

Conservation Pledge
I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to
defend from waste, the natural resources of my country
its' air, soil and minerals, its' forests, waters and wildlife.

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### **Position Opening: Club Secretary**

he Nominating Committee is seeking potential candidates for the position of United Northern Sportsmen Club Secretary. This is a position that is compensated. Deadline is December 5, 2016. If interested or for further details call Tom at 218-721-4864 or Bob at 218-393-2000. This committee is also looking for candidates for a number of other positions that include most of the other positions from President to all of the Board of Directors. Please consider this an invitation to get more involved in the daily activities of running your club and contact Tom or Bob.

### **Use of UNS Ranges**

his time of the year our rifle and archery ranges get used an extreme amount. We have had a number of complaints about folks leaving their used targets up for other members to remove them. Please show some courtesy and remove your targets when you are through with the ranges. It only takes a minute to walk down the range one more time and the next member in line will thank you. While you are at it you can police your brass and put it into the buckets also. Your entire club will thank you for that token of respect.

Club Calendar	
Nov. 1 – 4	Fall Site-in fundraiser 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Nov. 2	UNS Board Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
Nov. 5	Firearms Deer Season
Nov. 6	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>
Nov. 8	Be Sure to VOTE
Nov. 9	UNS Membership Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
Nov. 24	Happy Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26	Bobcat, Fisher and Pine Martin Seasons open Deer Muzzleoader season opens
Nov. 30	Sharp-tailed grouse closes

#### (Club Notes Continued)

**UMD Student Field Days:** Mike Drager & Bob Kuettel spoke with Mark Zmudy re: details for the event.

Fall Fund Raiser and Sight-In days: Bob Kuettelwe are set up and ready to go, targets are ready, supplies picked up

Bob Kuettel request for Sight-In Days funding, motion by Mike Drager for \$300 for the 2016 Fall Sight-Ins Days, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Klein, carried.

Tina Sund requesting \$1900 towards expenses for the Fall Fund Raiser with the anticipation that expenses will be paid back in full with ticket sales. Motion by Bob Klein, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Chesney, carried. \$685 has been received so far.

**Ice Fishing Contest Date:** Eric Hansen requested for \$2500 for pre-event expenses. Motion by Mike Drager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Chesney, carried

**Spring Banquet Date:** (April 21) Tina Sund banquet reservation has been paid for. The agreement needs to be signed. Eric Hansen will chair the event again this year.

Request for up to \$6000 to cover banquet expenses already approved by board, motion by Joe Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane Lasley, carried.

Nominating Committee for elections of UNS Officers: Tom Wasbotten, we need a person to run for the secretary position. Joe Roberts reminded us that we may need to buy a laptop computer for use by the secretary.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rifle Shells for Honor Guard:** Jon Polecheck reported on the shells given to surviving spouses by the Honor Guard.

**Trees:** Jon Polecheck repaired fences around trees that the lawn mower terrorist hacked and, brought a load of Spruce logs for UNS use.

**Bob Curtis funeral expense:** request to reimburse Sandy Roberts for Bob Curtis' funeral expense. Motion by Mike Foy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duane Lasley, carried

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Board Recommended Changes: First Reading - Bob Kuettel read only the changes to the document.

Motion by Duane Lasley 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Roberts to add: "excluding Board Members" to C.4.9.

Motion by Duane Lasley to add: "and officers" after the word: Trustees in C.3.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Shrader, carried.

Motion by Dave Shrader 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Roberts to C.4.7 to delete: "other than usual and customary". Motion Duane Lasley to add the letter: "s" to C.4.8 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Smestad carried

Motion by Duane Lasley to add: "membership registration book, drawings" to C.3.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Roberts, carried.

Joe Roberts objected to the Treasurer being an elected position Motion by Joe Roberts to strike: "treasurer" from C.3.1 and add it into C.3.3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Foy. Call for vote: 10 for & 0 opposing, carried.

