



# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



### General Meeting April 6, 2023

**Call to Order** Nick H. 7:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance** Nick

**Guests:** None

**Secretary's Report** – Dan Carlson - No report

**Treasurer's Report** – Harry Reiter – See Harry's Report  
March Income: \$3821.59. Expenses: \$13,499.50. Big expense for the month was \$11,108 was for new trap machines and remotes. Motion made to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed by votes.

Harry also prepared a separate break down report for the St Patty's Day shoot. \$2759 total income, \$1,734.25 net.

Also, Harry presented a budget proposal for the Fiscal Year 2023 – 24 budget of \$57,450. He estimated a \$3500 increase due to inflation as seen in recent trends. Harry had prepared a report describing the averages over the last several years. He also went line by line to show prior year budget expenses and explained it to all those present. Annual Routine expenses average out to about \$42,000. In the last year it was \$41,649. See Harry's report for details.

As part of the budget discussion, we talked about some expenses anticipated in the budget year. Discussion included heating upgrades for the club house. (Dave Isaac estimates between 5 and 6K. There are more efficient systems out there, but we don't often heat the clubhouse more than twice per month).

Remove some trees; including the one over the chalet.

Replace the roof on the chalet (this is a potential project and not immediate need).

Harry yielded the floor back to Nick and requested a budget vote at the end of the meeting. That gave members a chance to look through his reports and comment on other upcoming expenses.

### Committee reports

**Membership:** Ron Breslawski– One member has turned in his membership. No other news. Dues notices have been mailed out.

**Bldg and Grounds** – Frank Petricone - Frank would like to focus on the field captain position and spend less time on buildings and grounds. He will leave future reports on each range to the various range directors. The last page of the monthly News Notes contains a list of all the range coordinators. Please call the appropriate coordinator or officer if you have issues.

**Shady Range** – Frank asked members to please do not staple paper targets to the rubber backers.

**10 – stand** - Frank P – It's OK to use the 10 stand but don't use the second tier which is still waiting on repairs. Dave and Frank are working on that.

**Sporting clays** – Frank P. - New machines for sporting clays should be delivered in a few weeks. Frank will broadcast their arrival and we need to pull the old machines off and build housings over the new ones. There will be scheduled times to make the transition and learn how to run the new machines/remotes.

**Preserve** – Dave Isaac – The preserve ran from September 3 until March 24<sup>th</sup>. 376 birds released 265 birds taken. Thanks to all those who worked the grasses and fields for cover. It was a good year. Commitment with F&B for 300 birds next year. There was a bird flu that wiped out a lot of the regular suppliers for birds. Dave expressed thanks to all the club members that helped throughout the year.

**Camp Rushford** – Is full for the season. Other DEC camps cannot get staffing.

**Monroe County Conservation Council** – Chris Weist – Legislators on break for Easter, no state budget yet so no activity on gun/hunting legislation. Conservation council is having a fishing derby for kids on June 3, 2023. The flyer is posted in the club house.

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## Board of Directors Meeting April 20, 2023

**Club calendar** – June 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day / Gary Beikirch VOC shoot? Nick had a lot of people ask about the next shoot in our calendar and it would be October. Should we do a flag day shoot? Frank suggested a Memorial Day weekend shoot. Discussion held about the best weekend to shoot. There seemed to be interest in having another shoot but could not agree on the best weekend. After much discussion the group decided on a June 10<sup>th</sup> open shoot. Advertising to follow. Do we want to donate to the VOC? Can we get permission to use the Gary Beikirch name? We should reach out to the Beikirch family. Mike K has contacts at the VOC so he and Nick will do some of the background work to make this happen.

### **New Business** –

**Skills survey** – Please complete the skills survey and return it. Mail it to the club or email it to Nick. It's on the website under work opportunities.

The Revised Constitution is posted on the website

**Access lock for kitchen** – In case the electronic card reader fails, there will be a mechanical lock installed on the kitchen door. Club officers will have a key.

**Guest protocol and payment** – If you bring guests, educate them. As the member, make sure your guests leave before you do. Make sure your guests are paying – or you pay for – their targets Make sure your guests are completing the waiver. Each guest only needs to complete it once.

Please make sure the club house door closes and locks behind you.

New traps were delivered today!

The NRA has free memberships for Active Duty military members. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Vote held on the budget.** Dan Spencer asked for \$1000 for the archery range. Discussion held regarding \$2 daily fee for shooting on the archery range. Money would be designated for future replacements. The daily fee discussion was tabled. Harry added the \$1000 to the budget proposal due to membership agreement. Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by vote. No one recorded as opposed.

50/50 won by Nick H.

Motion to adjourn approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:32.

**Present:** Nick Hardie, Harry Reiter, Tim Daily, Ron Breslawski, Dave Scorse, Frank Petricone, John Lyon, Al Castrechino, Dan Carlson

**Guests:** Bill Isyk, Tom Sime, Mike Kirchgessner

**Call to Order:** 6:58pm

**Secretary's Report** – Dan Carlson News Notes published after BoD meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Harry Reiter – Income so far in April: 421.45 Expenses: 983.76 big expenses accumulated grounds and admin costs of \$626 for dumpster, trash bags, exit door lock, etc. See Harry's report for further. Motion to accept was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed by vote.

