

## IRPC October 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

**Officers and Member Attendance:** VP Dale Minder called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with 9 members in attendance including 3 officers. President Kermit V.R. and Secretary Deanne G. was unable to attend.

**September Meeting Minutes:** September meeting minutes were reviewed, and 2 corrections were needed. It was mentioned in the minutes under the trap club "*With an anticipation of approximately \$16,910.00 by the end of trap season.*" this statement is incorrect. Bob was estimating how much money would be earned when the current birds they bought would earn the club when sold. We will not see this money until after the birds have sold. He asked that the statement be removed from the September Meeting Minutes.

In addition under Upcoming events there is a statement "and Lions club will purchase for \$2,469." The lions club has not committed to purchased the voice controls so it was requested to remove the verbiage "*and Lions will purchase for \$2,469.*" Motion to approve the updated September Meeting Minutes - 1st Don E., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike P, motion approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Report was read by Treasurer Mike P. September starting Balance \$16,584.50 Ending Balance \$18,167.34. Expenses for the month paid \$720.26 with deposits for memberships of \$1,925.00, \$328.10 in donations and \$50 for a building rental. Expenses were typical expenses for the local hardware stores, \$65.00 for our cleaning service, the cost of a new water heater for the club house and \$394.00 for Washburn county tourism. A complete breakdown of expenses are attached to the September meeting minutes. A motion was made approve the treasurers report.- 1st Bob R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Debs O., motion approved.

**Membership:** Membership report was given by member Pete A. as Secretary Deane Wilkinson was not in attendance. Our current members are 319 Annual Members and 142 Life members for a total of 461. Pete A made a comment that it seems this year that are memberships are climbing again with 30+ new members or renewals each month.

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### Range Reports:

**Summation:** Most ranges are decent shape with need for some minor repairs before public sight in or next year as we begin our new season.

- **Archery** – New targets will be needed next year for all of the bag targets and some of the 3D targets. Targets will need to be brought in before the snow comes. Over the winter Ralph and Deanne will be looking at the possibility of starting an archery League next year.
- **Law Enforcement Range** – In generally good shape. Range is clean of brass and most of the backers are pretty shot up, but that is covered by using cardboard.
- **.22 Range**– Range in decent shape. Some targets will need repair
- **Pistol** – Range is in decent shape, but a couple straps for the gongs will need replacing as well as a couple of the rubber backing on some of the targets as they are wearing out.
- **100 Yard Range** – Generally in good shape, but we will want to review it and replace what we feel is needed before public sight in days.
- **Aux Range** – In good shape. It has been getting a lot of use. A comment was made by multiple members that we need to keep reinforcing the message that people need to drop the gate arm when they are using the range as multiple times people are down range without dropping the gate.
- **Practice Trap** – In good shape and getting a lot of use. Member Debs O. wanted a comment in the minutes thanking the members for picking up their shells and placing them in the garbage cans. Most members have helped keep the range clean outside of one or two shooters. A comment was made that we need to place a map at the gate to advertise where the practice trap is located as it is mentioned regularly that people don't know that we have one or where it is.

**Trap Club** – Bob R. reported that the trap Balance is \$4,910.03 but they still owe \$2,677.75 for the new voice controls. When purchasing the new voice controls we did not need to pay taxes as Bob let the supplier know that we are a 501C3. Our old voice controls were going bad and didn't work much of the time.

Currently we have 10 standard pallets of birds in stock, plus 2 pallets of Walmart burns that we will be using next year. Bob feels that we are in good shape for birds for the next 2 years.

The trap Club repaired the 3rd Skeet machine for a minimal cost of donating 2 shooting cards. This leaves us in good shape as it means we have a spare machine for Skeet as well as for Trap.

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**NRL22 Update** –Member Pete A. briefed the club that in September we had 2 matches for a total of 36 shooters. we started the September NRL22 balance at \$1,387, generated match income of \$650. Our expenses for the month were \$35 for COF fees to the NRL22, and \$188.00 in expenses for a new rooftop barricade and general expenses such as paint, water and ice. The final October 1 balance for the NRL22 group is \$1814.00 We have one more match this year at the end of October. Over the last 3 years we have built up pretty much everything that the NRL group needs so our expenses moving forward will be more maintenance related vs capital expenses. As such at the end of the season, much of what the NRL 22 events have generated will be given to the club minus some general operating expenses to start up the season again next year.

### **Old Business -**

#### **Updates Shell Lake Family Days**

**Archery** – This year we set up in the club house and were visible to all visitors. We had more shooters than in the past and there were several families that brought their own archery equipment to shoot.

**Debut of the Table Banner** – Kermit also set up a table in the club house showcasing the new table banner – it very professional looking. It will now be part of all events IRPC has a presence.

Member Bob R. brought up that the Shell Lake police department had good attendance and volunteers, but we as a club had limited volunteers. Next year we really need more members to help at the event. We only had 2 officers and 2 members from the trap club, trying to run multiple ranges and sign up new members, etc. Bob also brought up that last year we really had limited people that shot at the trap and skeet range and he saw similar activity this year while multiple people wanted to shoot at the 100 yard line and were referred to the Auxiliary range. As an example, he brought up that we spent \$54 on clay pigeons and shells this year and received \$88.10 in donations. HE really felt that if we are involved in the Shell Lake police department fundraiser next year that we consider opening up the 100 yard range and not have trap and skeet as an option. The group as a whole felt that we really should review our involvement in the Steel Lake Police Department fundraiser vs holding our own event again. Prior to COVI, we had a Family Range day that we held and the Police Department ran their own fundraiser. Many felt that we may consider going back to that agin.

