



North Star Sportsman's Club

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Board of Directors Meeting July 20, 2017

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

Officers present: Christine Grove, Pete McCann, Frank Petricone, Ed Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, Dave Scorse and Harry Reiter.

Guests present: Aaron Horowitz, Potential new Member (PNM).

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Income \$2,242

Expenses \$3,015

July Net, as of 7/20 ... \$772

Major items of income were member dues and black box. Major items of expense were kitchen and misc. buildings and grounds items – stone, weed killer, fuel, dumpster payments.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

PNM, Aaron Horowitz, appeared before the Board for membership. Aaron was approved for membership. Welcome!

Buildings & Grounds: Frank Petricone, Ed Breslawski

The BOD was presented with a proposal for a shed for sale, for the archery group. The pricing, description and logistics of getting it delivered were discussed. The BOD deemed this may be a good solution for our needs. Some of the BOD Members will take a look at the shed before a final decision is made.

**** UPDATE** - as of the publishing of this NewsNotes, the shed was approved. As it was already budgeted for, a general member vote was not needed for this purchase. The archery group has cleared out their old shed; demolition of that shed is underway; the new shed will be brought over on/about August 20, and put in place.

Regarding the purchase of a new mower, that the club is in need of ... the BOD was presented with a couple of pricing quotes from different places, for different options/mowers, from members who had been researching this. The BOD will be looking at the pricing, and all considerations surrounding this need. When a decision is reached, the BOD will make a recommendation to the general members, who will vote on this.

Ranges Report/Safety: Frank Petricone

When you come to shoot, if possible, please try to plan ahead and have correct change, smaller bills, to pay. The Rifle League is still going strong. The Shady Range will be fixed up pretty; come out and use it! Someone has come forward interested in taking over the sporting clays, for Joe Prince, who has asked to step down. We will confirm this.

The BOD discussed the possibility of North Star getting a gate, near the road/entrance, to come in and out of club property. This would prevent people, who are not members, from coming on our property; preventing the potential for someone getting hurt; theft. This will be looked at more thoroughly; discussed with the general members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

***** NO GENERAL MEMBER MEETING ON AUGUST 3, 2017. Member Appreciation day BBQ instead, on August 5, 2017.**

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Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, by President, Pete McCann.

Officers present: Ed Breslawski, Christine Grove, Pete McCann, Frank Petricone, Greg Beyler, John Lyon, Dave Scorse and Harry Reiter.

Guests present: Greg Bennett

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Income \$5,563

Expenses \$3,497

July/August Net, as of 8/1 ... \$2,065

Major items of income were member dues and fines; and black box. Major items of expense were kitchen, for member appreciation BBQ, and misc. items – fuel, insulation spray.

Membership: Pete McCann reported for Ron Breslawski

One member delinquent on dues payment; could not get in touch with them, after many attempts different ways; will no longer be a member.

Buildings & Grounds: Frank Petricone, Ed Breslawski

Regarding the purchase of a new mower ... the BOD discussed this further, from the last meeting. We looked at pricing for the purchase of a zero turn mower. The members that mow at the club, and the BOD are in agreement that we are in need of a new mower; and in need of a mower this size and capacity, due to the amount of grass we have to cut! We will look at financing options; make a recommendation to the general membership; options will be discussed.

The BOD was presented with a proposal and pricing to put an addition on to our existing maintenance barn, for more storage space. This proposal may be held until the spring? It will be revisited over the winter. Due to possibly purchasing a new mower; the club will look at that need first.

Ranges Report/Safety: Frank Petricone

The Ten Stand final structured shoots for the year, run by Frank, will be August 23rd and 30th; and September 6th and September 20th.

The Rifle League is done in September. There are still many of you who have not shot. If you haven't shot all of your matches by the end of September, you will not be counted towards the final scores.

Tom Tennant will take over the sporting clays, for Joe Prince. THANK YOU, Tom!! Tom is doing a great job. He will work with Joe, Tim Daily, Allan Rice, and Frank Petricone for the upcoming Hunters Tour in October at North Star; how to prep the course for that event.

There is still one old trap for sale; if anyone is interested - \$200.

The trailer with the tower on it ... will go to the Archery group! The other 'tower trailer' will be dismantled and scrapped.

After the Member Appreciation BBQ, all traps on the sporting clays course were left locked and loaded! Probably thinking someone else would use them that day. For next year, we will have someone check all the traps before leaving for the night, to be sure they are all disarmed and covered; for safety!

Club Calendar: Pete McCann

Hunters Tour at North Star will be held on October 28 and 29. A signup sheet will go around for anyone that can help that weekend.

Misc./ from the Kitchen: John Lyon

Our white refrigerator is not working. The BOD is looking at purchasing a used refrigerator to replace it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Special BOD meeting Sept 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Pete McCann at 6:30 PM.

Officers present: Pete McCann, Greg Beyler, Ed Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, John Lyon, Frank Petricone, Harry Reiter & Dave Scorse.

Also present: Andy Sperr (as acting Secretary)

The primary purpose of this special meeting was to address a proposal to buy a new tractor and finishing mower to the general membership at the upcoming meeting immediately following.

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Harry provided a fine summary of the 10-year history of club Income & Expenses, concluding that the proposed purchases would not jeopardize the club's projected financial position over the next 3 years.

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Refer to the details below, which were included in Harry's projections. He has taken into account long-range forecasts of target & other major items and the 10-year history of the club's finances. He also addressed a list of ideas mentioned by members for increased income, which he did not see as necessary to support the proposed expenditures. He concluded that the club could support the proposed purchases and continue "business as usual" at least for the next several years w/o jeopardizing the Reserve Fund, which is set aside for major unanticipated expenditures.

