

# KSC January 8 General Meeting

Meeting started at: 6:12PM

Meeting ended at: 7:30PM

Members present: John Gregory, Rich Brazeau (VP), Terry Brazeau (Treas), Penny Rouse, Jeanne Lesperance, Jim Lesperance, Jim Benzing, Mitch Szwet, Lucas Meyer, Jackson Crandall, Richard Clark, Brian T Collins, Terre Radtke (Pres)

1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn by: Rich Brazeau

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn by: Jackson Crandall

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**Review December's meeting minutes.** Any changes? no

1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept by: Rich Brazeau

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept by: Mitch Szwet

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**Review December's treasurer's report.** Any changes? no

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## Continuing Business:

### Pheasant Final Update

With the closing of pheasant season on January 5, here is the count, by property, of birds harvested over the season:  
Risner - 56, Rouse - 66, Yoap - 40, Eisenheim - 57, grand total 219 birds.

A huge pat on the back to everyone that was able to come out and help us to release the birds. Thank you ALL for giving up your personal time to help the club complete this task so quickly. I hope that you had fun as well.

### Hunting Properties

Crystal Gosmire and Terre Radtke purchased Kringles and went to each of our four hunting properties to distribute and speak with the land owners. Terre Radtke also bought additional Kringles and gave them to the four businesses that keep track of our range keys and/or sell memberships as a thank you for all that they do for us during the year. Crystal will share what was learned from the land owners. ***Crystal was unable to make the meeting so Terre Radtke spoke. We learned that the land owners didn't have any problems with hunters not being respectful. They also said no cleanup day was needed. Just need to verify new boundaries with Yoaps.***

### Art Contest for Membership Buttons

Right after our last meeting, information was sent out to the Coleman, Lena, Oconto Falls and Suring art teachers about our 2025 membership button contest. They were told that the deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup> so the club can vote the winner at the March meeting and then get buttons produced before the banquet. The contest is open to all students and the winning entry will receive \$100 for their school's art department. ***Voted to give an extra \$100 to the winning student.***

### 2025 Scholarships

Applications for our 2025 continuing higher education scholarships were sent out to Coleman, Lena, Oconto Falls and Suring guidance counselors after our December meeting. The scholarship amount is \$500 with the potential of four scholarships to be given. The deadline is March 31.

### Deer Hides

Our first year of collecting deer hides for the club was a HUGE success. Everyone was so enthusiastic learning about the new program. Even though there was a limited group of people that learned about it via our FB page that group did a

fab job of spreading the word such that it truly took on a life of its own. We even had full hides dropped off at Morgan Taxidermy after the hide boxes were removed.

Thought for next year, could we get two signs made up to be put by the road, placed near the deer carcass collection signs that state, 'Donate Your Deer Hide Here' to get more drop-offs? ***This is a possibility.***

How do we want to disperse this money to help our community? ***Giving to local food pantries was brought up. Another was to give a \$100 gas card to each land owner as we really never have given back to them other than free banquet tickets. Also it was brought up giving \$100 to the student that wins our art contest. Terry Brazeau made the motion to give \$100 to the land owners and \$100 to the art contest winner. The club would keep the remaining \$11. John Gregory seconded the motion which passed the club vote.***

Lastly, I really want to thank Mitch Szwet for offering to design, have his students make three boxes for the club and deliver the boxes. Also, to the Clarks for their GREAT idea, the chasing to G3 on a daily basis to check the hide box through the regular/muzzle load seasons as well as the salting of the hides. Appreciate sooooo much!

### **KSC 2025 Banquet**

Any updates from the committee? ***Rich is going to get the class A raffle tickets printed. It was decided to get 1250 of them. He also went through the list of guns purchased. Mark Rost donated a very nice cross bow to the club for the banquet. Need to get a thank you note out to him.***

### **KSC Website**

Calendar, security, accept payments, send out emails are some of the features that the committee felt important to have on a website. WIX was ruled out as a web developing/host service because they have limited phone support. Their support consists of submit a question and they will call you. Also, they are based in Israel. This left us with Weebly and GoDaddy.

Weebly – was unable to call to see if there are price breaks on long term subscriptions, ie. more than one year or talk about their services. Attachment shows their capabilities and pricing.

GoDaddy – was able to call to chat, bounce around ideas and get a better price break for long term subscriptions. Also was advised that we go with .COM instead of .ORG even though we are club. Received the support person's direct contact information in order to pursue further if we chose. Again, attachment shows their capabilities and pricing.

After the club's approval of a website hosting service, we will commence designing the site. MaryAnn Clark and Crystal Gosmire are on the committee. If anyone else is interested, please let me know.

***Desired a web hosting service that would allow the club to create a web site quickly and have the ability to attach the club's meeting minutes. Rich Brazeau made a motion to go with GoDaddy and John Gregory seconded it, the club passed this. Mitch Szwet made a motion to commit to a 5-year contract as that was the best deal. Rich Brazeau seconded the motion. Again, the club voted to pass this.***

### **New Business:**

#### **Year End Stuff**

We closed 2024 with:

559 FB followers	133 club members	500 pheasants released
\$3000 donated to local trap teams	2 scholarships awarded	2 trash pickups
Another successful spring banquet	Well attended 2 <sup>nd</sup> chili dump	Very successful 1 <sup>st</sup> deer hide collection

All of this would not be possible without YOU! Thank you for making our club what it is!

### **Upcoming Election**

Presidential and VP terms are coming to a conclusion. At the March meeting we will vote for President and VP again. The Secretary position still sits open but Crystal Gosmire has agreed to help in that capacity until that term completes in March of 2026. Thank you Crystal!

### **Piggly Wiggly Food Booth**

Terre Radtke attempted to secure the second Friday of May to sell food as that coincides with the village rummage sale. Spot was already taken so we opted for May 16 instead. Seeking three to four volunteers to help. It's a great one-day fund raiser for the club with Mursau's supplying everything we need. The event runs from 10 to 2. Volunteers should arrive around 9 to set up and begin cooking. It's always a nice opportunity to visit with people and get the word out about our club.

### **Any other new business/ideas/etc.?**

### **Next Meeting**

February 5 at the Klondike Saloon. 6PM.