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MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Membership meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM. The BOD meeting will follow the membership meeting. You'll be able to make your voice heard by putting your request on the membership meeting new business agenda. If you wish to make a motion, please have it written out so we can enter it into the minutes. Join us to help guide SKSC through the coming months. Your input helps us move your club forward.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS: The annual SKSC elections were held during the membership meeting, Dec. 10. The following BOD positions were filled:

Vice President: Rich Corey (re-elected)

Treasurer: Todd Binz (re-elected)

Directors: Dan Dial, & Doug Pastoor (re-elected)

Directors: Matt Grode, Jason Robinson (newly elected)

For the first time, the elections allowed members to obtain and cast absentee ballots. The process went well and will be continued in the future. This allows our members who cannot be at the membership meeting in December to go to the club house and obtain a ballot. A requested addition for next year is to provide additional information about each candidate before the election. The board wants to thank all the candidates for putting their name in the hat. We also thank Joe Steffler and John Schroeder for their many years of service to SKSC. Enjoy the time off but we expect to see you around often. The board also welcomes Matt Grode and Jason Robinson as new members of the board. Both these individuals have demonstrated they are willing to contribute to the future of SKSC and will provide excellent contributions to the board.

ANNUAL AWARDS: This year at the December membership meeting president Chris Kettler presented the following awards:

In recognition of their continued service and contributions to SKSC: Jim Jamieson, Lynn Siebers, and John Schroeder.

As Significant Benefactor: Scott Glupker, and Matt Grode.

The Presidents Award went to Joe Steffler.

Hall of Fame plaques were awarded to: Rocky Kurdelski, and Randy Lober.

These awards are given to honor individuals who have in various ways made SKSC the great club we share.

For example, Jim Jamieson has conducted the hunter safety program at SKSC for years and has made it a state wide recognized and honored class.

John Schroeder, in addition to serving on the Board, has run the trap shooting for students which introduces young shooters to trap clay target shooting. He also organizes and runs the annual winter league trap and skeet events.

Lynn Siebers is our representative to MUCC which SKSC is a full member of. He also assists Jim in the hunter safety program. He also has an FFL and has donated his services for club gun sales. We appreciate those extra efforts Lynn. Scott Glupker contributed many hours of equipment time this year which resulted in road improvements, skeet and trap field clean up, trash and brush hauling, food preparation and cooking, as well as his personal time setting up and tearing down that equipment. That equipment represents lots of dollars we didn't have to spend.

Matt Grode donated and installed a complete video surveillance system for the club. He also gave two computers which are used in the clubhouse by members for access to the club web page and for signing up for classes. The video equipment alone represents several thousands of dollars. We do appreciate your generosity Matt.

Our two Hall of Fame recipients, Rocky Kurdelski and Randy Lober, are both long time members who have served, or are serving, on the Board. They have contributed time, talent, and money to the growth and improvement of SKSC for greater than 30 years. They both serve as outstanding examples of contributing members who go above and beyond. Their names were added to the plaque which will be on display as soon as the remodeling is finished.

Finally, Joe Steffler, has served SKSC as the creator and voice of the club Safety and Training videos. His voice (and talent) have graced almost every training video we have used over the years. Joe also served as our web page designer and maintainer. He has been the recipient of all those information requests. Joe was the brains for our internet presence. His founding work has served SK well and will be felt for years to come.

We congratulate all those who received awards this year. We know there are many more out there who also deserve them but this group went above and beyond. Thanks for your help!

NEW LAND UPDATE:

After completing an asbestos survey, SKSC was able to enter into an agreement with the Salem Township Fire Department for their use of the house located on the new property. This agreement allows the department to conduct much needed training exercises and at the same time will eventually result in the complete removal of the house from the

property thus accomplishing one of the goals we have for that property. This is another way SKSC serves the community we are part of.

SKSC TURKEY DROP:

SKSC provided 50 frozen turkeys to three local churches for distribution to those families in need. This community service project was organized and headed up by board member Wayne Moore. He and his crew arranged to purchase the birds just before Thanksgiving. He contacted the churches and arranged pickup or delivery times and dates. All three churches expressed their gratitude for SKSC's donation. We want to thank Wayne and his crew of helpers for their fine effort and a job well done.

New Membership Dues Structure (effective 2020):

The Board of Directors has unanimously approved some changes to our dues & fees structure. **The new dues will go into effect for the 2020 renewal.** This gives members all of 2019 to get work credits if they want to take advantage of the discount.

2020 Renewal for ALL memberships will be \$160. Seniors included. Discounts provided for work credits. Work credit is \$15/hr. up to 4 hours (\$60).

2020 New Memberships will be \$170 (\$160 + \$10 gate card deposit)

The fees break down like this:

\$60 Annual Membership (no change)

\$40 Land & Legal Fund (made permanent)

\$60 Work Fee assessment (valued at \$15 per hour)

\$10 Electronic Gate Card Deposit (if applicable)

EXCEPTIONS- There are two exceptions to the new dues structure- 1) Honorary Life Members. 2) Individuals who get exemption to waive the \$60 work credit through an appeal to the board of directors.