Motion by Dan Smestad move correspondence to right after Introductions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Shrader, carried. #5 in Order of Business

Motion by Dan Smestad to add: "guest speaker(s)" to the Order Of Business page right after introductions of visitors and new members' 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Drager, carried. #4 in Order of Business.

Motion by Duane Lasley to add the word: "then" in place of the comma in B.4.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Roberts, carried

Motion by Dan Smestad, that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Constitution & By-Laws, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Roberts, carried.

Correspondence: was shared

Attendance Drawing: Mike Foy won the \$20.00 Progressive Drawing: Duane Lasley was present and won \$ 100.

**Members sick &/or in distress:** Bob Curtis passed away.

**Adjournment:** motion was made by Mike Foy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Waino at 9:21pm; carried.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

#### **Survey coming**

he club is planning to do a survey in the near future to see who is using what parts of the facilities. What we are looking for is your input into how much use the club gets and why. We are also looking for your input into how to get the word out to the most people without much cost. If you have any ideas please contact one of your Board Members or one of the Officers and they will bring it to the rest of the group. Thank You in advance for any help that you are willing to give us.

#### **December Meeting**

he December meeting will be the last meeting at the Retreat until next April. We will be having the election of officers and for treats we will have lots of Christmas Cookies. Hope to see a good turnout for the elections! (Don't worry Judy; if you are still in rehab we will bring you some cookies! Hope your knee heals fast.)

## Club Notes October 12, 2016

**Call to order**: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:00 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Meeting was temporarily suspended for a moment of silence for Bob Curtis.

Roll call of officers: Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel, Eric Hansen, Joe Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Tina Sund, Mike Drager, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Bob Klein, David Shrader, Dan Smestad, Kevin Waino, Duane Lasley.

**Excused Officers:** John Bathke

**Members:** Pete Privet

**Agenda additions:** Jon Polecheck - comment on rifle shells and trees, Motion by Bob Kuettel to approve the agenda with the new additions 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Kline carried.

**Reading of Minutes:** Eric Hansen read minutes from the Sept 14 Membership meeting. Motion by Mike Foy to accept minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Roberts, carried. Read synopsis of Board of Directors synopsis from October 5.

**Treasurer's report:** Tina Sund as of 9.30.16 Joe Roberts made a motion to accept the report and pay our bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Drager carried.

**Membership secretary's report:** Sandy Roberts – current membership is 1554.

37 - 2<sup>nd</sup> notices were sent, deposit was \$4993.

Motion by Duane Lasley to approve Sandy's request for \$2500 to cover UNS expenses through the end of 2016 as approved by Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Chesney, carried.

### **Committee reports:**

**Web master –** Eric Hansen: made updates on Sight-In days and Fall Fund Raiser Days to the events page and Face Book page

**Incident reports –** Mike Foy nothing to report

**Retreat Improvements & maintenance –** Dave Shrader: electronic eye was installed, safety lines painted, docks and picnic tables picked up fire rings put away. Polecheck's put up rabbit fence. Suggestion was made to turn off security monitors rather than having them on all the time.

**Grants committee -** Mike Drager nothing new, he should finish final FNRA report by Monday.

**Volunteer awards –** Dan Smestad: Bob Kuettel qualifies for a winter jacket.

**Motion by Dan Smestad** to fund Volunteer Awards program in amt of \$2500, already approved by the board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Foy

**Facilities calendar –** Bob Kuettel read reservations, one late request from Steve Holt, UMD field day 17, 18 & 20 from 2:30 – 5:00, Fall Fund Raiser and Sight-In Days.

**Budget Report –** John Bathke was not here **OLD BUSINESS:** 

**UNS Member survey -** Pete Privet suggested surveying UNS Members to find out why they are UNS members and what services they want or use the most.

Motion by Dan Smestad to set up a survey committee to work on a membership survey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Drager, carried. Committee will be formed at the next Board Meeting.

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