

KSC May 7, 2025 General Meeting (Minutes)

Meeting started at: 6:07 PM

Meeting ended at: 7:34 PM

Members present: John/Jody Gregory, Jeanne/Jim Lesperance, Ray Weiss, Lucas Meyer-VP, Terry Brazeau, Tony Linczeski, Jackson Crandall, Mitch Szwet, Rich/Carrie Brazeau, Richard/Mary Clark, Terre Radtke-Pres

1st motion to adjourn by: Richard Clark

2nd motion to adjourn by: Jackson Crandall

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Review March's treasurer's report. Any changes?

1st motion to accept by: Lucas Meyer

2nd motion to accept by: Jackson Crandall

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Review April's treasurer's report. Any changes?

1st motion to accept by: John Gregory

2nd motion to accept by: Mitch Szwet

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Review April's meeting minutes. Any changes?

1st motion to accept by: Carrie Brazeau

2nd motion to accept by: Jackson Crandall

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Continuing Business:

KSC 2025 Banquet – Success!

Final wrap-up and update from the committee.

- Rich expressed how everyone did a great job, appreciated all the help, profit-wise it was our best effort to date. Great turnout with just under 200 spots, everyone agreed 200 is the max we want to have. We had 68 sponsors; looking for more ideas for next year.
- Mitch also commented the set up went great on Friday of the event.
- John mentioned there were around 230-240 people at the Kelly Lake banquet; was really crowded. Our prizes were great compared to some they had.
- Jackson said people were mentioning this was the best banquet they've been to, people extremely impressed and like the event on Fridays.
- Carrie mentioned we had 16 volunteers this year, we weren't too overwhelmed. The three high schoolers whom helped was a big help. Mike Pellman was also mentioned on the great job he did. April 10th is our banquet in 2026.
- Richard Clark said he had an issue with ticket quantities, some were ripped in quantities of 9 versus 10, but they caught it early. People weren't afraid to spend money!
- Terre Radtke let the club know she heard at Associated Bank that people are talking about our club around town and Jackson seconded that comment.
- Miranda from Oconto Falls was one of our scholarship winners, she sent in a thank you to the club. Suring Senior night was tonight, Terre sent in a short speech for them to read.
- IDEA FOR NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET: \$200 sponsor plus – better odds to win guns, still get a meal ticket with this.

Putting this all into perspective, we've done a bit better at each banquet with our best profit being the 2025 banquet. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!! It's a team effort, small or large, every contribution counts.

New Business:

2025-26 Budget and Investments

Treasurer Terry Brazeau created a list for our 2025/26 tentative budget based on last year's expenses.

President Terre Radtke came up with a list of incomes from 2024.

- John Gregory mentioned the idea of placing the majority of the banquet profit into a 6 month CD and place the remainder of the money in the banquet account.
- Richard Clark made a motion on this and Carrie Brazeau seconded the motion. Terre opposed on grounds of losing interest in the banquet account.
- Terre Radtke will take care of this money transfer.
- Mitch brought up a point for us to purchase our class "A" guns in November or as Richard notices deals; banquet committee will stay on this
- It was requested by Carrie Brazeau and others the balance statements for our checking accounts and CD's, etc. should be printed off for every meeting.
- Expense report above needs to be updated.
- Lucas to write a refund check from the banquet account to Obama's to pay them back for their overpayment.

Oconto County Sportsman's Alliance

President Terre Radtke attended their second quarter meeting of the year on April 10. Discussion included banquets that have occurred in 2025 and those coming up. Suring is going to have a 'Sausage Shoot' in July at their range. A sausage will be suspended from a string and each shooter will have five opportunities to break the string using a 22 rifle or pistol. Sounds like a fun as well as different sort of fundraiser. Crooked Lake is having their first ever children's fishing day. They are working on getting rods and tackle to give to each child in attendance.

Range Closure

The range will be closed from Thursday evening May 8 until after 2pm on Friday May 9th. Marinette County law enforcement will be conducting training on Friday and will need Thursday evening to set up. Whitetails Unlimited and Dale Gusick are good with this. Terre will post this closure on FB. She will also be in attendance on Friday to take pictures. In the past, they have travelled to Shawano for their training at the tax payer's expense. Hopefully our range will be a good fit for them as well as a good advertisement for us regarding our community involvement.

Annual Cookout Fund Raiser at Mursau's Piggly Wiggly

May 16 from 10am to 2pm. Tony Linczeski, Doug Bjorkman and Terre Radtke will be covering the booth this year. Hopefully we will have great sales once again.

Spring Trash Pick Up

Need to set up a date for picking trash along our adopted section of Hwy 64. Grass is growing and the temps are getting warmer.

- It was decided that May 27th at 5pm would be our spring trash pick-up.
- Six bags of trash were collected.

Next Meeting

Do we want to have a June meeting? It would occur on the 4th. If yes, have a family cookout at the range? If yes, invite Whitetails Unlimited? (landowners, scholarship recipients?) Last year's menu consisted of burgers, buns, cheese, pickles, ketchup, mustard, pasta salads, water and cookies.

- Club voted to not have a June meeting and immediately start our summer break.
- Meetings will resume September 3.

Any other new business/ideas/etc.?

VP Lucas Meyer will be presenting Tyler Kostreva with his KSC scholarship on May 14. Miranda Metzler sent the club a thank you for her scholarship. Jessica Markiewicz at Associated Bank said that the area is really beginning to talk about KSC again. They are excited about what we've been doing the past few years.

John and Jody Gregory represented KSC at KLSC's banquet which took place Monday night, May 5th. Did the club win anything? Any takeaways that we could use for next year's banquet? It's still a year away but would any KSC members like to represent our club at their banquet in 2026? We receive one free dinner ticket with our sponsorship.

Whitetails Unlimited agreed to alternating weekends in November regarding the free sight in. This year KSC will host the first weekend.

- Mitch – we still have tshirts for sale, \$20 each. Left overs will be stored at Brazeau's Gun
- Richard Clark will be promoting KSC @ the county fair for the Oconto County Sportsmen's Alliance
- A turkey shoot for our club was mentioned, but is tabled until our September meeting
- Lucas brought up the idea of a gun raffle, selling during the summer and drawing at our chili dump. 100 tickets sold @ \$100 per ticket. Approximately \$4-5K spent on 5 guns, bringing in approximately \$5K.
 - Mitch made a motion to go ahead with this idea and Jackson seconded the motion
 - Money will be taken out of our general fund for this raffle (money market)
- 2026 we will order 2,000 class "A" raffle tickets for the banquet

Next meeting, September 3, 2025.