

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

January 7th 2026 Board /
Membership Meeting at
UNS clubhouse 6pm
All members welcome

January 24th, 2026
72nd Annual Ice Fishing
contest on Island Lake
12:30-3:30

Range hours are 8 am to 30
minutes before sunset. Also
check Facebook and web
page for closures or
changes.

Another year is coming to a close, and there were a lot of projects that were taken care of this year at UNS. A HUGE thanks to everyone who assisted. UNS is a membership run club. That means that everything needed to be done to and for the club is done by members who willingly donate their time to help with whatever needs to be done. Unfortunately, there is a limited community of people who do the actual work. It needs to be reiterated yet again that the club needs people to help with the projects. It is not fair to rely on the same people to help out repeatedly. The club suffers and members get frustrated.

This year's projects that were completed were: 1. The boat ramp was repaired, which in itself was a large undertaking. Last year just before the fishing contest the concrete pads heaved up, and it would have been impossible to get people onto the ice for the contest because of it. It was "fixed" only to allow the contest to go on, and then this summer it was properly redone for everyone's safety. 2. All the docks were checked out and properly repaired for use. 3. The main waterline was repaired 4. The shower facility plumbing was repaired. 5. The archery range cabana was built. 6. Old washroom was transformed into a usable storage facility. 7. All lawn equipment was repaired and serviced so the lawn on the entire facility is taken care of weekly. 8. Large bore range sign was replaced. 9. Playground area was tilled, and swing set was stained, canopy replaced, and all bolts checked. 10. Community fire pit was built and installed. 11. Large bore range was brushed out for better sightlines. 12. Loping deer was resurrected, repaired and in use for the Fall Sight-In. It is truly a unique target, and any hunter should take advantage of this as there is not another one like this in this state.

Every one of these projects takes time and desperately needed manpower. Without help from members, the club as you know it will cease to exist.

The Next **Board/Membership meeting** for UNS is going to be held on **JANUARY 7th at 6:00 pm** at the United Northern Sportsman's Club. The installation of our new board members will take place. Nancy Cozzi will become our new Secretary. Bob Kettle, Chris Mattila and Lucas Nordby are all becoming Board Members with a 3-year term. We are still fortunate to have the past secretary Eric Hansen who will be involved with the web site for the club. We also appreciate all the time and work that John Kolar, Robb Murray and Cord Timo gave to us during their time as Board members.

The **Arrowhead Ice Fishing show at the DECC** was quite a success for UNS. The show was the first time we had been involved and everyone who worked at the booth agreed it was very well received, and we sold a lot of tickets and a few memberships also. We had a couple of drawings for new members and old members. We gave away three memberships for people who entered the drawing. The winners who received a second free membership are: Nancy and Randy Cozzi, Paul and Sara Fitzgerald, and Charles Woodwick. Congratulations to all of you.

REMEMBER

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMANS CLUB 72ND ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST
SATURDAY JANUARY 24th, 2026
12:30-3:30

GATE PRIZE DRAWING \$1,000.00 cash need not be present to win
\$2,000 in additional cash prizes

1st Place \$1,000.00 2nd Place \$500.00 3rd Place \$250.00 4th Place 125.00
5th Place \$75.00

Trophy and \$50.00 prize for child (age 15 and under) for largest fish

COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN SOME INCREDIBLE PRIZES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

ERIC HANSEN (218)-831-8646

UNS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 3rd, 2025

Call to Order: President Jim Weiss @ 6:00 pm. Conservation Pledge recited.

Roll Call of Elected Officers: Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Vickie Jensen, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Jim King, Rob Murray, John Kolar, Tim Walburg, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad.

Appointed Officers: Deanna Dodge, Eric Hansen.

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter, donation request from Second Harvest.

Agenda Additions & Approval: Motion to approve the agenda with additions (Second Harvest donation) by Sam Haddad. 2nd by Tim Walburg: carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept last month's minutes by Sam Haddad, 2nd by Tim Walburg: carried.

