



North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting May 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:05 PM.

Officers present: Dick Allen, Tim Daily, Nick Hardie, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Eric Schramm and Andy Sperr.
Also present: Dan Mikel, Paul Drake, and Jeff Baugher.

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

Dan Mikel suggested two minor changes to the May 2010 *NewsNotes*:

Page 1; Board Meeting notes page 1, "**General Meeting Time Change**"; There was a "purpose" at the time the meeting times were established: to allow members to come shoot Skeet, or Trap and later 10 Stand before the meeting. Page 3, General Meeting notes: "**Proposed 10 Stand League (New)**"; The reference to a "League" was incorrect. The proposal was meant to be strictly a non-competitive, user friendly chance for .410 pistol (or shotgun) advocates to get together to have fun. Sorry for any confusion. Again, please contact **Dan Mikel** or **Pete McCann** if interested.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

The **May Transactions** Report of 5/27/10 showed:

Income:	\$2,485.00
Expenses	\$4,125.78
May net	-\$1,640.78
Preserve Funds	\$4,794.44

A major expense item was roadway stone, \$2,500.00; Others were Fuel & eqpt. items \$600.00; Kitchen & Trap upkeep approx. \$250.00 each. Income included Archery League \$510.00; Preserve dues \$490.00; Black box (clays) \$313.00 & (10 Stand) \$360.00 and "Fun Shoot" \$555.00.

Membership: Dick Allen

Name tags are now available for all new Active & Junior Members. They are located in the Sign-In Shed.

THANKS to **Dan Mikel** for a job well done for many years and to **Matt Fumia** for taking over.

Dick submitted a revised Junior Membership Application form which includes a request for an e-mail address, a \$10.00 fee to be submitted with the application and interest in Trapper Training. The Board approved the changes after some discussion about the latter item and when Dick explained the tedious process of following up on other

details.

Members are reminded AGAIN that it is their responsibility to keep the club aware of any changes in USPS or e-mail address. The club cannot be/is not responsible for maintaining communication with you if you don't keep the lines open.

Web Site Ideas: Jeff Baugher

Jeff had several general **proposals** to upgrade the web site to make it more user-friendly (e.g. to include access to the Constitution & By-Laws, old issues of the *NewsNotes*, and possibly reduce mailing & copying costs). The board was generally favorable to his suggestions, while recognizing that some members will never have computer access. He agreed to put together a list of pros & cons and potential savings for further discussion.

"Pistol only" Shooting Berm

Dan Mikel submitted the following proposal to the Board for consideration and possible discussion at the general membership meeting.

Where: Between the 10 Stand & Skeet Field.

Berm Size: Similar to the 25 Yd. rifle range.

Advantages:

Short range options not available on rifle range.

Family-friendly rules.

Pre-registration & sign-up for one-hour blocks.

Short -range opportunity minimizes Rifle Range "intimidation".

Could easily be wheel chair accessible.

Shaded area would allow laser sight use & adjustment

Would not interfere with others shooting at 25 yds. or more on rifle range.

Dan asked for and the Board agreed that Dan could bring the idea & details the general membership next week for further consideration.

Junior Youth Day proposal

In order to encourage greater participation by youngsters in North Star activities, **Allan Rice** is proposing a "**Youth Day of Sporting Clays**" for 12 – 18 yr. olds. (Must provide own shells.)

It would feature a **FREE** round of sporting clays, hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda after.

Parental Supervision and presence **required**. (No drop-offs or baby-sitting.)

Standard safety precautions (eye & ear protection required, etc.).

WHEN: Saturday, August 14 @ 11 AM, following the

June 2010

scheduled “Fun Shoot” that morning. This would allow convenient member involvement as mentor/guides for the event.

Building and Grounds:

JR has a radiator grill for the tractor, and reported that the tractor is in need of some front tires. Estimated cost is about \$160 to \$200 per tire. There are sufficient funds left in this year’s budget, so the board agreed to authorize a purchase not to exceed \$673. A Rice made the motion, E Schramm seconded, all votes were in favor, none opposed. The proposal will be made at the member meeting.

Safety and Security:

Tim Daily restated a policy that should be well known to all members:

NO SHOOTING BEFORE 1PM ON SUNDAYS

A proposal was made to put up a sign on the door of the skeet range. No specific action or assignment was made.

Sporting Clays summer shoot: Al Rice

The shoots have been well received, and are financially solid. The last shoot was 51 rounds: 19 members, 32 non members. Next shoot: June 12. We need some more help for that day.

The budget discussed at last meeting will be proposed at the June general meeting.

Adjournment



**General Meeting
June 3, 20010**



The meeting was called to order by President Peter McCann at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Dan Mikel

NOTE: All future general meeting will begin at 7:30 PM, year round.

