



December 2004 Newsletter

Elk Rapids Sportsman's Club



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ELK RAPIDS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2004

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Elk Rapids Sportsman's Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 3, 2004

Call to order and attendance at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tom Deasy.

Board members present: Tom Deasy, Russ DeBolt, Frank Sarasin, Doug Fowler, Brian Kroll, Ray Pollister, Gary Sutter & Rock Wilson.

Not Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Club members present: Rich Hoadley, Art Guthaus & Matt Lyons

Motion to approve October minutes made by Deasy, seconded by Kroll. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Reports:

Vice-Chairman: Provided a detailed report on the issue of 5-Stand Sporting Clays. There was an excellent response from members to an email inquiry as to inter-

est in 5-Stand. Anticipate launching the program in January. Anyone desiring more information, or to volunteer to assist should contact Vice-Chairman Brian Kroll.

Secretary: Letter from Sutton's Bay Conservation League eloquently supporting us in the law suit and enclosing a donation of \$100.00.

Rangemaster: Latest shipment of clay targets and components arrived last Sunday and were quickly and efficiently unloaded and stored by many able volunteers.

Building & Grounds: The center skeet house and the south low house are now snug and dry under new roofing installed by Randy Jorgensen and Ron Fortier. All the materials were supplied by Mariage Roofing Co., Inc. Many thanks to all involved.

Member Tom Clack donated a new U.S. Flag which is proudly waving over the Club grounds. Long may it wave. Thanks Tom!

Fall clean up went quite well thanks to the efforts of 13 members who showed up on a windy, dreary day: Paul Whitelock, Gary Sutter, Patty Sutter, Randy Jorgensen, Bill Larson, Stan Payne, Matt Lyons, Bruce Letwin, Karen Fowler, Doug Fowler and Tom Deasy. The crew would like to express a very special thank you to young club member Noah Payne who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with all the adults; and a heart-felt salute as well to Kris Jorgensen who showed up all the way from his Army duty station in Iraq after flying in the night before on a two week leave.

Programs: The January general meeting is the traditional "Big Buck Night." Be sure to bring photos to support the stories!

Committees:

The Executive Committee, established by the Board for dealing with the mediation session ordered by Circuit Court Judge Rodgers, discussed measures and anticipated issues. The mediation is scheduled to take place on **November 22nd** and will involve Plaintiffs Shah, et. al., the Elk Rapids Township Board and the Club Executive Committee, including all attorneys and an independent mediator. The mediation will take place in closed session at a neutral location. *Note: Mediation was cancelled by Judge Rodgers on November 15.*

Old Business:

Extensive discussion was held regarding the issue of mounting legal costs of both the Club and the Township caused by the

pending lawsuit. In weighing all facets of this issue the Club Board is not blind to the fact that the Townships financial exposure hangs heavy on the shoulders of all its residents. In light of this fact, much discussion took place relative to easing the burden to the Township.

A motion was made by Pollister to make a monetary contribution to the Township to defray their costs. Seconded by Sarasin. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

New Business:

On **November 15, 2004** there will be a hearing before Circuit Court Judge Rodgers on a motion for partial summary dismissal brought by defendants (The Township and the Club).

Discussion regarding establishing reduced range fees for youth. Motion by Kroll to reduce skeet and trap fees to \$2.00 per round for persons 17 years or younger. Seconded by Fowler. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Request for the Club to contribute to *The Giving Tree*, a charitable program for needy children and families at Christmas time. The program is administered by employees of the Village Market. Despite the Clubs current financial situation, the general consensus was that the program is especially crucial for our community at this time of year. Motion by Kroll to donate \$300.00. Seconded by Wilson. Deasy, DeBolt, Sarasin, Fowler, Kroll, Sutter & Wilson voted aye. Pollister abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the *Release and Indemnification Agreement*. Due to a blizzard of complaints regarding the complexity, length and unclear language of the original form it was decided to withdraw it from use at this time pending further review.

Member Voss Guntzviller has donated a valuable tanned bear hide to be auctioned by the club with the proceeds going to the legal fund. In an effort to reach a maximum number of potential buyers, Hamples Gun Shop has agreed to handle placing the bear skin on EBay through their business and to remit all proceeds to the club.

Discussion regarding the Clubs public shooting policy and the need to encourage the public to utilize the facilities while establishing controls to ensure safety and uniformity.

Discussion on current Board of Directors election. There are five candidates for five openings on the Board: Matt Lyons, Randy Jorgenson, Dave Handley, Tom Deasy and Ray Pollister. Per Club by-laws a motion was made by Wilson to accept the five candidates to fill the five open positions. Seconded by DeBolt. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Signed copies of the Release & Indemnification Agreement are no longer required with membership renewals. Do NOT send a signed copy with your renewal form. Those that have already been received by the club will be returned to the sender on request. If no such request has been received by December 1, 2004 they will be destroyed. Contact Tom Deasy for return only.

