



## North Branch Rod and Gun Club Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Officers Present:

- President: Dennis Hardwick
- Vice President: Max Young
- Treasurer: Ed Shufletowski

**Commencement:** President Hardwick officially called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Schufletowski, and member Dennis Gjersest moved to accept it. Member Geno Mann seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Clerk presented the minutes, and Member Tim Gile moved to accept the minutes as read. Member Mike Sigler seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

### Old Business:

#### Landfill Use for Shooting Range:

1. President Hardwick reported the engineer is has completed the required paperwork. He now needs a club officer signature and a signature from the Town's Chairman.
2. Town Chairman Tim Gile reported that a draft of an agreement between the Town of Mentor and North Branch has been sent to the town's attorney for review.
3. Treasurer Schufletowski reported that obtaining insurance for the new shooting range is proving to be difficult.

Internet Service: President Hardwick reported that TCC has completed the WIFI installation. He said the approximate cost will be about \$50.00 a month. The Password will be posted in the Club.

Scholarship: Vice President Max Young reported on behalf the Scholarship Committee. The committee recommends the following criteria:

- (2) \$500 Scholarships
- The students must be enrolled in either a 2yr or 4yr college or trade school.
- Must carry a 2.5 grade point average.
- Must be involved in clubs like FFA or the like.
- Preference will be given to students who volunteer for their community.
- Preference will be given to students with an outdoor related field of study.
- Selected students will be announced at the awards banquet.

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- Scholarship money will be dispersed to the student after their 1<sup>st</sup> Semester showing at least a 2.5gpa and roster for their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester classes.
- Disbursements will be administered by a club officer or a designate
- Students who are awarded a scholarship may apply again the following year, but preference will be given to new applicants.
- The application for students will be available soon and will be designed by the school.
- The club will advertise the scholarships via the school along with social media and website.
- Scholarship funds will be kept separate from the general fund. Any unused portions will carry forward for future scholarships.

Member Dennis Gjersteth motioned to accept the criteria outlined by the scholarship committee. Member Carol Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Life Saving Ice Safety Picks: President Hardwick reported Emergency Ice Picks will be strategically located along the shore of Emerson Lake. These devices can be used by any ice goers in case someone falls through thin ice. He also noted this is the first program of this type in Wisconsin. Slogan being considered are "Think don't Sink" with a posted warning that "Ice Is Not 100% Safe" Also that he'll be reaching out to Channel 13 and the Banner Journal.

Ice Fishing: President Hardwick asked for input from attending members about prices for the upcoming March 9<sup>th</sup> Ice or No Ice Fishing Contest.

- Prices will be:

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| Beer \$3.00  | Hamburgers \$5.00 | Chinese Raffle |
| Soda \$2.00  | Hot Dogs \$3.00   | 2 for \$5.00   |
| Brats \$5.00 | Chips \$1.00      | 10 for \$10.00 |
|              |                   | 40 for \$20.00 |

- President Hardwick also spoke about some of raffle prizes and tickets:

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| Vexilar Fish Finder | Limit 40 Tickets | \$20 each    |
| T.V                 | Limit 25 Tickets | \$25 each    |
| Gun Safe            | 100 Squares      | 10.00 square |
| Jacket              | Limit 20 Tickets | \$20.00 each |
| Blackstone Grill    | Limit 25 Tickets | \$20.00 each |

- Vice President Young spoke about branded merchandise. He presented a design for Youth T-Shirts, Adult Embroidered Hats, and Window Decals. The cost for 25 T-shirts would be \$250 (give aways at fishing contest). The cost for 50 Hats would be \$631. The cost for 50 Decals would be \$120. Total cost would be 1006.50. Member Don Hart motioned to purchase the merchandise at the estimated costs. Member Tony Tondola seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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### **New Business:**

Nitze Cholka - Treasurer Schufletowski reported that Nitze Cholka, an avid supporter of the Rod & Gun Club recently passed away. He reported that she was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase raffle tickets. He asked that if one of her tickets gets drawn that the prize gets donated back into the fund in Honor of Nitze Cholka. Member Don Hart motioned to accept. Member Tony Tondola seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Selling Tickets: Treasurer Schufletowski asked any individuals or organizations who are selling raffle tickets, to please turn in the money they've collected. Also to turn in any tickets you don't plan on selling as soon as possible.

Maturing CD's – Treasure Schufletowski reported that money will be needed to cover the upcoming expenses related to the Shooting Range. He asked members to grant him authority to withdraw money on maturing CCU May CD's to help cover those expenses. The remaining CD's he'll be looking to roll over into new cd's . Member Tim Gile motioned to grant authority. President Hardwick seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Fairchild Funday – A letter from the Fairchild Funday was received asking for donations from the North Branch Rod & Gun Club. The topic was discussed among members who decided to table this for the next meeting. Member Lance Coburn motioned to table this. Member Dan Theiler seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

### Contests Winners –

- Tony Tondola – Big Buck Gun
- Don Hart – Big Buck Bow
- Turkey – Ed Schufletowski
- Coyote – Ed Schufletowski

**Adjournment:** Member Dennis Gjerseth moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Doug Parker. The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.