Members present: Dick Allen, Brian & Dennis Allis, Buz Baumann, Jeff Baugher, David Beehner, Rich Breslawski, Al & Frank Castrechino, Ron Carlton, Jeff Cave, Tim Daily, Paul Drake, Phil Dugan, Doug Files, Dick Groves, Nick Hardie, Gary Hartle, John Iati, Glenn Johnson, Mike Kirchgessner, Glen Liucci, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Dan Mikel, Frank Petricone, Jim Priestley, Jim Rabjohn, Walt Slowig, Andy Sperr, Chris Wiest, Jeff Winter, Gordon Windsor, and Wayne Vossler.

Guest Present: Andy Breslawski

NewsNotes Update: Andy Sperr

Dan Mikel noted that the later (8 PM) meeting start in the summer was designed to allow member to use trap, skeet

and 10 Stand prior to the regular meeting. Members are still using the facilities, but usually earlier in the day, making the later start unnecessary. The By-Laws have been updated accordingly. See below for more on this. Also, the reference to a .410 – 10 Stand “League” was incorrect. The intent is a strictly “User Friendly” opportunity for .410 owners to enjoy the sport and each others company.

Treasurer’s Report: Nick Hardie

Nick reviewed his **May Transactions** summary updated to 6/3/10.

Refer to the Board meeting notes on page 1 for details. Nick said that 103 members have paid their 2010-2011 dues, of which 76 were Active Members

REMEMBER, Dues are due by June 30. You should have received your notification by now. Unless you contact a Club Officer with extenuating circumstances, your membership privileges will be automatically be terminated.

Nick mentioned SPECIAL THANKS due to **Wayne Scheible & John Viavattine** who made donations to the general fund.

At the suggestion of **Frank Petricone**, their donations will be redirected to the NYSR&PA Summer 2010 JUNIOR PROGRAM SWEEPSTAKES. This suggestion was quickly approved by the members.

Membership: Dick Allen

A first-class mailing by Al Rice for the Summer Fun Shoot to about 150 names on the Waiting List resulted in 4 returns for incorrect mailing addresses. They were:

Kevin Haffen	<u>Sponsor</u>	Doug Rivais.
Dan Pollack	“	Dave Isaac.
Bill Robinson II	“	Mark Gawron.
Pat Tantalo	“	Bob Fritz.

Unless we get an update from the applicant or the Sponsor these names will be “lost” in future Waiting List mailings and likely elimination from the list.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Jobs looking for a volunteer:

* Skeet Field high house paint job: **John Iati** quickly volunteered and Jim provided the tools. THANKS to both.

* **Al Castrechino** will do the “chimney sweep” detail before the heating season sneaks up on us.

A potential source of clean fill for the Archers’ “Sherwood Forest” has been lost, but another possibility came up in discussion of the new pistol berm which followed. Jim will follow up on this.

Jim also asked for and received approval for “up to approx. \$450.00” for 2 new tires for the tractor. Update: Jim acquired the tires plus grill work and lights for \$475.

Thanks JR

SPECIAL USE PERMIT ISSUE: Read This!

Tim Daily reminded all members that **Rule 5 of the Ground Rules; HOURS**, states “The hours for all shooting ranges of the club will be Sunrise to Sunset, Monday through Saturday; **1 pm to sunset on Sundays.** **These hours are absolute with no exceptions. This rule is to be strictly enforced with no exceptions. This rule is to be strictly enforced; any member who violates this rule is to face disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.**

Please Note: Because of ongoing violations by some unthinking members, the Board recently interpreted “disciplinary action” to mean a **\$100.00 fine for a first offense and termination of membership for a repeat offense.** Enough said?

MCCC, SCOPE,, NYSR&PA, etc.

Chris Wiest reported on the upcoming annual Spring Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Council 8 at 10 AM this Saturday.

Legislative activity is very slow at this time due to the Albany budget stalemate. The cartridge “microstamping” bill was approved by the Assembly and forwarded to the Senate Codes Committee (the routine procedure). It may be dead for now, but keep your eyes & ears open. **Frank Petricone urged all members** to let their representatives know they strongly object.

Old/New Business

2010-2011 Budget proposal

The president reviewed the bottom line for the Board-approved budget for next fiscal year. As previously detailed on page 2 of the May *NewsNotes*, it projects a bottom-line deficit of approx. \$13,000.00. Given the club’s current financial status and the influx of 2011 members’ dues, this should not jeopardize future expenditure necessities. In answer to a question from Mike Kirchgessner, for all line items greater than \$150.00 and or exceeding the approved budget level, approval of the general membership is required per **Ground Rule 1: Spending...**

Web Site upgrades

Jeff Baugher will be incorporating many additional features such as the updated **Constitution & By-Laws** into the web site.

Jeff is soliciting ideas to make it more user-friendly and will pass them on to the Board for approval. Contact him at 227-8797 with your suggestions.

