable access to and sensible recreational multiple-use of public lands and waters. 2) The use of common sense. 3) Continued multiple uses of our National Forests and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. 4) Caring for our natural environment and 5) Being environmentally, economically and socially responsible.

**Nov. 3..... UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen’s Retreat
Pot Luck: 6:00 PM
Meeting: 7:00 PM
Work party prior to**

**Nov. 6..... Minnesota Firearms Deer
Season Opens
Good Luck and Be Safe**

Nov. 7.....Daylight Savings Time ends

**Nov. 10..... UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen’s Retreat
Pot Luck: 6:00 PM
Meeting: 7:00 PM
Work party prior to**

Nov. 11..... Veterans Day

Nov. 21..... Firearms Deer Season closes

**Nov. 25..... Happy Thanksgiving
Forget the diet today**

Nov. 27.....Muzzleloader season opens

Dec. 1..... UNS Board Meeting

Continuations

The DuPont Powder Co. was founded in 1802 and WESTERN CTG. CO. a hundred years later in 1898. But it was upstart WESTERN which in 1931 received word that the great Winchester Repeating Arms. Co. would be sold by a referee in bankruptcy and WESTERN subsequently became the successful buyer. Not everybody went flat broke during the Depression. The WESTERN management (F.W. Olin and his two sons John M. and Spencer T. Olin) having weathered the deflationary doldrums intact, raised \$8,122,837.27 (half of it in cash) to purchase Winchester. In stark contrast to today's easy loose money environment, even for people like the Olins the raising of \$4 million cash in 1931 was a formidable task. Banks were collapsing all over the place. There simply was no money – that's what depression/deflation is, no money. The Olins were probably the only ones who had all of the necessary moxie to take over and resurrect Winchester from the dead hand of bankruptcy. We can all be thankful for their capability and foresight which gave Winchester another 30 years of life, providing us with some of the world's best and most attractive guns ever to come off of a mass-production line. I tell you, those Winchester Model 64 Deer Rifles produced by the Olins were (and still are, in my opinion) unsurpassed for style, balance, fit and finish and if you are fortunate enough to own one today, you have surely got a keeper. In fact, every surviving Winchester gun, not only the Olin production from 1932 thru 1964 but all of them back to the Civil War, is a potential collectors item – and today's asking prices show it. For a long time I have wondered if there are enough UNS members interested enough to support a "Collectors Club" right within UNS? Anybody?

Now let's pretend it's November 1945. Before that, in August, with our B-29's (Enola Gay and Bock's Car) atomic devastations, WWII fighting had ended in September. Even before that, In July the Brits had, with typical European cluelessness, voted Winston Churchill out, having already forgotten that it was his influence on FDR that basically had saved their bacon, and their

buns, over the previous 5 years. Not only that, but in their haste to return to the socialistic pap that had almost gotten them up to their necks in the nazi holocaust in the first place, they came down hard on private gun owners. Unbelievable.

They had not learned their lesson. But let us not get too smug just yet fellow Americans, for here are a few direct quotes from an American Rifleman editorial of 11/45: "Once more the anti-gun crusaders are hard at work. The basis for the latest register-all-guns-and eliminate crime campaign is the RETURN OF SOUVENIR FIREARMS FROM OVERSEAS by members of the Armed Services." "Of all the lies, half-truths, and sob-sister pleas that have, in past campaigns, been utilized to disarm the reputable American, nothing has ever exceeded the mis-information and mouthwash that is currently finding it's way into the public print." "Such local 'crime waves' as have occurred have been due to a criminal element among civilian stay-at-homes." "The present campaign to register all guns is another campaign of innuendo, half-truths, and hysteria." How's that for a mouthful in 1945? And there was more, too.

Question: In the 65 years since 11/45 have we learned our lesson? True, recent SCOTUS decisions have been gun-owner friendly and of course we still have our guns, but the uncharacteristic silence on gun control from the political left wing is puzzling. Except for a few local busybodies, the two Supreme Court cases and one (as far as I know only one) little slip by Att'y Gen. Holder, for the past 3 years or so there has been a near 100% gun control media blackout.

So, what's going on – the question now becomes have they (the left wingers) really learned their lesson or, have they got some sinister gun-ban plan all cooked up just waiting for the right moment?

It is still October at this writing and the watershed elections of 2010 will be all over by the time you all read this, and old-timers might well be wondering why the Stovepipe has been so quiet this time around. For what it's worth, we, the pipe and me both, are scared to death, keeping our fingers crossed and our damper tight. Vote good, everybody.

Well, an e-mail message just arrived: Nancy McReady, President of CWCS (that's

Conservationists With Common Sense) will be our guest speaker at our next general meeting on Nov. 10. UNS has supported and advocated

Stovepipe continued

many years, as both groups have many common interests. CWCS is based in Ely and thus has been in a unique position to monitor the Superior National and the BWCA – please come out and support this mutual coalition.

Have a good deer hunt and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Club Notes continued

and Eric Hansen are on the Nominating Committee and they will appoint two more people. Walk on the Wildside: Motion was made by Cindy Craig to send Walk on the Wildside to all the schools that received them last year, 2nd by Dan Smestad and carried. Attendance Drawing: \$20 won by Dan Smestad and Progressive Drawing of \$100 won by Judy Foy. Motion to Adjourn: made by Howard Tullgren, 2nd by Kevin Stern and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

DNR expects good season for Minnesota deer hunters

Hunters who venture into field and forest for Minnesota's firearms deer season can expect a good deer season and ample hunting opportunities, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Harvest success can't be guaranteed but they can assure hunters that good deer hunting opportunities exist throughout Minnesota.

