



July 2012 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:00 PM.

Officers present: Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Christine Grove, Jeff Baugher, Rick Sherman, Eric Schramm, Nick Hardie and Allan Rice.

Also present: Andy Sperr, Frank Petricone, Greg Beyler, Mike Kirchgessner, Ron Breslawski, Buz Bauman.

Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie

Highlights from the **June Transactions** showed:

Income: \$5,652

Expenses: \$12,466

Major income for the month were the rifle raffle, \$2,910; black box income \$820; and Preserve Funds \$1,380.

Major expenses for the month were stone and concrete for the Archery pavilion \$729 (accounted for in the current fiscal budget); and a large delivery of clay targets, \$10,480. We should be set on targets until Fall, 2013!

As of this meeting, there were still 90 members outstanding on their dues payments. Due deadline is June 30.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Nothing to report. We are currently at capacity.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Everything has been mowed, to date!

Got in one load of dirt.

The concrete floor in the Archery pavilion is complete! It looks great.

Committee Reports:

Ranges - Frank Petricone and Allan Rice

A large truckload of clay targets were delivered and offloaded; all courses stocked!

Thank you to Allan Rice for coordinating this, placing the order! **Thank you to Mike Zingler** for use of his forklift and driver to help make this a very smooth offload/ delivery!

Club Calendar - Mike Kirchgessner

In lieu of the August 2 general membership meeting, there will be Membership Appreciation day.

Allan Rice and Dan Mikel will set up an IPSC course on the Shady Range for this date. Anyone who would like a go, bring your pistol and shoot with them!

New Business –

2012-2013 BUDGET!

Due to a vote not being done at the last general membership meeting – more information requested ... the Board re-looked at all requests for next fiscal year's budget from members. Please attend the next general membership meeting on July 5, when the Board will present next year's budget costs and proposed items; all will be up for discussion and voted on at that time. Come and have a say in your club!

One item brought up a few weeks back ... on having a dumpster on club property, was researched – due to the type of trash we have, i.e. empty gun shells. The Board agreed it would be good to at least try having a dumpster on property; see how it goes. This will be presented to the general membership to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

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General Meeting July 5, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Peter McCann at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence in honor of all the members of our Armed Forces, living and deceased. Due to the hot and humid weather conditions, the meeting was relocated to the spacious and airy J.R. Rabjohn Hall, a move which was appreciated by the members present. Unfortunately, the honoree was absent from the meeting.

Members present: Pete McCann, Nick Hardie, Andy Sperr, Barry Ritzenthaler, John Lyon, Jeff Baugher, Jim Priestley, Paul Russo, John Iati, Stu Hansel, Eric Schramm, Gordon Windsor, Allan Rice, Mike Ferris, Dan Mikel, Angelo Gucciardo, Dave Scorse, Al & Frank Castrechino, Buz Baumann, Bill MacDonald, Tim Daily, Greg Beyler, Kevin Sullivan, David Beehner, Matt Fumia, Dan Spencer, Steve Baase, Mike Kirchgessner, Rick Sherman, Jerry McCoy & John Hand.

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr for Christine White
There were no changes suggested for the June NewsNotes as published.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie
The **June Transactions** report dated 7/5/12 showed income of \$5,652.00 and expenses of \$13,262.40. Major items of Income were the Rifle Raffle which netted about \$2,000.00 after \$850.00 for "Shady Range" upgrades (see below) and \$1,380.00 in early dues. Major expenses were \$10,480.00 for targets and \$1,370.00 for stone & concrete for the new archery pavilion.

There are 20 members (incl. Jr.) unpaid and approx. \$21,000.00 in dues not included in the above report.

REMINDER: June 30th is the deadline for annual dues unless you contact the Board for an extension.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Several resignations are in process and several Life Membership applications are anticipated, so there will be a number of new members joining us soon.

Building & Grounds: No report.

A motion to spend up to \$12,000.00 for a new Kubota lawn mower was made & tabled, pending Board approval.

Range Report: Dan Mikel

Dan requested \$850.00 to finish the 2nd side berm of the "Shady Pistol Range". These funds are budgeted in the Range Improvement Fund supported by the ongoing gun raffles. (See next item.)

Range Improvement Fund: Allan Rice

The next raffle will be for a Browning Model 725 Sporting Clays version with a 30" barrel.

Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each with the raffle to be held at the New Years Day Shoot.

