

NORTH SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

8/11/2025

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Walt Ellmaker

Meeting was called to Order: At __19:00__ by John Hudson, President

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| John Hudson | X | |
| Dave Shaffer | X | |
| Walt Ellmaker | X | |
| Ken Humez | X | |
| Bob Emborski | X | |
| Joe Chovan | X | |
| Joe Melfi | X | |
| Jaime Humez | X | |
| Jerry Bunting | X | |
| Cathy Jobson | | X |
| Megan Steward | X | |

Reports

A Quorum was present

President:

John Hudson voiced his opinion about the terms of our involvement in the Oswego County Federation scholarship topic discussed at our last meeting. He thinks financial need should NOT be considered in award criteria and also that our club be given more of a voice in selection of this award.

Vice President:

Dave Shaffer reported he talked with Rochester Defense about an RSO course perhaps being offered in early 2026. Walt is still looking for a

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chief RSO course so he can teach future RSOs. Walt is finding most courses are downstate. Dave to inquire about chief course by Rochester Defense also.

Treasurer's Report:

Jaime Humez presented the treasurer's report. We are dipping into our savings given expenditures and the fact our membership enrollment is down compared to last year.

Membership Report:

Bob Emborski reported 298 members total.

Range Report:

Walt Ellmaker reported Saturday had a couple pistol shooters attend and 1 orientation was given. Attendance is low because it is probably too hot for most people.

Walt reported the bench rest league has 7-8 people and planned shoots through September.

We need to remind membership to put back targets in original locations if you move them.

Trap Report:

Jaime Humez reported youth trap starts September 7 and continues for 7 weeks to October 19. Calendar has been updated.

Archery:

Ken Humez had nothing new to report. No 3D targets are up.

Grounds Report:

Jerry Bunting reported there was a tree down on the 200 yd range. Jerry cut it up. Joe Melfi and Jerry trimmed trees over roadway. Mowing is up to date.

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Jerry suggests taking grindings at gun range and distributing to problem spots. There are some ruts in grass over near rifle range.

Bob Emborski volunteered some time to edge the border of the trap houses. Thanks to Bob for this work-- they look great.

Jerry mentioned again the need to seal gable ends of club house and add insulation. Electric heat is wasted in winter.

Walt Ellmaker wants to thank volunteers who straightened up shed. It looks great.

Megan Steward offered we can get free mulch from "chip drop". It will be delivered free if requested. 2 cu yds to 30 cu yds can be obtained.

Discussion arose for possibly doing a culvert vs french drain. Mary Chovan volunteered to give french drain pipe to improve drainage.

We should put a note in email or newsletter requesting snow plow bids.

We need new volunteers for building/grounds activities. Bob Emborski offered to go through member applications to see how many listed willingness to volunteer in this category. Recruiting for help continues to be difficult. Incentives could be offered for those who participate in work days.

Old Business:

Deer processing course September 13 starts at 9 AM.

New Business:

Megan Steward offered youth pheasant hunt activities with her father as a guide. Contact Megan if interested.

Linda Brosch gave us thank you plaques for our participation in the 4 H shooting sports program.

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Club sight in day planned for Saturday October 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Open to public. Members are free, non members \$5. Calendar has been updated.

Joe Melfi suggested the idea of possibly closing club down in winter months to save money. Discussion arose that we still would need to keep heat on for plumbing and to plow driveway to get to buildings for propane delivery. Also there are some people who shoot in the winter. Jaime said we are down about 100 members compared with last year. John and Walt will check range usage logs to determine winter participation level. We can send out a survey to solicit membership opinions. Also decision needs to be made regarding gates being left open or closed during winter months.

Communications:

The club's online calendar has been updated for the rest of this year. New items and corrections are welcome.

Good/Welfare:

None.

50/50:

Bob Emborski won \$7 but donated back to club.

Adjournment:

M/S/C to adjourn at 19:55

Submitted by Joe Chovan