Nearly 500,000 people are expected to participate in the firearms deer season, which opens Saturday, November 6, throughout Minnesota. Last year, 32 percent of Minnesota firearms deer hunters were successful.

Minnesota's whitetail deer population is about 1 million. In a historical context, too many deer were taken during the 1960's. Rebuilding the deer herd began in the 1970's and concluded in the 1990's. Now DNR is managing the herd toward population goals established with public input.

DNR says that we are at or nearing those goals throughout most of the state and as those population goals are met, particularly in areas that

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were overpopulated, hunting regulations move from liberal to conservative and are adjusted based on deer management needs.

During a time of liberal hunting regulations, Minnesota's deer harvest peaked in 2003 at 290,000. The DNR continues to issue fewer either-sex permits that it did seven years ago and they expect the harvest should be similar to the 194,000 deer harvested in 2009.

The one big difference this year compared to last is the majority of standing corn will be cut by the time the deer season opens. Last year, 80 percent of the states corn crop was still in the fields on the deer opener. Corn provides ample standing cover and can significantly impact deer harvest.

The firearms deer season concludes in the northern Minnesota on Sunday, Nov. 21 and Sunday Nov. 14 in all other parts of the state. A late season in southeastern Minnesota that stretches from Watertown in the north to Caledonia in the south opens Saturday, Nov. 20, and closes Sunday Nov. 28.

2011 Banquet scheduled

Our annual UNS Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 8th at Spirit Mountain. The final details are still being worked on but it is sure to be as great, if not greater, than last year. You will probably be upset with hearing this by the time the banquet rolls around but we need all the help we can get and it's never too early to start. If any of you folks know of a business that might be willing to donate anything that we can use as a prize, please take the time to ask them. The most they can say is no. It could be anything from a gift card to a coffee mug or even an all expense paid two week vacation to Hawaii. HA-HA. In closing for this month, please try to help make this the best and biggest banquet yet and do your share of asking.

Storm damage at Retreat

The club fared fairly well from this last storm but we didn't get off scott free. The storm destroyed

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all of the flags that were out and took down the large pine tree out by the road in front of the Camp Host Building. That tree landed on one of our newly planted maples and destroyed that also.

All in all though we made out pretty good

Club Notes

Oct. 13th, 2010 UNS Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Lemmerman who led us in the Conservation Pledge. Board Members present: Jim Lemmerman, Kevin Stern, Ashley Fletcher, Cindy Craig, Kevin Waino, Sandy Roberts, Eric Hansen, Joe Roberts, Mike Foy, Jim Jensen, Dan Smestad, Judy Foy, Bob Curtis and Mike Drager. Agenda: Motion was made by Cindy Craig to approve the agenda with additions, 2nd by John Bathke, carried. Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Dan Smestad to accept the Secretary's Report as distributed, 2nd by John Bathke, carried. Treasurer's Report: Checkbook Balance is \$4,481.17, Regular Savings Acct. \$5.00, Money Market Acct. \$14,488.51, Building Fund, \$2,486.57, with a total of all funds of \$21,461.25. Motion was made by John Bathke to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills, 2nd by Howard Tullgren and carried. Membership Secretary's Report: Current membership total is 1716. Motion was made by Joe Roberts to send two of our members who still owe us a portion of the membership dues a final notice, 2nd by Cindy Craig and carried.

Committee Reports: Web Master Report: Updated

considering the damage in some other areas. New flags are on order and will be put up as soon as they arrive.

range use page. Retreat Improvements: All of the docks are in for the winter, shooting sticks and cardboard is ready for the sight-in days. The camp host building and campgrounds are now winterized - there is no water other than in the Retreat. Grant Committee: nothing new to report.

By-laws Committee: Will vote on by-law changes next month. Sight-in Days: A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up to help. Old Business: Gravel - 1st part has been delivered.

We should receive the remaining gravel next week. Camp Ground Permit: wh have a copy of the well permits. Kevin Stern picked up a test kit to test our well water and will send in the sample collected. We are working on a plot plan. Mike Drager will be attending the zoning meeting for the campground permit. Motion was made by John Bathke to authorize Mike Drager to be a representative of UNS, 2nd by Eric Hansen and carried. New Business: New Dock for 2011: Joe Roberts talked with RJ Sport and they will match last years price again for next years purchase. Motion was made by Mike Drager to purchase a new dock for 2011 for last years price, 2nd by Dan Smestad and carried. Board Member Camphost: Motion was made by Dan Smestad that whenever possible the lead camp host will be a board member and that assistant camp hosts are always

welcome, 2nd by Kevin Stern and carried. New tables for retreat: Motion was made by Joe Roberts to purchase six 6' tables and one 8' table for the retreat. The 6' tables cost 49.68 each and the 8' table is 79.95 2nd by Kevin Stern and carried. Skid Steer: Motion was made by Joe Roberts to allow \$500 for the rental of a skid steer to level out the gravel piles, 2nd by Bob Curtis and carried. 2011 Banquet: Motion was made by Sandy Roberts to have our banquet on April 15th at Spirit Mountain and April 8th being our second choice, 2nd by John Bathke and carried. Membership Audit: Membership audit will be held before our November Board Meeting. Nominating Committee: Sandy Roberts, John Bathke

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