THANK YOU

A belated thanks to Gary Sutter, Russ DeBolt, Mike Corson, Jim Reynolds, Bill Truscott, Tom Deasy, Doug Fowler, Karen Fowler, Brian Kroll, Ron Fortier, Jim School, Tom Otten, Bill Robbins, Doug Gillespie, Andy Michalski, Jeff Schiller, Randy Rhoades, Roger Winslow, Larry Leitow, Karl Knauff, Dan Krogel, Officer Gary Bradley, Amos Graves, Russ Blasdell, Jim Gurd, Chuck McPherson, Patty Sutter, Cheryl Krogel, DNR Officer Jim Gorno and DNR Officer Mark Pomeroy for their fine efforts during the September 2004 Hunter Safety Program.

Also, thanks to Al Moran, Dan Krogel, Russ DeBolt, Phil Pomber, Doc Hoadley, Jamie Waller, Doug Fowler, Jim Ney, Art Schenke, Art Guthaus, Roger Winslow, Bruce Letwin and Garry Sutter for the many hours spent making the ERSC Annual Sighting-In Day a resounding success.

The next time you see one of these gentlemen, let them know their efforts are appreciated.

WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

500 BIRDS IN 10 WEEKS

SIGN-UP FEE \$25.00

STARTS JANUARY 22, 2005 — ENDS APRIL 3, 2005

BANQUET APRIL 27, 2005

GREAT FOOD AND PRIZES FOR EVERYONE

SIGN UP AT THE SKEET DESK, WEDNESDAYS OR SUNDAYS BEFORE JANUARY 22 22.

FIVE STAND SPORTING CLAYS

We are trying to assess the interest in a Five Stand Sporting Clays program at the Club. This is an exciting, fast paced shotgun sport that offers variety and challenge. This program will likely start in early January, on Saturdays, providing there is sufficient interest. Interested members are asked to contact Brian Kroll at 231-267-9422 or E mail at: sk1@Torchlake.com

ERSC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

DECEMBER 8, 2004

The Annual Christmas Potluck Party will start at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to pass and your appetites. This is a chance to meet your fellow club members and enjoy some good food at the same time.

The Elk Rapids Sportsman's Club would like to thank the following for their contributions to the ERSC Legal Defense Fund. Their generosity is greatly appreciated:

Jamie Waller
Jim Lund
Suttons Bay Conservation League
Kevin Young
Kwik Print (Blaine Ackerman)
Ted Boals
Robert Basar
John Thumm
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Jim & Laura Constantine
Brian Boals
Mishell Cole
Bruce & Cheryl Krogel
Art Sehnke
Dick Corey
Dave Bieganowski
Ed Barnes
Anonymous

Contributions to the ERSC Legal Defense Fund are still needed.

Send your contribution to:

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FOR SALE CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS SPECIAL

Two percussion pistols; 1851 Navy, ivory grip, octagon barrel. 1861 Navy, steel frame, walnut grip, both .36 cal. in walnut presentation case. Includes bullet mold, powder flask, wrenches, capper, caps, lead ball and brass cleaning kit. Never fired. \$500.00. Call Jim at 231.947.7382.

RED CROSS FIRST AID & CPR COURSE

Any members, or non-members interested in a certified Red Cross First Aid & CPR Course, contact Larry Gerschbacher at 231-499-3122 or gerschtc@gtii.com for details and scheduling. Cost is usually \$40.00 per person which also covers all materials kept by each student



***Big 9th Anniversary
Christmas Sale!***

5% off Selected AyA, Grulla, and Kemen Shotguns

40-50% off Lewis Creek & Barbour Clothing

30% Select Beretta Clothing

40% off Fieldsport Windshirts

12ga Kemen Shotgun Shells \$36.00 a case

and much more....

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Trap/Skeet 1-4 pm Board Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4 Black Powder 1 pm
5 Trap/Skeet 10 am - 4 pm	6	7	8 Trap/Skeet 1-4pm Gen. Meeting 7:30 PM	9	10	11 Black Powder 1 pm
12 Trap/Skeet 10 am - 4 pm	13	14	15 Trap/Skeet 1-4 pm	16	17	18 Black Powder 1 pm
19 Trap/Skeet 10 am - 4 pm	20	21	22 Trap/Skeet 1-4 pm	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Trap/Skeet 10 am - 4 pm	27	28	29 Trap/Skeet 1-4 pm	30	31	Black Powder 1 pm