Distribution & availability details will be announced at a later meeting.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Pete McCann

Several items were sent to the members by Pete for consideration.

Tree Stands: The Board is reviewing current policy regarding placement of tree stands on club property. There are currently 2 unclaimed stands "on hold" in the barn from last season. Name tags, limited duration and numbers of stands are being considered. If you have any constructive input, contact either Pete or Frank Petricone. New rules will be in place before next season.

Work Requirement: The application & enforcement of the long-standing rules are being reviewed by the Board in an effort to make them reflect current practice.

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Club reservation policy: As the result of increasing volume of requests for use of the clubhouse, the Board is reviewing the current rules. Recent issues have highlighted the need for better definition of activities & restrictions which should apply.

Liability & taxes, etc: Several officers & club members met recently with officials at Williamson who have addressed and clarified their status as “non-profit”/“not for profit” organizations. Details were discussed during the meeting.

As a result Pete requested approval of a total of up to \$5,000.00 for financial (CPA) & legal counsel to address the North Star situation. Moved by Mike Kirchgessner and seconded by Jeff Baugher, the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. This raised a question about North Star’s ability to be able to provide timely information to either accounting or legal support. (See next item.)

Information Technology: Nick Hardie Having slaved over “hot” North Star books for too many years using EXCEL software, (He is still looking for a willing replacement.) Nick requested an expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 for a laptop computer & Quick Books software to facilitate records’ keeping. A motion by Bill MacDonald and seconded by Al Castrechino was unanimously approved.

Budget: Pete McCann & Nick Hardie

With Board approval, Nick presented a new budget philosophy for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Based on recent spending & income history, it’s proposed that the club operate starting with a “bare bones operating budget” and allocate (hopefully) excess funds to an “Unallocated Reserve Fund” for non-routine expenditures.

Based on this premise, we anticipate average monthly income of approx. \$4,800.00 and expenses of \$4,000.00, resulting in an annual surplus of \$9,200.00. Non-operational, (“capital”) items will be addressed as they have in the past, on an as-needed basis, recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the members at regular meetings. With our current bank balance, anticipated dues income and a years’ supply of targets in the barn, our financial position appears to be solid.

The members present apparently agreed and approved by unanimous voice vote

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Thanks to Eric Schramm for the blueberry pie desert.

50/50: A ‘phantom member’ named Jim Rabjohn was drawn, but in his absence a second name was drawn, David Isaac, who was also absent. Condolences to both.



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Upcoming Events



Reserve the Clubhouse / Pavillion for your event.
First contact **Mike Kirchgessner** @ 392-2360
then note it on the Clubhouse Calendar
First Come First Served
Otherwise, your reservation may not be honored

Member Appreciation Day

August 2 4:00 'til ..
½ price shooting
Dinner served 5 - 7

Board of Directors Meeting

Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

General Member Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM
Aug meeting suspended in lieu of Member Day

Current Clubhouse Reservations:

See Web Site for up-to-date reservations.

July 14 Paul Drake
July 21 Dan Spencer
July 28 Mike Engle
July 29 Paul Drake
Aug 4 "Stuart"
Aug 11 Lake Plains
Aug 18 Dave Issac
Aug 20,22,25 Hunter Safety

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

Ten Stand Shoots:

June and July Mondays from 3:00 to 6:30

Hunter's Tour dates:

2012-2013 dates can now be viewed at
www.hunterstour.org

North Star dates are Sept 22, 23 and April 13, 14

Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
VP1 Membership	Eric Schramm	227-6635
VP2 Communication	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Treasurer	Nick Hardie	392-2816
Secretary	Christine Grove	768-4223
Director	Rick Sherman	330-2515
Director	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Director	Allan Rice	755-1085
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	392-3118
Sporting Clays	Allan Rice	755-1085
Preserve	Jerry Mostek	967-6160
	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 Rivaais	392-9074
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
Reservation Director	Mike Kirchgessner	392-2360
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
Postal Service	Tammy Castrechino	
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Kitchen	Jerry McCoy	342-7277
Clubhouse		964-8000
NSSC database	Marty Barry	659-8677

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Websites worth visiting

North Star: www.northstarsportsmansclub.org

NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com

SCOPE: www.scopeny.org

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org

Hunters Tour: www.hunterstour.org

DEC/Camp Rushford: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html

www.keepandbeararms.com

www.gunweek.com

www.womensshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org