

NORTH SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

_____3/17/2025_____

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Walt Ellmaker

Meeting was called to Order: At __19:30__ by Dave Shaffer, Vice President

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
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:

no report

Vice President:

Dave Shaffer reported John Hudson was absent but he informed Dave he is in agreement with Dave Shaffer's report and executive board findings.

Dave gave this list of event dates for the club:

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4H Rifle Program : April 14 to May 19-- Zack Humez and Walt Ellmaker will instruct. 6-8 PM

4H Archery : June 13 - July 25 Fridays 6-8 PM

Clean up date : May 17, 9 AM to 2 PM.

Youth turkey hunt Saturday and Sunday April 26-27: Aaron at DEC has registered 4 kids plus 2 from our club. Club will be closed both days and no orientations given. April 19 is safety briefing for this turkey hunt and the NY DEC will utilize the main club house from roughly 8am till 1pm for a Safety briefing and shooting exercise on the upper portion of the club for several youth hunters. Please refrain from going near that area at that time.

Matt Thornton would like to do deer processing instruction seminar Sep 13.

Mike and Cindy Krause will hold trapper class May 10. Club will be closed during class and no orientations given.

Treasurer's Report:

Jaime Humez presented treasurer's report. Tractor fixes and national grid were large expenses. Discussion arose for heating/electricity costs for range house. We think there is no insulation and roof gable has opening which air can escape on pistol range side.

Jaime discussed possibly opening up CD or money market for part of savings. Bank needs 2 people to change banking accounts so we would like to add VP Dave to accounts so he can get to bank with Jaime when John can't make it.

Membership Report:

Bob Emborski reported we have 216 paid members.

We need to use only one form for membership renewals (same as new member form).

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Range Report:

Walt Ellmaker reported a couple people have shot since the club re-opening but not much action due to snow closure. There have been skunk sightings so be cautious.

Bench rest league is planned for this year. Dates TBD.

Trap Report:

Youth trap league starts Sunday March 30th and runs to mid June. Possible travel with Liverpool

Plan to buy trap birds this season. Date TBD- not urgent.

Archery:

no report.

Grounds Report:

Jerry Bunting reported massive snow removal was undertaken to open club after the snowstorms. Many thanks to Jaime and Ken Humez and Dave Martin for help. Track snowblower is broken awaiting a part. Oil filter and oil are on sale now so Jaime suggested buying them now for our equipment. Snow blower equipment is still under club house awning. These should be stowed before Youth Trap meet.

Jerry would like to burn a brush pile. There is a burn ban in effect until May 16.

Ken Humez is getting material cost estimates for structure maintenance.

Dave Shaffer will investigate picnic table costs to replace some of our worn out tables. BJ's has fold-able tables for \$150 ea. Fold-able tables can be brought in for winter. Propose getting at least 2.

Dave will get us on list for road grindings from Oswego county.

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Dave suggested putting tractor up for sale now that is repaired. Dave suggested getting bigger tractor capable of snow removal. This tractor is aging and too small for what we needed this season. Also suggestion to limit staff using this expensive equipment so it will be treated and maintained well, and problems will be known and reported for fixing promptly.

Ken suggested we look for a 30-40 horse tractor with front bucket and snowblower in back. This might cost roughly \$17k used with attachments.

Old Business:

Bylaws vote: passed – new bylaws now in effect and will be posted on web site. (in “About Us” section at bottom)

New Business:

Motion made to add VP Dave Shaffer to bank account so he can approve club banking actions when President John Hudson is unable. Motion carried.

Motion made to put \$5k in 9 month CD with 4.5% interest. Passed.

Eric Madura asked for HS scholarship fund support. In the past this has amounted to \$300 from our club. Motion made to continue this amount -carried.

Federation Banquet April 6 at The Greenview Country club. Motion made/carried for Jaime and Ken Humez to attend for our club.

Family day / open house - perhaps have memorial event honoring past members. Perhaps combine with flea market. This might help get more members to attend. Ken offered to cook. Last year Father's day weekend was conflicting. We plan to hold off till August when grounds are in better shape.

Cathy Jobson nominated as Halloween Hayride committee head. Plan for a 2 day event.

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PSR shoot - Zack plans to hold 3 shoots - May, July and Sept. Dates/times TBD. Youth shoots will be on Tuesdays and start in May.

Dave proposes a bonus be paid to Jarred our snow plow contractor for his hard work considering the snowstorm far exceeded his proposed budget for this winter. Motion made for \$500. Passed

Motion made to thank Dave Martin for his help in snow removal - offer a 1 year membership and \$100 for his time and diesel fuel. Motion passed.

Gun raffle tickets are available for July drawings. Contact Jaime Humez for tickets - \$30 each.

Federation meeting delegate- (First Thursday of every month). Robert, Dave, Ken and Eric Madura have attended for our club in the past. Let Dave know if anyone else wants to attend.

Communications:

Joe Chovan read minutes of January meeting. M/S/C to accept minutes. February meeting was canceled due to snow storms. Jaime Humez voiced need for club calendar in monthly pictorial format. Joe to investigate and implement.

With the passing of the bylaws the next BOD meeting will be at 6:30 PM, membership meeting at 7 PM.

Good/Welfare:

None.

50/50:

Martin Richards won \$7 but donated back to club.

Adjournment:

M/S/C to adjourn at 20:20

Submitted by Joe Chovan