

# 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

**June 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Take a kid fishing weekend.**

**AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> YOUTH FIELED DAY** mark it in your calendars and call Nancy Cozzi if you would like to volunteer. (218) 393-7176  
**More information in the letter**

**AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Games food prizes for all

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

Summer is here and UNS is ready for all its members to enjoy UNS once again. Our camp host has returned: **WELCOME BACK** Chris. UNS had their Board Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> and there was a discussion about placing a sign at the boat launch for no power loading. The reason for this is the boat launch the last few winters has really had severe damage in part to boats power launching onto their trailers. Fortunately, this year some of our members got to repairing it earlier than discussed because the lake level came up so quickly. So PLEASE keep that in mind when loading your boats onto your trailers. One other area of concern is campfires. Campers are allowed to have campfires at their campsites but please be very aware and attentive of your fire. Again, it is a year of not only acres of dead trees and several fires in the area; but winds that just do not seem to stop.

**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> is TAKE A KID FISHING WEEKEND.** This means adults (16 or older) can fish without a license provided they are alongside a child (15 or younger). The docks are out, and if they are filled with boats, there is plenty of shoreline for you to give it a try.

**AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> is the YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY** Registration is required for this event and must be done before July 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a free event. We need to have a minimum of 40 kids and can take up to 80. It is for kids ages 10-17, and parents are required to be present. Lunch and prize drawings are also included. There is more information following in the letter.

**AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> is United Northern Sportsman's Annual Picnic.** Food, games, and fun for all. All members welcome and can bring non-member guests for a \$5.00 guest pass charge.

# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY

HOSTED BY THE UNITED NORTHERN  
SPORTSMEN'S CLUB & THE LAKE SUPERIOR  
CHAPTER OF THE MDHA

SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

FREE

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM

FREE FIELD DAY 8:30-4:30

MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY JULY 31ST AND  
BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT

LIMITED TO 80 PARTICIPANTS



LUNCH AND PRIZE  
DRAWINGS INCLUDED

LUNCH FOR PARENTS ALSO

Location:

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB  
1 MILE PAST ISLAND LAKE BRIDGE, 20 MILES  
NORTH OF DULUTH

TO REGISTER CALL :

NANCY COZZI @ 218-393-7176

FREE



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Call to order:** President Jim Weiss at 6:00 pm Conservation pledge recited.

**Roll Call of Elected officers:** Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Mike Hart, Vickie Jensen, Keith Darsow, Nancy Poppenberg, Tom Kulas, Bob Kuettel, Nancy Cozzi, Lucas Nordby, Chris Mattila

**Appointed Officers:** Deanna Dodge and Eric Hansen

**Excused Officers:** Eric Hansen, Jim King, Sam Haddad

**Correspondence:** Gnesen Township Newsletter, Invitation to partner on Youth Safety & Community Shooting Sports Style Event, Wildwoods

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

### **Membership Secretary's Report:**

**Memberships/Renewals:** As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, there are 1,328 members.

Individual Memberships 31 (3 new)                      Family Memberships 28

Renewals coming up 143                                      2<sup>nd</sup> expired notices 36.

Motion by Nancy Poppenberg to accept Membership report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Walburg; carried.

### **Other Reports**

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

**Facilities Committee:** Boat launch repaired, front faucets have been rebuilt, Shelving in brass shack storage area has been finished. Precut target cardboard in garage has been moved to target shack. Mower blades have been sharpened. All the downed trees have been cut, tree stumps on the hill have been dug out. Water and water heater have been turned on; campground AED box has been built and installed. Some raking has been done, Large BBQ grill has been rebuilt, new pressure and backflow valves have been installed on all outside faucets. All campground electric has been tested and repaired where needed. Some range cleanup has been done, picnic tables and firepits have been put out. It was suggested to put up a sign by the boat launch power saying: NO POWER LOADING due to damage it causes.

**Range and Ground Calendar:** nothing to note.

**Incident Report:** nothing to note.

**Volunteer Awards:** Vickie Jensen

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**YOUTH FIELD DAY:** Things are going well with Youth Field Day (Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026), starting at 8 am and finishing at 4:30 pm. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE GUN RANGE AND TRAP RANGE. Call Nancy Cozzi (218) 393-7176 if interested or have questions.

Gun Safety Class 36 kids all got certified; 2<sup>nd</sup> class one did not get certified.

Trap thrower update: Mike Hart is waiting to hear back from the endowment letter that he sent for the trap thrower.

Tower Wildlife accusation support update: Lucas will send them a letter of support.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

Picnic table purchase: UNS will need a few by the end of the summer. Motion made by Nancy Poppenberg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hart.

Spring cleanup: There are still some projects that need to be taken care of. Camp host building and the shower houses need to be wiped down. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** that participated for your hard work getting things done and ready for the upcoming season for all members to enjoy.

Keith Darsow will call and order ice for the ice chest again this year.

Fees will be waived for the guns transfer on Youth Field Day. Motion by Mike Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Poppenberg.

### **Members Sick or in Distress:**

**Adjournment and date of next meeting:** In person and zoom meeting on Wednesday JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 pm at UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Tim Walburg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Poppenberg, Carried.

Meeting minutes Submitted by Nancy Cozzi, Secretary

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                      |                  |              |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| President            | Jim Weiss        | 218-464-3377 |
| Vice President       | Mike Hart        | 763-245-7268 |
| Secretary            | Nancy Cozzi      | 218-393-7176 |
| 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/Camp Host   | Chris Mattila    | 618-560-8416 |
| Director             | Tom Kulas        | 218-391-2232 |
| Director             | Bob Kuettel      | 218-393-2000 |
| Director/Newsletter  | Nancy Poppenberg | 218-349-2129 |
| Director             | Spike            | 218-464-7860 |
| Director             | Lucas Nordby     | 218-355-8287 |
| Director             | Tim Walburg      | 218-340-5924 |
| Membership Secretary | Deanna Dodge     | 218-590-7999 |
| Website              | 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 |