



NORTH BRANCH HUMBIRD ROD AND GUN MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2024

25 MEMBERS PRESENT and several guests

President Hardwick called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge of allegiance

GUESTS: Nate, Kitzrow, a representative from the AMI Silica Sand operation in Hixton, was introduced and he presented our club with an AED defibrillator and did a short demonstration on how to use it. Club member, Jack Ikhtiari, had contacted the Nate to let them know of our need for a defibrillator and they donated the entire unit. A huge thank you to AMI Silica and to Jack,

Four Lincoln FCCLA students came before the club and provided information on their upcoming National Leadership Conference to be held in Seattle Washington June 28th- July 3rd. There are 15 students that have qualified for this trip, and they estimate that it will cost approximately \$1500 to \$1800 per student to attend. Lincoln High School will cover the first \$200 for each student. The students asked for a donation from our club and indicated that they, in turn, will help us out at future events or with community service needs. A motion was made by Tim Gile and seconded by Tony Tondola to donate \$100 per student, for a total of \$1500 maximum, with the understanding that they will help with the club needs when requested. Motion carried.

Luke Fisher from the Lincoln High School Trap Shooting Club came before the club and provided information on their club activity as well as to express a need for funding. The club has almost doubled in size since last year, with 11 members now. They have three shoots coming up including the State Trap shoot which will be held June 22 – 24th. They are running low on ammunition and are asking the club for a donation. A motion was made by Don Hart and seconded by Max Young to donate \$100 per student to cover the cost of additional ammunition as well as fees and travel expenses for the State competition. Motion carried.

After the guests left, there was discussion on how to handle future requests for donations of this type. It was suggested that we hold a quarterly fund raiser event (spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, etc) to raise funds to be used strictly for these types of requests and that those who are requesting or have received donations in the past be asked to help out with the event. No action taken.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and a motion was made by Tony Tondola and seconded by Tim Gile to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. Two of our CDs are coming due in May. The one at Simplicity is at a higher rate of interest at 6.1% and it was agreed that we should take the CD from CCU that is coming due in May and roll it into the Simplicity CD. A motion was made by Dennis Gjerseth and seconded by Don Hart to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

BIG BANG – We have not yet secured a band to play. Jessica Adams will try and contact a couple of area bands to see if they are available. It was decided that we will include a Chicken dinner this year at the Big Bang and that we will need to update our chicken grilling area. Fireworks were discussed and a motion was made by Dennis Gjerseth and seconded by Tony Tondola to authorize \$3500 to be spent on fireworks this year. Motion carried.

GUN RANGE – Update – President Hardwick and Tim Gile still need to meet at the site to determine if there is a better alternative to the driveway configuration.

INSURANCE – Ed reported that Esser Insurance finally got back to him with a quote for additional insurance for the gun range. It will cost an additional \$300, and the liability policy will be increased to \$1 Million. The insurance company is requiring waivers of liability be signed by all club members using the range, that a sign be posted with all the rules and that a "sign in/out" sheet is always kept.

DOCK – President Hardwick reported on a dock that he was able to purchase at a recent auction for \$450 and it is currently sitting in our parking lot. The town will need to approve it being installed at their next board meeting. Jack Ikhtiari asked if it was handicapped accessible and it is not. Jack indicated he thought there might be grant funds available through the DNR for a handicap accessible dock and he was asked to research that.

15 GUN RAFFLE TICKETS – were handed out to the following members to sell – Tony Tondola (10), Dan Theiler (3), Tim Gile (4), Gwyn Halvorson (4), Rick Halvorson (2), Pat Gerber (3), Jack Ikhtiari (1) and Alex Larson (2).

HUNTER'S ED – Max Young reported that the classes will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting August 13th for 6 sessions. We will need to be sure to mark the calendar for those dates.

NEW BUSINESS – President Hardwick suggested that we purchase a lighted message board for in front of the building that can be used for upcoming events, contact information, etc. He also reported that sometimes the renters are negligent in their disposal of cigarette butts and that we might want to invest in something more than a coffee can for cigarette disposal in the future. These items were tabled until next month.

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 by Tim Gile and seconded by Dan Theiler. Motion carried.