**Minocqua Gun Club**

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Noel Schultz.

Board members present: Mark Kubisiak, Noel and Amanda Schultz, Connie Schrom, Sara Kuchler, Rick Fuhrman, Ken Tyler, Doug Stanley, Russ Goddard, and Dan Williams.

There were 28 other members present.

**Secretary’s Report**

Sara distributed the 2023 annual meeting minutes to all present. They were read in silent. Noel made a motion to accept the 2023 annual meeting minutes. Russ seconded. Vote taken. 37 yea, 0 nay. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Connie distributed the treasurer’s report with information for the past year that covered August 2023 to August 2024. This year, after all expenses, we made a net income of $17,124.73. A comparison was made with the previous year, Aug. 2022 to Aug. 2023. There was a marked improvement as the previous year ended with a deficit of - $13, 525.11. Noel made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Russ seconded. Vote taken. 37 yea, 0 nay. Motion passed.

**President’s Message**

* Mark went over donations that were given by the club to people and organizations in honor of members who had passed away in the last year. Members lost were Bud Fitzgerald, Jake Olsen, and Dave Shaw. There was also a small memorial to these members at our 2024 banquet.
* His message included notifying the members of his departure from the office of president and his regrets in doing so.
* Mark gave a maintenance report listing improvements made to the club this past year. These included new speakers for trap field 3, rifle range repairs, painting of benches, a new fence between the trap and skeet ranges, cleaned clubhouse carpet, alarm system updated, and extended fence along parking area and trap field 1. Steve Zickert made improvements to the scoring stands.
* We have future plans to install new electrical in all trap and skeet houses, and to improve and extend the parking area along the new fence line and trap field 1.
* Mark thanked all current board members for the work they do. In particular, he pointed out Dan Williams for organizing the leagues and fun shoots and the Schultzs’ for their help with maintaining, improving, and organizing areas of the club.

**Club History**

Al Haggart gave a short history of the club. There are no founding members from 1958 left, but Al was very familiar with many of the club’s past events since he has been a member for many years. Ken Tyler also spoke since he has been part of the club since the 1970’s. Al’s information of club history was recorded and will be added to the Club History section on our website.

**Highschool Trap Team**

Noel presented a summary of the accomplishments of the high school trap team which also includes area middle school students. The participants included students from grades 6 through 12. These students were from LUHS and the area feeder schools. It was a great season overall with many personal improvements and team successes. Also, many of the team members competed in competitions at the state level with great experiences and successes.

**Fundraising**

Beef-a-Rama and our annual fundraising banquet were reviewed. We are currently preparing for both. We have the most success with these to events.

**Bylaws Updates**

Dan explained the need for specific changes to the bylaws.

* One area was the Conflict of Interest section. We needed this section to be updated so we meet the requirements for a 501c3 tax exempt status. The accounting firm of Peterson Metz is helping us with this, and they gave an example that this revision is based on. This is the last requirement we needed to proceed with obtaining the new status.
* Noel made a motion to accept this revision to the bylaws. Bob Buigel seconded. Vote taken. 37 yea, 0 nay. Motion passed.
* The second revision involves Article 5 - Officers. The suggested revision states that the candidates for president and vice president be pulled from the current board. This would allow for more consistency since current board members are the most familiar with the discussions and actions most recently made by the board.
* Russ made to accept the bylaws changes. Connie seconded. Vote taken 37 yea, 0 nay. Motion passed.

**League Awards**

Dan gave recognition for the following league winners:

Richardson Septic won the A division.

North Fork Fin & Filet won the B division.

Team Fuhrman won the C division.

Rick Fuhrman won the men's high gun.

Jenna Dunbar won the women’s high gun.

All who won received a card with 10 free rounds of trap. This is a $45 value.

Dan reminded everyone about the fall league which starts on Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 pm.

**Election of Officers**

Those who were candidates for open seats ran unopposed. Because of this, no formal vote by ballot was needed. A motion was made by Dan to accept those who were seeking to fill the vacant seats. It was seconded by Russ. A vote was taken. 37 yea, 0 nay. Motion passed.

They were:

Dan Williams - President

Connie Schrom - Treasurer

Open Seat - Noel and Amanda Schultz

Open Seat - Doug Stanley

Open Seat - Mark Kubisiak

Open Seat - Scott Bowe

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.