

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For November 2017

COVERED AT THE NOVEMBER, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

In preparation for the 2017 SMSC All Members annual meeting proposed changes to the club's bylaws were finalized. There were no new nominations for the board of directors leaving us with 3 candidates to fill a maximum of 4 open positions.

Due to a lost property incident which occurred on our range, a change to the range's S.O.P.s will be made so that the expectations we have for any found property on our range is clearly understood by all.

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There were three proposed changes to the club bylaws which were presented at the meeting. In order to be able to adopt these changes we needed to have the meeting attended by a quorum as defined by the bylaws as of the time of the meeting and have a majority pass the proposal. We were fortunate to have enough voting members in attendance and sincerely thank everyone who took the time out of their schedules to attend.

All three of the proposed changes were proposed so that our club can conduct business at the annual meetings, include more of our membership and to codify the use of email as an official method of notifying members of meetings.

The first change was to insert a new item into the official means of notifying members of a meeting: ***when directed to an electronic mail address at which the member has consented to receive notice;***

The second change was to redefine a quorum as ***The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.*** This allows our meetings to conduct official business even if many of our members choose not to attend.

The third change was to allow members with 3 consecutive years of membership the right to vote. This change was attempted last year but on the advice of our legal counsel it was officially put the membership. The new wording for the definitions of our members is: Members are of one class. Each member is entitled to vote if they have been members for ***three (3) years (36 months) as of the date of the vote. In the event that a change is made to require more***

than three years of membership, those members with three years of membership at the time of the change shall be “grandfathered in” to include voting rights.

The members elected all three of our candidates to the board of directors. Anthony Deveaux and Dale Meyer will be returning for another term and we welcome Marta Toth to the board starting in 2019.

Gerad Welch will be starting a special interest group of members interested in learning about, buying, owning, and bearing National Firearms Act (NFA) items, specifically suppressors (silencers). If interested please contact gerad.welch@gmail.com.

We are looking for volunteers to help out every other month with our safety orientations. Our goal is to have enough people so that we have two full teams and each team would only need to work every other month. The work is not difficult or terribly time consuming. We need people who can perform some data entry, print badges, and present the orientation. If you can help us out or have any questions about it, please contact us at membership@smsclub.org.

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

We are looking for a club treasurer to start in 2018. If you have an accounting background or have served as a treasurer for another group, please consider running for this position. Note that SMSC employs a bookkeeper to maintain our books so that would not be part of the duties. The treasurer does not need to be a member of the board of directors so it isn't a requirement that you be on the board. The treasurer position is elected by the board of directors. If you are interested and/or have any questions please come to an upcoming board meeting or send us an email at clubmail@smsclub.org

Free Firewood - The recent rains have caused several of the trees on SMSC property to fall. If you are interested in cutting and removing any of this wood as free firewood (or lumber if you have a sawmill), please contact us at clubmail@smsclub.org

If you require handicapped access to the ranges, please contact our range manager. The ranges are now locked and normally only accessible through the badge reader controlled gate just east of the clubhouse. You can check out a key for the gate on the west side gate should you require it.

SMSC can now accept electronic payments. Check the membership page <https://www.smsclub.org/join/> for links to pay for new memberships and the cost of a badge, to

renew your annual membership or to purchase a lifetime membership. The Range Manager is also able to accept credit and debit cards as are the team at the safety orientation meetings.

The December board of directors meeting will be held on December 14, 2017 starting at 7:30PM at the SMSC clubhouse. We welcome all members to attend, ask questions and provide input. Also any non-members who would like to address the board with any business are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many other events including indoor pistol and rifle shooting listed on the club calendar at <https://www.smsclub.org/calendar>.

NON-CLUB EVENTS

Have an event related to shooting sports or archery that you'd like to have included in an upcoming newsletter? Send an email to clubmail@smsclub.org.

RANGE INFORMATION

Range Hours:

0800-SUNSET MON-SAT

0900-SUNSET SUN

For sunset time each day, go to: <http://sunrise-sunset.org/us/rochester-mn>

Every member is responsible to know, follow, and enforce firearms safety and all posted rules at all times. We suggest you regularly review our Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.), you can download them from [here](#).

If you bring a guest, you are responsible for them and their actions while on the range.

They must also provide us with a signed and dated waiver form. You may download and print the waiver form ahead of your trip to the range:

<https://www.smsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/waiver.pdf> or you may get a copy of the waiver from the Range Manager. Please provide the Range Manager with the waiver before entering the range.

To keep everyone safe, members who violate any posted range rule will receive a warning on their first offense. The second offense will result in range access suspension until review with Board for the purpose of reaching a decision regarding when to allow access again.

Do not let anyone through the gate with you, either coming in or going out, other than your immediate family or your ONE personal guest. **Every member must badge in and out.** Your SMSC ID badge should be visibly displayed at all times inside the fenced-in (range) areas.

Eye and ear protection is required at all times for everyone inside the fenced-in area.

You must also badge out of the range! This is to help ensure we know who is using the range. Be sure that you do not allow anyone to “tailgate” when entering OR LEAVING the range. Everyone should badge in and out. Do this for your own protection.

Security cameras have been installed, and are fully operational. These have already helped to make the range safer and have greatly reduced the amount of damage done to the range. Be sure you read the posted rules and follow them!

Before driving out to the range, be sure it is open by checking out the online calendar at <https://www.smsclub.org/calendar> to ensure that no special event is scheduled.

Change in membership details: *Membership is for the member ONLY. The member's spouse or partner, sharing the same address, per information on their driver's licenses, and their children or grandchildren under age 18, living at the same address, are allowed on the range with the member for no additional charge. Spouses or partners, with the same address, may have their own badge for range access if they pay the badge fee (\$10), complete the Safety Orientation, and provide a completed Waiver.*

Club WiFi guest password is “clubhouse” (without quotation marks).

You are responsible to keep the club notified of your current email address. The club uses email and the web site (www.smsclub.org) **EXCLUSIVELY** to communicate with members. If your email address changes, please notify us via email at clubmail@smsclub.org. We use email to notify members of their renewal date. If you do not have a valid email address on file, you will NOT be notified. This newsletter is also emailed, and it is published on the web site. It contains information you need to know. Without email, you must go to the club's web site to stay current on important club business, rules, etc.

Safety orientation class/badge replacement dates and times are on the calendar at www.smsclub.org. Classes are not necessarily always on the same day each month, nor will classes always be held at the same time. Our next class is Thursday, December 7, 2017.

You may purchase a lifetime membership. The current price is \$1500. The fee was raised in February of 2015, and announced at that time.

Your thoughts and ideas on how the club may be more useful or “user-friendly” to members are appreciated. PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US at the monthly board meeting or by emailing them to: clubmail@smsclub.org Communications to SMSC or its Board of Directors should also be sent to this address.

Your 2017 board of directors and officers: (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year.)

Brian Rognholt (2018), President

Mike Woodcock (2018), Treasurer

Anthony Deveau (2017)

Gerad Welch (2018)

Matt Mattingly (2017)

Peter Brooks (2019)

Dean Black (2019), Vice-President

Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary

Dale Meyer (2017)

Hilary Melville (2019)

Mike Toth (2017) - AWAIR Mgr

Scott Groth (2018)