



HOUGHTON LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF April 3, 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, and Secretary Cindy Hawley

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Secretary Cindy Hawley

- Cindy read a summary of the minutes from last month's Membership Meeting on March 6, 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 that we will be pausing the 50/50 raffle pending further review with the State regarding the need for a license.

Range Director – Doug Hall

- Doug informed the members that the summer Steel Challenge league will be scheduled from July 19th through September 20th.

Publicity Director Ed Bross

- Ed stated that the date for the Open House will be announced at a future meeting.

Vice President Dave DenBoer

- Dave presented two Range Safety and Club rules
 - Range Safety Rules #9 and #10 were reviewed
 - 9. There will be **NO horseplay**, on any range during firing, training, or with firearms at any time.
 - 10. Never proceed to a location in front of the firing line until directed to do so. This includes picking up dropped equipment. Further, no one shall move forward of the firing line on any firearms range without making sure all firearms have their chambers open, unloaded, and an ECI (empty chamber indicator) has been placed in the chamber. **All shooters are to be back of the firing line before the line is called safe to go down range.**

- Club rules #9 and #10 were reviewed
 - 9. There shall be **NO** members, family, and guest(s) having alcohol, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances or be under its influence at any of the Club's ranges or property. This also includes the use of illegal drugs or being under their influence.
 - 10. Smoking is prohibited in any part of the clubhouse at any time. Smoking is also prohibited on all outdoor ranges, while on the firing line, and underneath all covered shooting structures. Smoking is also prohibited within 25' of any building or covered structure.
- Ray Mullens inquired if there was an ability for "position" shooting at the lower range. The Board will discuss this internally to see what can be done to accommodate this request.
- Dave informed the members that the By-Laws Committee was continuing to move forward.

Building & Grounds Brad McLain

- Brad thanked Henny Keyser for providing food for the meeting.
- He stated that the ground at the lower range was extremely wet.
- Brad informed the member that they can park by the fence to keep the lot open.
- Brad introduced Randi Hayes, who just started an embroidery business on the side. She anticipates that within a week and a half, she should have a digitized template of the HLSC logo. Members will need to provide their own items, except for leather, to be embroidered.

Membership Director John Delaney

- John provided an updated member count. He presented applicants for membership. Louie Arreola made a motion to accept the new members, Danny Renburg seconded the motion, and all agreed. The motion carried. Welcome new members!
- John stated that membership in the NRA is not required but it is recommended.

President Don Collins

- Don invited Gary VonSchmittou, John Knasco, and Vern Hawley to present to the members.
- 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:

Gary VonSchmittou discussed the Hunter Safety field day scheduled for April 15th. He informed the members that he could use more instructors. He will be offering a Range Safety Officer course on Saturday, May 13th. The cost is \$75.00 for Club members and \$125.00 for non-members.

John Knasco stated that the Spring Gun Show went really well. He thanked all those who volunteered to help.

Vern Hawley provided education on the use of the AED. He stated that if someone is unresponsive, call 911 and grab the AED.

Dutch Korbijn made a motion to adjourn, Gary VonSchmittou seconded the motion, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Meeting minutes were taken by Secretary Cindy Hawley on