

United Northern Sportsmen's News



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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CALENDAR

May 2, 2025

FRIDAY

Spring work Party at Club 9 am
Volunteers appreciated.
Get docks in campsites set up.
Information is posted in this letter.

May 7, 2025

Wednesday

Meeting: @ 6: pm. At UNS
Clubhouse.

May 10, 2025

Minnesota Fishing opener for
Walleye, Sauger, Norther Pike

Range Shooting Hours

Range hours are 8 am to 30
minutes before sunset. Range
openings and closing are posted on
the ranges and the bulletin board
on the Clubhouse building. Also
check Facebook and web page for
closures or changes.

ATTENTION ~ Please Read

Fortunately for me our
President caught a mistake of
mine quickly!

The date of the

SPRING CLEAN-UP is:

FRIDAY MAY 2nd

NOT Saturday

Sorry about the mistake

Let's hope for sunny skies and warm
weather. Everyone is welcome to come
join in the clean-up. It starts at 9 am,
so please take a few hours to help get
the club up and ready for the summer.

CLUB NOTES

This year the United Northern Sportsman Club will be turning **80** yes **80** years old. We will be having a picnic on **Saturday July 26th**, with registration starting at 11:00-12:00 and lunch and games to follow throughout the day. It is an incredible achievement through the hard work of MANY people throughout the years to be able to claim something like this. Mark the date on your calendar and come up to the club to meet fellow members and have a great day at the club.

The New archery targets have been made and are ready to be set up. It has been a long time coming, but they are going to be another feature for club members to use. Broadheads or no hunting parts are allowed.

At the last board meeting we had a couple of guest speakers; Bill Klein and Dale Irish that talked about the Minnesota wolf management. They are members of a group called Hunters 4 Hunters.

They discussed the wolf population numbers in Minnesota, what the Federal regulations are and what they as a group are hoping to achieve in protecting the future of hunting. If this is something you may be interested in you can look it up at: Hunters4Hunters.org.

As of April 1, 2025 the annual membership dues increased. It is never an easy decision for the board to make, but as with everything costs are increasing in many areas for the club, and it had to be done. The new membership dues are:

1- Year Single \$50.00

2- Year Single \$95.00

1-Year Family \$90.00

2-Year Family \$170.00

UNS 2025 Firearm Safety Training Schedule

The In-Class Firearms safety training has been completed and now it is time for the Field test days. There are 2 Hybrid Field days remaining.

The **Field Test** days for this are:

MAY 3rd and 4th. There are 25 students allowed each day.

Starting time is 9 am and lunch is provided on field day. You must attend all the classes to test out.

HYBRID FIELD DAY

June 8th

United Northern Sportsman's Club

Starting at 9 am limit 20 students

Lunch provided on field day

HYBRID FIELD DAY

July 13

United Northern Sportsman's Club

Starting at 9 am - limit 20 students

Lunch provided on field day

To schedule the classes, call Mike Hart (763)245-7268.. There is limited availability so call soon.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes April 9, 2025

Call to Order: by President Jim Weiss @ 6:00 pm.

Conservation Pledge was recited.

Roll Call of Elected Officers: Jim Weiss, Mike Hart, Tina Sund, Vickie Jensen, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Jim King, Rob Murray, Cord Timo, John Kolar, Nancy Poppenberg, Tom Kulas.

Appointed Officers: Deanna Dodge, Eric Hansen.

Excused Officers: Sam Haddad, Tim Walburg

Presentations: Bill Klein, Dale Irish. Spoke about MN Wolf management. Spoke briefly about the Endangered Species Act of 1953. Wolf population in MN is 2900, MN population goal is 2200 to 3000 wolves. At 3000 a hunt can be considered. (Federal regulation is about half that). Most states have a lower population goal.

Correspondence: Gnesen NL, Wildwoods annual report, proposed 2026 property tax. Assessment increased from \$213,3700 to \$224,700 per new Tax statement.

Agenda Additions & Approval: Motion to approve April 9, 2025 agenda by Rob Murray. 2nd by Vickie Jensen: carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept March 5 minutes by Rob Murray, 2nd by Vickie Jensen: carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund – current membership is 1511.

New Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships: 52, (4 new)

Family Memberships 39, (9 new)

142 renewals coming up 31 2nd /Expired Notices.

Other Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen made updates to the UNS website and Facebook page: range reservations, newsletters, annual dues change on Rules and on Membership Application.

Facilities Committee - Jim Weis reports that the lawn equipment has been repaired and serviced, demo on old bath done, pits filled with gravel and cement, Rob Murray and Jim talked about electrical service changes.

A member volunteered to mark all electric lines. Tina Sund made a motion to give him a 1-year membership, 2nd Mike Hart, carried. Power lines are now all marked out on the property. We hope new water lines can be in by May. Mike Hart reports that the Boy Scouts need someone to check-in/out campers for their campground.

Range and Grounds Calendar – no updates

Incident Report – no reports

Volunteer Awards – Vickie Jensen Lucas got his 100-hour jacket.

Members should report volunteer hours because it can help when we apply for a grant to build/repair facilities. It gives UNS more credibility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Work Party Friday May 2, 2025 @ 9:00am. Meet at the club.

General clean-up, docks, boat launch, campground set-up: tables and fire rings.

Archery targets are ready.

Firearm Safety Field Day May 3 & 4. Mike Hart says the 1st in-house Firearm Safety class was last week, 38-40 kids attended. Hybrid days were full right away, 20 per class.

Jim Weiss did maintenance on some of the lawn care equipment.

Tina Sund - we are considering installing a lockable mailbox on-site instead of the P.O. Box.

UNS Sign at corner of lakeside needs repair.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNS Picnic: Nancy Poppenberg brought up having a picnic for UNS 80th birthday. Tina Sund suggested doing some more planning before going too far with it. Date for picnic: Sat July 26. 11:00 - 12:00 registration. Then lunch and games in the afternoon.

Camp Host will be here on May 5.

MDHA Banquet April 24 @ Buffalo House: contact Jim Weiss or, Wayne at MDHA 218.389.6246 for tickets if interested. Tickets \$65 / person (includes meal) and 1 year membership. 5:00pm doors open, dinner @ 7:pm.

Members Sick or in Distress: none reported.

Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting: Zoom/In Person Meeting Wednesday May 7, 2025 @ 6:pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion by Nancy Poppenberg, 2nd by John Kolar.at 7:36 pm: carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

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