The Board applauded Harry's efforts.

Membership: Ron Breslawski/Pete McCann

At the regular BOD meeting in Septebmer the Board will have to address the situation of one member who was in arrears of dues and is subject to dismissal. He is expected to present his case, claiming numerous reasons for failing to contact the club, as required.

Proposed Purchase Proposals:

After lengthy discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to recommend to the general membership the purchase of a 50 HP Kubota L4760 Diesel (40 hours used w/ new warranty) and a 72" Kubota ZD1211L diesel zero-turn mower. Details are summarized in the notes of the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

General Meeting September 7, 2017

This meeting immediately followed the Special Meeting held by the Board of Directors held earlier.

It was called to order by Pres. Pete McCann at 7:35 PM w/ the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence in memory of the brother of Stu Hansel and the daughter of Andy Sperr.

Members present:

Alan Castrechino, Dan Spencer, Keith Bowers, Greg Lessord, Greg Beyler, Larry Britt, Bob Knyrim, Chris Wiest, Ron Ahrens, Glenn Koester, Kyle McDonald, Jim Priestley, Jim Butlin, Bill Izyk, Dave Scorse, Frank Petricone, Angelo Gulliardo, Fay Knapp, Allan J. Rice, Mark Bennett, Ed Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, Frank Castrechino, Mike Kirchgessner, S.Reiter, C. Roesse, John Lyon, Steve Baase, Nick Hardie, Brian O'Connor, Andy Sperr, Pete McCann, Harry Reiter, Tom Busc, Paul Neeffe & Thomas R. B....?

Passed around were lists for volunteers for the upcoming **Hunters' Tour at North Star**, scheduled for **Saturday &**

Sunday, October 28 & 29. Still plenty of time, but more help will be needed.

Secretary's report: Andy Sperr in the absence of Christine Grove (w/ apologies for all typos, other errors, etc.)

Notes will be published at the web site following the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Harry presented reports for **July & August Transactions**. Brief summaries follow. (Preserve details excluded.)

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	Major items were, July
income: Dues, fines & sporting clays.			
Income:	\$5,563.47	\$5,297.20	August Income:
Sporting Clays;			
Expenses:	3,497.62	19,379.26	Expenses:
Taxes, Admin. & targets (a truckload.)			
Monthly Net:	\$2,065.85	-\$14,082.06	.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

Two new members (not present) were approved by the Board at their last regular meeting: Alan Hahn & Aaron Horowitz.

Building & Grounds: Several items were reported: We have a new multi-use storage facility: pheasant pen & archery equipment.

The fuel tanks have been relocated to a better location.

Many THANKS to the anonymous regulars who did all the heavy lifting.

Not B & G items, but we also have a new refrigerator. The old one died but is available for any DIY fanatic.

Also available is a Western Trap available for sale, est. value \$200.00

A few all-metal tote bins are still available @ \$20.00.

Contact Frank Petricone.

New Equipment proposal:

As noted in the Special Board of Directors notes of the meeting held earlier tonight, the following proposal was made to purchase new equipment needed for grounds maintenance:

- (1) **New Tractor:** KUBOTA 50 HP Model L4760 diesel w/ heated cab. (Slightly used, 40 hrs. w/ new warranty)

Cost: \$33,000.00 to be paid in 3 installments of \$11,000.00 each.

- (2) **Finishing Mower:** Kubota, Model ZD1211L diesel. 72" deck. Cost: \$16,000.00; 40 mos. @\$400.00/mo.

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The proposed plan calls for a trade of the old 4310 tractor & finishing mower for fork lift & snow plow for the new tractor. As noted above, the plan calls for no significant change in how North Star has been doing business for the foreseeable future and does not call for an assessment of the Reserve Fund.

The proposal was approved by voice vote of those present w/ no dissenting votes.

Target Inventory:

Allan Rice reported that we have 60 cases of mini-targets and no trap which can use them. He recommended purchase of a trap for this purpose for approx. \$3,050.00 plus accessories. This purchase might be used in lieu of other tentative trap purchases included in future budgets. The Board will consider this proposal.

MCCC, etc: Chris Wiest

Not much to report. Congressman Collins is working on a "SAGA" bill to "save the 2nd Amendment".

Any suggestion to defer handgun reporting under **the SAFE Act** were discouraged because, as currently written, **it would jeopardize both handgun AND LONG GUN ownership!!**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Upcoming Events



Clubhouse reservations: Reservation forms can be found at the clubhouse or on our website under ["Calendar of Events"](#).

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

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:

Sept 20 4:30 PM to sundown or last shooter

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

Hunters Tour Dates at NSSC:

October 28 & 29

May 5 & 6, 2018

Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
VP1 Membership	Ron Breslawski	964-2217
VP2 Communication	Dave Scorse	225-7463
Treasurer	Harry Reiter	392-7986
Secretary	Christine Grove	755-1881
Director (1 st yr)	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
Director (2 nd yr)	Greg Beyler	329-4868
Director (3 rd yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Tom Tennant	703-4382
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
10 Stand	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Skeet	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Rifle Range	Greg Beyler	329-4868
Archery	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Dan Sperr	749-1416
Hunter Safety	Doug Rivais	964-5208
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Camp Rushford	John Wise	259-9160
Kitchen	John Lyon	727-2535
Quartermaster	Dave Beehner	721-7554
Key Card issues	Sean Keenan	509-2814
NSSC database	Bruce Newell	705-1835

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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

NYS Conservation Council: www.nyscc.com

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

Handgun reciprocity info: www.usacarry.com

www.keepandbeararms.com

www.gunweek.com

www.womensshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org