

North Branch Rod and Gun Club Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2024

Officers Present:

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

Commencement: President Hardwick officially called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 19 members were present, including new member Todd Warning. Welcome Todd

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Schuffletowski, and member Dennis Gjerseth moved to accept it. Member Carol Bergstrom 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:

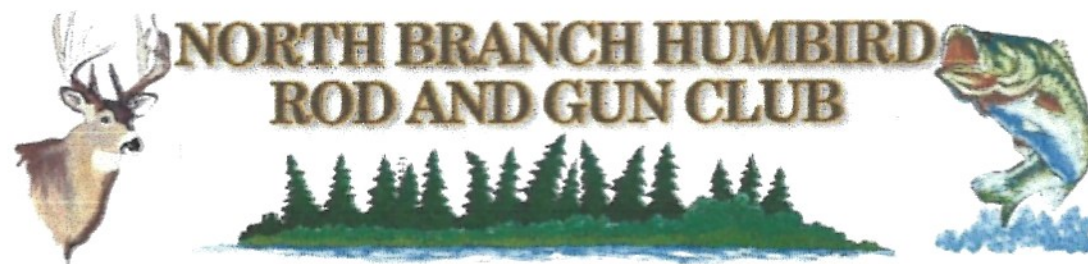
Landfill Use for Shooting Range: All paperwork has been completed by the club and we are waiting for the Town to sign off. Attorney had some questions regarding times of use, remediation, etc. We will need to post a board with the rules and have an accurate sign in/out procedure. Dirt work may need to be done and a motion was made by Don Hart and seconded by Tim Gile to use Ray Casper for any dirt work needed as he is very supportive of our organization. Motion carried.

Life Saving Ice Safety Picks - Jack Iktiari produced an excellent video regarding the "Ice Safety Pick" project done by the ACHM Ag & Science class and FFA club. We have that video posted on our website and the Video was also sent to area radio and TV stations.

Scholarship: Vice President Max Young reported on behalf the Scholarship Committee. He has turned in all of the paperwork to the school and we should have a list of students that applied by our April Meeting for review.

Ice Fishing: No ice this year, so everything will be conducted inside the building. We are going to try Black Jack and Chuck a Luck this year as well as a new fishing game – Barrel of Fish. It was decided that even though we are not doing a fishing contest, we would still draw for the fishing prizes, including the 22 guns, at the end of the day. The Barrel of Fish game will have 4 fish categories, Crappie, Perch, Bluegill and Other with a cash payout for the top four fish in each category. \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25. It will cost \$5 for 1 draw, \$10 for 3 draws and \$20 for 7 draws. Ed has about 6 to 10 pistols to be raffled off and 3-5 rifles. Ray Casper has asked permission to raffle off a brand new bike that he won with the proceeds going to the new

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Alma Center basketball court. Ray sells a number of raffle tickets for our contest and there were no objections to this. Auxiliary women will man the kitchen again. Volunteers should arrive between 9 and 10 to help set up.

Fairchild Fun Days- President Hardwick reported that the Fairchild Fun Days committee has asked our organization for a donation for their annual event and he asked the Clerk, Sue Larson to review previous minutes regarding our policy to donate to other organizations that don't necessarily have a similar mission as the Rod and Gun Club. Sue will report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

Hunter's Safety – Vice President Young reported that he's been in contact with both Paul Fischer and Ken Forsting regarding conducting a Hunter's Safety course here. They are willing to do that if there are enough people interested and it will probably be held 6 nights in August with each session lasting 2 hours. A motion was made by Carol Bergstrom and seconded by Tim Gile to authorize Vice President Young to coordinate this event. Motion carried. As soon as we have confirmed dates, we can start advertising for this.

Easter Breakfast event - Jessica Adams from Kings and Queens bar is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt for the area kids on Sunday, March 24th. The Rod and Gun will cook a pancake breakfast and the American Legion Auxiliary will serve it up. Everyone welcome.

Clubhouse Rentals – The clubhouse is rented out on March 24th for the Easter Egg Hunt/breakfast and on March 30th and April 13th for private parties.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Gjersest and seconded by Tim Gile. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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