Motion by Tina Sund to donate \$100. to Second Harvest Food Shelf 2nd by Spike, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of Nov 30, 2025

Motion to approve financial report and pay the bills by Keith Darsow, 2nd by Vickie Jensen: Carried

Proposed property tax for 2026 increased \$170.00, increase of 9.1%

2026 Budget: Tina Sund reviewed the 2026 budget. Ice Fishing Show at the DECC is included in the new budget, some estimated expenses are included for the upcoming potential Chili Feed. Motion to approve budget for Chili Feed: Tim Walburg, 2nd by Sam Haddad, carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Deanna Dodge – current membership is 1330.

Total May Deposits: \$ 2090.00 New Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships: 18 (3 new) Family Memberships 11, (2 new)

Renewals coming up 37 2nd/Expired Notices 24

Motion by Vickie Jensen to accept Membership report, 2nd by Keith Darsow, carried

Facilities Committee - Jim Weise: Storm Door handle on club house replaced, Mike Hart put a bale of hay over the drain to prevent freezing, tire replaced on snow blower, Tom Kulas cleaned up grounds after the fund raiser.

Incident Report – Jim Weise, nothing to report

Volunteer Awards – Vickie Jensen has hit 1000 hours THANK YOU!!

OLD BUSINESS:

Fall Fund Raiser update: THANK YOU to everyone who donated time during the Fall Fund Raiser/Sight-In Days. Vickie Jensen: 272 guns sighted in (up 72 from last year), 292 raffle tickets sold, 14 Loping Deer shooters, 9 new Memberships. Ravin Cross Bow was won by: Loren Lilliquist.

Tina Sund Fall Fund Raiser numbers: \$9270 income, \$4288.24 expenses, \$4981.76 profit. \$4398.99 ticket sales, sales tax estimate: \$595. Sight-in: \$411.09 Expenses, Income \$1457 profit 1045.91

Winter Ice Fishing show (Dec 12,13 &14) Nov 18 meeting update: Lucas Nordby has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Meet meeting: Dec 10 we will meet after the Annual Meeting. Signs and Banner for Ice Fishing Show: Banner and stand are here.

Update on AED Batteries: Keith Darsow got a quote for pads and battery. \$4500 each + shipping. Our model is discontinued. They have a \$400 trade-in program for each unit through end of 2025. We will discuss it on Dec 10 after the Annual Meeting. Discussion about whether any grants are available. Suggestion was to get one this year and 2nd one in a few years. Tim Walburg motion to buy 2 brand new ones this year, 2nd by Tom Walburg discussion followed. Motion and 2nd rescinded, motion by Tina Sund to buy one upgrade kit for current unit and one new AED. 2nd by Eric Hansen, carried.

Discuss Snow Plowing bids: Jim Weise, Motion to accept Pat Dodge's bid by Tim Walburg 2nd by Sam Haddad, carried.

Still need shelving Unit in old washroom building: Spike volunteered to build shelves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee report: (see last month) Nancy Poppenberg, Keith Darsow: Chris Mattila, Lucas Nordby, Bob Kuettel will run for board positions, Nancy Cozzi for Secretary.

Special presentation: delayed until Dec 10.

Dec 15th after Ice Fishing show meeting 6:pm at retreat: (Monday)

Ice fishing Contest meeting Jan 13th @ 6pm @ retreat:

Members Sick or In-Distress:

Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting: Annual Meeting is Dec 10 @ the UNS clubhouse 6: pm. Next Zoom/In Person Board Meeting is Wednesday Jan 7, 2026 @ 6: pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion by Tim Walburg, 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg at 7:52 pm: carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

Annual Meeting notes will be published in the January Newsletter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim Weiss	218-464-3377
Vice President	Mike Hart	763-245-7268
Secretary/Website	Eric Hanson	218-831-8646
Treasurer	Tina Sund	218-591-3304
Sargent of Arms	Sam Haddad	218-390-3808
Director	Keith Darsow	218-390-4557
Director	Vickie Jensen	218-591-5619
Director	John Kolar	218-590-8585
Director	Tom Kulas	218-391-2232
Director	Rob Murray	218-393-0979
Director/Newsletter	Nancy Poppenberg	218-349-2129
Director	Spike	218-464-7860
Director	Cord Timo	218-428-8771
Director	Tim Walburg	218-340-5924
Membership Secretary	Deanna Dodge	218-590-7999

UNS Membership Fees

1 year Single	\$50.00	1-year Family	\$90.00
2 year Single	\$95.00	2-year Family	\$170.00