**Membership Report** – Ron Breslawski – Rich Iuppa Thomas Eadie, and Mike Roffe applied for life membership (Nick will follow up for the appropriate paperwork), motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept them all, passed by vote. Nick Hardie reported that he had received two other life member applications. One from Steve Van Zile, (separate motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by vote) and one from Scott Todd (not eligible until end of May, tabled).

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment** – New contact person for buildings and grounds will be Tim Daily.

**Club Safety and Security** – Outside lock for kitchen door – The lock has been shipped and received. Dave will get it installed soon.

When you leave, make sure the door is locked. Tim Daily found a stranger in the club house. There was not issue and the guy asked Tim about joining the club. No further incident.

### **Ranges:**

**Archery** – Contact Person Dan Spencer. No report.

**Ten Stand** – Frank Petricone - 10 Stand Bracing Completed – Done! Thanks to Dave Scorse and Frank Petricone. Al Castrechino will start pricing lumber to repair the upper deck.

**Upcoming 10 Stand shoots** – May 10, 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, June 7, 21 at 4pm. Nick H. will also send these dates out to non-members who like to shoot it.

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**Skeet** – Contact Person — Nick H will ask Don Franklin about coordinating the skeet range.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Frank P. - progress has been made on new traps. We need to build housings for the new machines. Frank P and Dave S. will take the lead and ask for help if needed.

**Trap Range** – Contact Person – Frank Petricone in order to consolidate with 10 – stand.

**Rifle Range** Tom Sime & Mike K. – Proposal for upgrades has been prepared. See new business below.

**Shady Range** – Clayton Eckerd – no report.

**Preserve** – Dave Isaac (not present but had sent a report to Nick) – “100% complete and shut down until September. It was a great year.”

**Misc Reports** - Adopt-A-Highway, Camp Rushford, etc.

**Club Calendar** – June 10 Flag Day VOC Shoot – September 16<sup>th</sup>, Carpenters Shoot

## **Old Business** –

Tree removal proposals – Tim Daily got two quotes \$6000. J&T (\$6000) on Drake Rd. and J&M \$8640. Both quotes for two trees over the chalet (put down on the ground), two maples between the club house and barn (down and gone completely), and three trees along the driveway (down on the ground). Tom Sime will ask a contact that he has and get back to us.

## **New Business** –

**Flag Day Shoot** - June 10<sup>th</sup> - Nick H. – Flyers are being completed. Serving food, (burgers and sausage) Nick has contacted the VOC. They will work with us.

**Carpenter's Shoot** September 16<sup>th</sup> - Need someone to be the director for that day. Neither Nick nor Ron B. will be here that day. Frank P. to take care of the course. Dave S. heard back from Tim. They are advertising and getting sponsors and sign ups out. They are lining up a caterer, too. Making progress.

**Road work** – Mike K and Frank P did the driveway – Thank you!!

**Left over tree stands** – Nick H. they have been taken down and set in the barn. One from the NW corner of the corn field by the creek and two with climbing sticks. If they have not been claimed, they will be raffled off at the June shoot. If you have an issue call Nick H. Rule 20 of the Club Ground Rules addresses removal of tree stands.

**Upgrades for rifle range** – Tom Sime and Mike K. – recommend a new roof and a range flag to indicate someone is down range. Also need to reinforce the wood bracings and move some dirt around. Tom was encouraged to get quotes for a new roof. It's 95' x 11.'

**Hats** – Tom also inquired about the logo for new hats. Nick gave Tom the ordering information from the last order.

Harry R. – recommends that we open a savings account or CD with some of the \$20,000 we have had in reserve for years and years. Should we buy a CD or get a savings account and start earning interest on our reserves? Should we get a couple of charge cards and make it easier for folks who spend money regularly? Board encouraged Harry to seek out good options for at least a savings or money market account. Board was generally pessimistic about the charge card idea and like the extra security of Harry approving the purchases.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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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:

Start at 4PM: May 10 & 24; June 7 & 21

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Nick Hardie	766-9343
VP1 Membership	Ron Breslawski	964-2217
VP2 Communication	Dave Scorse	225-7463
Treasurer	Harry Reiter	392-7986
Secretary	Dan Carlson	509-4793
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Tim Daily	455-9100
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Tom Sime	747-7247
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	Doug Baker	880-2895
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](http://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org)

NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: [NYS troopers site](#)

NRA: [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)

LPWA: [www.lakeplainwaterfowl.homestead.com](http://www.lakeplainwaterfowl.homestead.com)

SCOPE: [www.scopeny.org](http://www.scopeny.org)

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: [www.nysrpa.org](http://www.nysrpa.org)

Hunters Tour: [www.hunterstour.org](http://www.hunterstour.org)

NYS Conservation Council: [www.nyscc.com](http://www.nyscc.com)

DEC/Camp Rushford: [www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html)

Handgun reciprocity info: [www.usacarry.com](http://www.usacarry.com)

[www.keepandbeararms.com](http://www.keepandbeararms.com)

[www.gunweek.com](http://www.gunweek.com)

[www.womensshooters.com](http://www.womensshooters.com)

[www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

[www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)