

# NORTH SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

\_\_\_\_\_12/9/2024\_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Walt Ellmaker

**Meeting was called to Order:** At \_\_19:30\_\_ by John Hudson, President

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Hudson	X	
Dave Shaffer	X	
Walt Ellmaker	X	
Ken Humez	X	
Bob Emborski	X	
Joe Chovan	X	
Mary Chovan		X
Jaime Humez	X	
Jerry Bunting	X	
Gene Pierson		X
Megan Steward	X	

## Reports

A Quorum was present

### **President:**

John Hudson reported he has been out with a back injury.

### **Vice President:**

Dave Shaffer reported he contacted Rochester Personal Defense regarding holding a training class at our club but he has not heard back.

Membership cards can be handed out on weekends Jan-March as someone will be at the club to dispense them once dues payment is confirmed.

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USDA donation report: 6 flats of shells donated for youth trap team to thank our club for the use of our range. This amounts to roughly a \$600 donation.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Jaime Humez presented treasurer's report. Snow plow: contract has been paid.

## **Membership Report:**

Bob Emborski reported we now have 399 members. He also plans to have a dues payment day at the club date TBD.

## **Range Report:**

Walt Ellmaker reported range is slow due to weather. Another roll of snow fence to hang targets may be needed Jan or Feb.

## **Trap Report:**

Youth trap is finished and will start up again in March. Winter trap starts Jan 4 and is held every other Saturday.

## **Archery:**

Ken Humez reported target bags are put away for season. Bags are too heavy to hang from rafters as originally planned.

## **Grounds Report:**

Jerry Bunting thanks Ken Humez for putting up front sign lights and thanks Zack Humez who fixed the range house door. Joe Melfi and Jerry moved snowblower to club house and will secure it with a lock. Jerry will have a new lock to replace the one that is hard to read.

The club house needs siding/wall fixes and gutters installed which will be expensive.

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Our tractor needs fixing because the rear seal is leaking again. Dave is looking to getting it fixed by Mahindra without charge because it was fixed improperly before. Mahindra is short staffed now.

## **Old Business:**

Discussion of hay ride planning for next year.

## **New Business:**

Proposed bylaws changes so far:

- eliminate pro rating of dues requirement in bylaws

- increase emergency fund to \$5000

- add BOD approval stipulation for metal targets in range rules

- add hunting provision by BOD approval in range rules

Meeting scheduled Monday Dec 16, 7 PM at the club to finish update of bylaws. Bylaws changes will be voted on by membership at the February meeting.

BOD election results: Joe Melfi, Jerry Bunting, Megan Steward, Cathy Jobson, Ken Humez. Thanks to outgoing BOD members Mary Chovan and Gene Pierson for their service to the club.

Ken Humez discovered a bulk source as an alternate snow fence supply. Walt Ellmaker said a roll of snow fence lasts several years given our current usage so we concluded we don't need to stock up.

We are also looking for portable heaters/salamander for trap house heating.

Jaime Humez filed a NRA grant for a new trap machine asking for \$10K. We should find out by Jan/Feb 2025 if we are awarded the grant.

## **Communications:**

Joe Chovan read minutes of November meeting. M/S/C to accept minutes.

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## **Good/Welfare:**

None.

## **50/50:**

Bob Emborski won \$14 but donated it back to the club.

## **Adjournment:**

M/S/C to adjourn at 20:05

Submitted by Joe Chovan