



United Sportsmen's Club

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2019 ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the United Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Rick Spencer at 7:06 PM, on April 18, 2019, at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Runge Nature Center. There were approximately 123 people present.

The meeting started with a Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spencer. The meeting agenda was distributed to the members present for the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Kern Robins to accept the minutes. Second by Wayne Medley. Motion passed.

The financial report for 2018 was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger. A motion was made by Bob Osborn to accept the report. Second by Mike Brune. Motion passed.

President Rick Spencer thanked the nominating committee Wayne Medley, Ron Meyer and Todd Walters for preparing names on the ballot. President Spencer asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none. Jeff Cockerham made a motion to close the nominations, Tom Schepers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Rick Spencer asked that the nominees stand and introduce themselves. The ballot for officers and members of the Board of Directors were as follows:

Officers

President	Rick Spencer
Vice-President	John Stobbart and Lawrence Jenkins
Secretary-Treasurer	Tim Ripperger

Board of Directors

Bryan C. (Chris Byrd)	Kevin Hunter
Gregg Pearre	Terry Pollard
Tod Schattgen	Doug Smentkowski
Troy Thurman	Larry J. Wilson

President Spencer asked that only members receive a ballot and vote, one ballot per family membership.

The Standing Committees gave the following reports to membership.

Black Powder – Kevin Batson Range Chairman

No Report

Trap & Skeet – Range Chairman Vern McGaffic

Vern reported a total of \$47,406.00 in receipts and a payback to the club of \$35,000.00. He recognized the Helias High School Shooting Program. Helias has 40 plus shooters and 15 freshmen interested in next season's shooting program. Helias High School also made a donation to the club.

Sporting Clays/Five Stand – Range Chair Jeff Cockerham

Jeff reported a balance of \$1,136.00. Several work days repaired or installed solar chargers, new shooting stands, raised shooting platforms. Sporting Clays received a National Rifle Association Grant (NRA) for almost \$19,000. Sporting Clays shooters received multiple medals in both the Show-Me and Senior Games.

Archery – Range Chair Rick Spencer

Rick reported a payback to the club of \$5,000.00 from the Archery program. Most of their shoots during the year were on rainy days resulting in lower attendance and participation. He reported the archery in the schools program through the Missouri Department of Conservation is now in over 700 schools.

Pistol Range – Range Chair Mike Brune

Mike reported Thursday league nights are going well.

Rifle Range – Range Chair Lawrence Jenkins

Lawrence thanked the Range Safety Officers for all their work this past year. He commented on the need for more Range Safety Officers and an upcoming Range Safety Officer course. Lawrence indicated he was still working on range grounds and that the range might not be open at times in inclement weather due to mud.

Building & Grounds

No Report

Long Range Planning Committee – Vice President John Stobbart

John reported the rifle range is up and running and the Trap and Skeet houses need to be addressed in the future.

Youth Shooting – Board Member Larry Wilson

Larry reported that Youth Groups 4H, FFA, and Helias High School are all utilizing the club in some manner. The club hosted the annual Youth Hunter Education Challenge in June. The 4H Shooting Sports Program held archery, small bore rifle, muzzleloader, shotgun and a hunting skills challenge. The programs were led by NRA certified instructors and 96 youth participated in the event. Member Bobby Love donated 1,000 rounds of .22 rimfire ammunition to 4H. President Spencer thanked everyone who worked with youth throughout the year.

Lake Committee

No Report

A drawing was held for the door prizes, which were donated by the range committees and by our club. Kern Robins from Boggs Creek Gun Shop was thanked for his large donation and multiple door prizes. President Spencer thanked Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger and all those involved in soliciting or donating door prizes.

Election Results:

President Spencer read the results of the election. The President, (Rick Spencer), Vice President, (John Stobbart) and Secretary/Treasurer, (Tim Ripperger) were all re-elected. President Spencer introduced the newly elected members of the Board of Directors:

Bryan C. (Chris) Byrd
Gregg Pearre
Terry Pollard
Larry Wilson

Each was given a round of applause by the members. President Spencer asked for a motion to destroy the ballots. A motion was made by Jason Torres and a second was made by Bob Rehmeier. Motion passed.

Old Business:

President Spencer thanked everyone who has signed up for the Range Safety Officer Program and indicated we still need more members involved in the rifle range. Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger highlighted the new Certificate of Deposits and their interest rate. General discussion was held on the youth shooting program.

President Spencer gave an update on the rifle range and a detailed explanation on how the club contacted neighboring landowners concerning all the changes to the rifle range. Several questions from the floor were raised about the new range and rules. President Spencer answered them as they were asked. One question that kept surfacing was, “Can we shoot on the rifle range without supervision?” President Spencer addressed the question, the new rules and suggested that any member could come before the board to seek a rule change or modification.

New Business:

Rob Souden proposed a change to the utility range to allow carbines shooting handgun rounds to be used on the utility range. Rob had a detailed proposal and President Spencer asked him to make a presentation before the Board of Directors on the issue.

A general discussion was held on a FaceBook page for disseminating information. Pro's and Con's were discussed with no action taken.

President Spencer asked if there was any other new business.

With no further business Kern Robins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Bob Walton. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Tim D. Ripperger
Secretary Treasurer
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