Since we had so few attendees at the meeting, We thought that we needed to add a discussion about Family days to our “New Business” agenda next Spring. It was decided to table this discussion until Spring.

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**Gravel** – VP Dale M. checked with his contacts and the crushed up concreted from road construction is not available. Due to the new processes in road construction, the company uses all of the crushed concrete to lay the new road.

Member Jenny H. brought up that they had received some crushed ceramic from LP to use on their driveway, and she would check with them to see if that was something that was available for the club.

A discussion was held around gravel and how many years that we have discussed this and we have really had no changes. Member Frank D. mentioned that we may consider seeing how much it would cost to lay blacktop like we did at the gate.

It was brought up that since this is a fairly large project, that we should move the gravel conversation to the 5 year planning committee to pout into our future planning.

### **New Business -**

**Fall Work Days** - After discussion we picked a primary fall work day as Saturday November 2nd at 9:00 AM as our next work day with a secondary backup day as November 9th if the 2nd feel through due to rain, etc. 1st Don E., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob R., motion approved.

**Northwoods Defense Request** - Member Jenny H asked that we remove two of her upcoming range use requests for the dates of 10/26 and 11/16. She was also concerned about a recent situation where we removed her upcoming classes advertising from our Facebook page. She mentioned that is anyone wanted to, she welcomes club members to come in and audit her classes if interested. She wanted to have a deeper discussion about the topic, but the individuals that were involved in the decision we not at the meeting, so we asked that she bring up her concerns in a future meeting wench the members were present.

**Hot Water Heater Update** - During the Shell Lake police Department fundraiser we discovered that the hot water heater for the clubhouse had failed. It took some time for people to find where it was located. For future reference, the hot water heater is located in the North wall of the women's bathroom behind what looks like a cold air return grate. A new hot water heater has been purchased and it is at the clubhouse awaiting installation. It is a larger hot water heater that our previous one.

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**Bank Account update** - Currently our primary bank account only has one members name on it. Treasurer Mike P. We have been concerned that if something were to happen to our treasurer, it would cause problems. Our Trap account was setup this way years ago as well, but in the past, we have had VP Dale M. and member Pete A. added to the trap account. The bank mentioned that if we needed to add other names to our primary checking account that they would need a copy of our meeting minutes where it was brought up and approved to add other names to the account.

Member Frank D. made a motion to add our VP Dale M. and member Pete A. to our Main IRPC checking account. 1st Mike P., 2<sup>nd</sup> Don E., all in favor, motion approved.

**Aux Range Brush removal** - Member Don E. brought up that recently TJ Edwards cleared the East side of our Auxiliary range from grass and brush. TJ brought up that if we would like him to continue to clear this, that we need to ask him to do so every year. Much of the brush had become small trees and was damaging to his equipment. As a thank you for TJ Edwards support and assistance, member Don E. made a motion that we send a check to TJ for a total of \$150. 1st Pete A. , 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob R., all in favor, motion approved.

**Range Use request** - The Shell Lake Police Department asked to reserve the date for their annual fundraiser for 2025. A Motion was made by Member Don E. to approve the use of our Range for the Shell Lake Police Department Fundraiser for Sept 20, 2025. 1st Bob R. , 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank D., all in favor, motion approved.

### **Future Agenda items**

**Membership fees discussion** - It was brought up that we need to review what we are charging for our annual membership fees as most other clubs have much higher fees. Concerns were made that locals may not renew if the fees were too high, but everyone recognizes that many of our members com from out of state. where higher fees would be more normal. Member Pete A mentioned that he would go through our membership lists and create a report of where most of our members come from prior to a deeper discussion. Since this is not the type of decision that should be made by such a small group of members, it was decide that we would table this discussion and ask that this line item be added to our Annual meeting next Spring.

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**Guest Discussion** - In the email that Deanne sent to the members with the agenda, it was mentioned: *"Your membership allows you to have up to 4 guests to shoot with you. With you means shooting on the same range you are shooting on AND also means you are present. Family members are considered guests and no guests can shoot without the actual member present. Please do not allow anyone to use your membership in your absence."* Member Debs O. was really concerned about this statement and what was considered a guest and what was considered a family member. He felt strongly that our policy did not concern family members. After much discussion, it was decided to table this until our annual meeting as if we needed to make a policy change, it must be discussed in a larger group, and 30 days prior to the vote our members must be notified of a change.

**Aux Range Use During Trap** - Recently due to the fall weather and everyone sighting rifles, the auxiliary range has seen a lot of use on Wednesday nights while trap is going on. It was mentioned that at times there were lines of people waiting to get on the range. More than likely some of this people lining up was due to confusing of the gate being down, etc. Some of the members put up a sign on the Aux range that stated when the 100 yard range was closed the aux range would be open for the 100 yard line shooting only and that the gate was to be left up. Member Debs O. proposed a policy change to the Aug range SOP to support this. Similar to the Guest discussion, this involves a Range SOP change. We decided that this discussion also had to be tabled until the Spring Meeting, so we could have a deeper discussion, propose a policy change and send it out to the members 30 days prior to the vote.

**Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> Mike P., 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete A., motion approved. Next meeting to be held on November 7th, 2024 in the IRPC Club House at 7:00 p.m.