Jeff has also volunteered to assume the role of *NewsNotes* Publisher. Thank you, Jeff, in advance. Please bear with us for the next few issues as we work out the monthly process.

VERY SINCERE THANKS to TAMMY RICE for an OUTSTANDING JOB FOR MANY YEARS.

Junior Youth Day Proposal

See the Board meeting notes for details of Al Rice’s proposal for a **Junior Youth Day**. The proposal was approved by voice vote. Plan to bring your youngsters to the Summer Fun Shoot on Saturday, August 14 and follow up with a **FREE** round of clays, PLUS hot dogs, hamburgers & soda for your kids &/or grandkids.

Pistol & rim-fire Only Range proposal

After reviewing his ideas for a restricted “pistol & Rim-fire only short range” with them last week, the Board approved **Dan Mikel** to follow up with the general membership. The members were receptive to the idea and approved further action. Dan will review plans with the Range Safety Officer (**Tim Daily**) before sending out a more detailed version of the proposal to all

Cover Sheet Advertising

North Star is offering an advertising bargain to its business owner members;

Three Hundred *NewsNote* monthly mailings, plus 6 Invitational mailings to 200 additional potential customers for only \$100.00 per year! The proceeds are used to offset copying & mailing costs for the club. You don’t have to be a member to take advantage of this offer. Members are asked to contact a business friend with this offer.

Member Appreciation Day

This annual event will be held in lieu of the August 5th meeting. More details on page 4 and at the July 1st general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

50/50: A “kitty” got away from **Jim Gillette, Jr.**

Equipment for sale:

Tim Daily has found two items that are not needed by the club, and suggested they be sold to the highest bidder. A silent auction is planned. The items are:

- 1) Homelite/Textron 3000 Watt generator with a B&S engine. Runs well. The generator is mounted to a lawn mower deck for easy transport
- 2) Turfpower by Agway 21” lawn mower; runs like a top, but doesn’t self propel

Both items are in the barn for inspection. Photos can be seen on the web site: click “member information” then follow the link to “equipment for sale”

The club will auction off each item separately via sealed bids only, delivered to an officer or sent to PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468. Must be postmarked before the August 26 Board meeting.



Upcoming Events



Reserve the Clubhouse and Grounds for your event by contacting **Andy Sperr @ 225-0373** **and** noting it on the Clubhouse Calendar. . . First Come First Served
Otherwise, your reservation may not be honored

Board of Directors Meeting

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

General Member Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

Youth Day Shoot

Saturday, August 14 at 11 AM

Member Appreciation Day

Replaces the August general meeting August 5
1/2 price shooting, free food from 5-7

Current Club Reservations:

Kevin Sullivan	Friday, June 25
John Viavattine	(7PM) Saturday, June 26
Mike Engle	Sunday, June 27
Buz Baumann	Saturday, July 3
Bob Fritz	Saturday, July 10
Brockport FD Picnic (Paul Drake)	Sunday, July 18
LPWA Family Steak Roast	Saturday, Aug 28

Al Z. Heimers League Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00 AM

Relaxed Shooters Only, any age, just show up.

Come out & have fun - We're looking for shooters

Regular Group Shoot

Saturday Mornings @ 9:00 AM

Call Doris Ott a day ahead for a trapper

10-Stand

10-Stand will be open every Monday from 3-6 PM for a trial period during June

Summertime Open Shoots: July 17; August 14

Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-2775
VP1 Membership	Dick Allen	225-7814
VP2 Communication	Eric Schramm	227-6635
Treasurer	Nick Hardie	392-2816
Secretary	Andy Sperr	225-0373
Director	Ron Carlton	392-9140
Director	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Director	Allan Rice	755-1085
Field Captain	Tim Daily	392-7145
Sporting Clays	Allan Rice	755-1085
Preserve	Dick Groves	392-9892
	David Isaac	638-5305
Grounds	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Vehicles & Equipmt	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
10 Stand	Jay Giese	659-8655
Skeet	Doug Files	964-2424
Rifle Range	Greg Beyler	442-8143
Archery	Bill Plews	637-3665
	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Allan Rice	755-1085
Hunter Safety	Doug Rivaie	392-9074
Trapper Reservation	Doris Ott	352-0125
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
Club Database	Marty Barry	659-8677
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
Postal Service	Al & Tammy Castrechino	636-4376
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Weist	637-0579
Kitchen	Jerry McCoy	342-7277
Clubhouse		964-8000
NSSC email list	Paul Drake	
	Pdrake2@rochester.rr.com	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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Websites worth visiting

North Star: www.northstarsportsmansclub.org
 LPWA: www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com
 SCOPE: www.scopeny.com
 NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org
www.keepandbeararms.org
www.gunweek.com
www.womenandguns.com
www.ussportsman.org
www.saf.org