

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For October 2017

COVERED AT THE SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The 2017 SMSC All Members annual meeting will be held 7:00 on November 16 at the Eagles Club (917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904). All voting members are encouraged to attend as we will be asking for a vote to change the club bylaws which requires that we get 10 percent of our voting members in attendance. There will be door prizes in addition to the regular meeting and election of board members.

In preparation for that, your board approved the nomination process used last year for the next, and all future elections of board members. Here is that process:

RULES FOR NOMINATIONS:

1. No nominations will be accepted during the all member meeting, in November.
2. All nominations must be received by the board before the end of the November board meeting. (Nominations will be accepted during the November board meeting which will be held at the SMSC Clubhouse on November 9, at 7:30PM.)

RULES FOR NOMINEES:

1. The nominee must agree to run for the board BEFORE being nominated. Nominees not present, when the nomination is made, should expect to be contacted by a member of the board to confirm their agreement to run for the board.
2. Nominees should be prepared to speak, for 2 minutes or less, regarding their qualifications, interests, area of service, and expected contribution to the leadership of the club, at the November all member meeting. If prior commitments preclude the nominee's participation at this meeting, the nominee should designate a representative to read their written statement.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THOSE ELECTED:

1. Participate in all SMSC board meetings and activities.
2. Contribute to the SMSC in a positive way.
3. Invest time and labor in supporting SMSC and its members.
4. Assume a position of responsibility and service on the SMSC board.
5. Have a desire to serve and to improve SMSC.

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

The She Shooters will be changing the format for meetings from monthly meetings to less frequent but larger scale events. Watch the newsletter and club calendar for upcoming events.

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

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 is looking into expanding air rifle use. This last summer we opened our archery range one Saturday morning a month to a group of field target airgun shooters. If you don't know what that is (I didn't) here is an instructive video featuring some of the world's top shooters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBqOyGwCWwk> We would like to set up more facilities for precision air rifle use. Air rifles offer the opportunity to have a good time with shooting sports but with a low noise level and almost no recoil. It is great for all ages of shooters. If you would like to get involved or have questions, please send us an email at clubmail@smsclub.org.

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 November board of directors meeting will be held on November 9, 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

The annual all members meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 starting at 7:00 PM at the Eagles Club in SE Rochester. All attendees are eligible to win door prizes. We will be electing new board members and holding a vote on proposed changes to our club bylaws. We need to have a quorum of voting members in attendance to make the voting valid so please make an effort to attend if at all possible.

There are many other events including indoor pistol 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.

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 replacment 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, September 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)