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CALENDAR

**May 2nd and for May 3
Hybrid Field Days at
UNS. Information in
letter.**

**MAY 6th
UNS Work Party
Starts at noon. All
members invited**

**May 9th
Minnesota fishing
opener**

**June 5th -7th, 2026
Take a kid fishing
weekend.**

**YOUTH DAY HAS BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR
AUGUST 8th mark it in
your calendars and call
Nancy Cozzi if you
would like to volunteer.
(218) 393-7176
More information in the
letter**

Spring is finally becoming a reality for us with the days getting longer and the temperature slowly improving; however, there has been quite a range of the numbers lately. With that comes the opening of the UNS facility for its summertime use for all members. Our **SPRING CLEAN UP PARTY is on MAY 6th, 2026**, starting at noon. AND every single one of the members of the club is invited to participate in helping with the set up for summer. Unfortunately, many members do not realize that this is a membership run club. That said, members are required to participate in the spring set up and the fall close-up of the facility. It is typically left to a very few members to take on these duties year after year, and in time that may come to an end.

The Spring Cleanup includes:

Placing all the firepits at designated campsites, placing tables at all campsites, raking the play area of debris, raking the rocks left from plowing in the winter, placing the docks in the water for boaters, checking waterlines to campsites, electrical hook up check for campsites, and repairing the boat launch (mother nature and ice did **a lot** of damage). Without help with the boat launch, boat launching may not be possible this year, retreat building and camp host building clean up, tree and stick clean up and brushing and cleaning debris off of the shooting ranges.

Take a moment to think about what this club would look like if no one did any of this work. It only takes a matter of hours if people show up to help, so please consider assisting to get your club set up for a great summer season at UNS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 1st, 2026

Call to order: President Jim Weiss at 6:01 pm Conservation pledge recited.

Roll Call of Elected officers: Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Mike Hart, Vickie Jenson, Keith Darsow, Jim King, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad, Tom Kulas, Bob Kuettel, Nancy Cozzi, Lucas Nordby

Appointed Officers: Deanna Dodge and Eric Hansen

Excused Officers: Eric Hansen, Tim Walberg

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter

Agenda Additions and Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the agenda with no new additions and last month's minutes by Sam Haddad 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg; carried.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Memberships/Renewals: As of March 31st, there are 1,349 members.

Individual Memberships 20 (3 new) Family Memberships 16

Renewals coming up 137 2nd expired notices 30.

Motion by Mike Hart to accept Membership report 2nd by Keith Darsow; carried.

Other Reports

Webmaster: Eric Hansen made updates to the UNS website and Facebook page; allowing Range reservations and some other items.

Facilities Committee: Front faucets need rebuilding, shelving in brass shack needs to be finished, Precut target's in the garage needs to be moved to target shack, all mower blades need to be sharpened or replaced, 2 trees need to be cut, split, and stacked, boat launch needs to be repaired. All docks are repaired and one needs a new wheel. **MAY 6th work party volunteers needed start at noon.** Ranges need some work done. Keith Darsow suggested we look at the Alborn Snow Devils building for a new building suggestion.

Range and Ground Calendar:

Incident Report: Sara Blix called from Gnesen Town Hall and reported that someone scratched their name in the black board and will possibly have to be replaced. This happened during one of the firearm safety classes. Mike Hart is checking into it.

Volunteer Awards: Vickie Jensen

OLD BUSINESS:

The winner of the picture that was donated to UNS at the boat show was Pat Collins.

UNS now has a QR code that was used at the boat show and with that we had 20 new members sign up.

There was a suggestion as to have an event on **TAKE A KID FISHING WEEKEND (JUNE 5-7, 2026)**

The square reader needs to be adjusted to charge a fee for charges.

YOUTH FIELD DAY: Things are going well with Youth Field Day (Saturday August 8th, 2026), starting at 8 am and finishing at 4:30 pm. We need volunteers that day. Call Nancy Cozzi (218) 393-7176 if interested or have questions.

Firearm Safety is going well. Instructors are needed in the area and if there are enough people interested in becoming an instructor Mike Hart will get an instructor certification class going. If interested, please call Mike Hart at (763) 245-7268.

New Business:

UNS members picnic will be AUGUST 22nd, 2026. Once again Dana Dallum will be in charge. Discussions on new trap thrower purchase. Mike Hart is writing an endowment letter for a donation towards a new trap thrower. The cost of a new trap thrower with solar panel and battery is approximately \$8,420.00. The one we currently have is so outdated we are not able to get parts for it any longer. Motion by Tina Sund to purchase the new trap thrower up to \$9000 (providing we get the endowment) 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg; carried.

Firearm Safety Classes:

Mike Hart has Two Hybrid field days remaining. There will be 20 kids allowed for each day. The first day is May 2nd, and the next day is May 3rd. Sign up for these classes as they get filled up quickly. Contact Mike Hart to sign up; (763)245-7268.

Members Sick or in Distress:

Adjournment and date of next meeting: In person and zoom meeting on Wednesday MAY 6th, 2026, at 6:00 pm at UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Sam Haddad, 2nd by Mike Hart, Carried.

Meeting minutes Submitted by Nancy Cozzi, Secretary

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Director	Tim Walburg	218-340-5924
Membership Secretary	Deanna Dodge	218-590-7999
Webmaster	Eric Hansen	218-831-8646

UNS Membership Fees

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