



## **HOUGHTON LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF February 6, 2023**

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge was recited.

Secretary Cindy Hawley took roll call.

Board members present: President Don Collins, Vice President Dave DenBoer, Building and Grounds Brad McLain, Treasurer Greg Walterhouse, Publicity Director Ed Bross, Membership Director John Delaney, Range Director Doug Hall, and Secretary Cindy Hawley

Board members not present: Leagues Director Ken Kokowicz

### **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

#### **Secretary Cindy Hawley**

- Cindy read a summary of the minutes from last month's Membership Meeting on January 2, 2023. She informed the members that the full minutes were posted on the bulletin board.

#### **Treasurer Greg Walterhouse**

- Greg read the Treasurer's report. He also let everyone know that the Treasurer's report was posted on the bulletin board.
- Greg informed the members of the suspension of raffle ticket sales to nonmembers in keeping with the 501 (c) (7) restriction that no more than 35% of the Club's income can come from non-members.

#### **Range Director – Doug Hall**

- Doug informed the members that he was glad to be back.

#### **Publicity Director Ed Bross**

- Ed informed the members that the Club is looking for a volunteer to maintain a Facebook page for the Club.

#### **Building & Grounds Brad McLain**

- Brad thanked the members for their help with snow removal around the Club and their other various contributions provided to the Club.

#### **Vice President Dave DenBoer**

- Dave thanked the attendees of the By-Laws Committee. He informed the members that this committee will be reviewing the By-Laws, Safety Rules, and Club Rules.
- Dave presented two Range Safety and Club rules
  - Range safety rules #7 and #8 were reviewed

- 7. Anyone observing a dangerous situation that may endanger persons or property if firing were to continue shall give the command to **“CEASE – FIRE”** or **“STOP”**. If you hear those words, **STOP immediately**.
- 8. Never turn around at the firing line while holding a firearm. The direction of the firearm must always be down range. If you must see behind you, make sure the gun is safe and pointed downrange before turning around.
- Club rules #7 and #8 were reviewed
  - 7. No member shall give a non-member any key or combination to any lock at the Club. Violation will be subject to suspension and or expulsion.
  - 8. The HLSC ranges and property are private and so posted. Anyone using them must be a member and able to prove the same by showing a valid membership card if asked. Individuals participating in a Board approved activity is exempted. All members are requested to help enforce this regulation.

#### **Membership Director John Delaney**

- The current membership count is 374.
- John presented three new applicants for membership. Gary VonSchmittou made a motion to accept the applicants, Becky Ehrmann seconded the motion, and all agreed. Welcome new members!
- John informed the members that 142 members to date have attended the Safety Seminar which is required for renewal of membership. These will be incorporated into two future membership meetings so all members have an opportunity to attend.

#### **President Don Collins**

- Don invited Mark Keyser and Gary VonSchmittou to present to the members.
- He reminded the members that the Club will be hosting a Gun Show on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are accepting donations from the members to sell at our table.
- Don informed the members that Ken Kokowicz has resigned from his position on the board and there is an opening for Leagues Director. He asked members to let him know if they would be interested in this position.
- Don reminded the members that safety is number one. “If it can’t be done safely, then don’t do it.”

#### **REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS:**

**Mark Keyser** provided a status on the Club’s raffles. He presented information on the Winter Raffle. The winning ticket was #200 sold on 1/21/2023 to Sawn Croft. He read aloud the Thank You letter that the winner sent to the Club. Mark provided an update on the Gun Raffle and provided Greg with the money from the latest gun show and he returned the starting cash of \$200.00.

**Gary VonSchmittou** informed the members that the HLSC will be hosting a Hunter Safety class on April 15<sup>th</sup> and needs volunteers. Gary is also considering offering a Range Safety class in March or April.

John Brazas made a motion to adjourn, Linda Engelhuber seconded the motion, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

50/50 Raffle Winner Ed Bross \$65.00 with ticket #930472

Meeting minutes were taken by Secretary Cindy Hawley on February 6, 2023