The rationale: First, the Land & Legal fund will be made permanent. The funds will be earmarked and not comingled with other accounts. In addition to paying off the new land purchase, it gives us the option to purchase key pieces of land as they come available in the future- hopefully before they become residential home sites. It will also serve as a rainy day fund in the event we need legal assistance. Second, the only rate increase over our current fee structure is the work credits. The value of work credits will change from \$10 to \$15 per hour and be made applicable to all members regardless of age. This is a fee that everyone can avoid with 4 hours of volunteer service per year... and not all volunteer work is physical labor. There will be several options available for people who can't or don't want to do physical labor- such as scoring Trap, helping with group sign ups, and monitoring ranges. Additionally, work credits can be obtained one hour at a time. There are individuals who are genuinely not able to volunteer 4 hours per year for good reason. Those individuals may appeal directly to the Board of Directors at any regular Board meeting to request an exemption. SKSC is a volunteer run, non-profit organization. Our club membership and our activities are growing. Our trash cans seem to be perpetually full, club activities are in need of support, buildings, grounds, & ranges need continuous maintenance, the list goes on... It takes all of the member-owners to pitch in to keep it a viable & enjoyable place to shoot -or- it has to be hired out. Letting the club degrade or become unsafe is simply not an option.

A quick (editorial) summary- If you currently volunteer 4 hours a year, what you pay out of pocket will remain the same as you're paying now. If you choose to pass on volunteer hours your \$60 will help us hire jobs out when our volunteer force is not able to keep up.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019: To renew your membership for 2019 you must fill out the annual membership waiver before you can pay your dues. To obtain a waiver form, either go to the home web page and download and print the form or go to the club house during normal trap and skeet hours and obtain the form. You may renew at the clubhouse when the manager is present or you may renew by mail. To renew by mail, download the form and print it. Fill in all the information and initial all the spaces required. Put the form, a self addressed stamped envelope, your check for the correct amount made out to SKSC, and any proof of work credit claimed in a stamped envelope and send it to:

Renewal
3581 92nd St. SE
Caledonia, MI 49316

Fees for 2019 are:

Work Fee \$40
Membership: \$60

Land Fund: \$40
Total: \$140

WORK DAYS FOR 2019:

Here are the planned workdays for 2019. Remember that workdays begin at 9 AM and go until 1 PM. Check in at the clubhouse for work assignments. You may arrive later or leave before the 1 PM finish. You will earn credit for the number of hours you work. Remember to have the board member in charge sign your membership card. It is important to note that work credit for 2020 renewal is \$15 per hour and there is no longer an exemption for seniors. All work days are on Saturday. Mar. 30, Apr. 27, May 18, June 29, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26. **ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED DURING WORKDAY HOURS!** We will try to have specific work tasks posted before the workday so you may come prepared. Check the web site for a list of work tasks by workday.

RRR:

This is the **Range Refuse Removal** work detail. Members can sign up to collect and empty the refuse barrels on the ranges at their convenience and earn work credit. This project is being managed by David Washburn (Volunteer!). You can volunteer to work any day and time you choose.

Give David a call at 616 893 1427 to get your name on the schedule
Monday thru Friday 4pm to 8:30 pm
Saturday from 12 noon to 8:30 pm

I'm sure most of you have noticed how often those barrels are full and need emptying. Here is how you can help keep the place neat and clean and earn those valuable work credit hours and still keep your Saturdays free for those other important activities. We are working on more projects like this to give members opportunities to earn work credit during times other than the scheduled Saturday work days. Snow blowing the skeet and trap ranges comes to mind as does scoring/pulling trap lines.

SKSC MARIJUANA POLICY:

Michigan passed a new law allowing recreational marijuana. After reviewing this new law and applicable federal law, the board of directors has adopted the following policy:

NO ONE MAY POSSESS NOR USE MARIJUANA ON SKSC GROUNDS.

The rationale for this policy is that federal law states that it is illegal for anyone to have in their possession, or be in the presence of, firearms while possessing or using marijuana. This means that a member or their guests may not have or use marijuana when they are at the club.

CLUB HOUSE REMODEL:

Using the SKSC BOD financial policy, funding was found to be available to proceed with remodeling of the oldest part of the clubhouse. This is the area of the clubhouse that we use for membership and board of directors meetings. To minimize interference to the shooting activities that occur during the spring, summer and fall months, it was deemed appropriate to accomplish this task starting in January. The facilities committee, headed by Dan Dial, did a fantastic job of obtaining bids, planning work parties, coordinating contractors, and overseeing the whole project. So far they have completely removed all the interior wall coverings including the old wall board and ceilings. The furnaces were relocated to a much reduced area. Ducts were installed. New wiring and fixtures have been installed. New insulation, wall board, ceiling, and the new floor are currently in place. Work will slow slightly over the next month but we should have this project completed by the middle of March when we start our new shooting season. This much needed update makes the whole club house now look modern and up to date. Come out and see what has changed and if you see any of the facilities committee members, be sure to thank them for all their hard work. They did the tear out in two days filling two very large dumpsters! Most important they are on schedule and on budget! A big shout out to you all.

PROJECT APPLESEED:

Rifle Instruction 2019

Project Appleseed is finishing up a successful second year at SKSC! We are looking to double the instruction weekends next year and are currently planning 2019. If you have a group that is interested in rifle instruction with Project Appleseed, please contact Amy at amysksc@gmail.com to set up future dates. We are also looking for any youth groups (like scouts, 4H, etc.) that would be interested in a youth (.22 only) instruction weekend. If you are part of a youth group that has interested participants please contact Amy at amysksc@gmail.com.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES AT SKSC:

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a certified instructor, please contact: Jimmy Jamieson -- 616 328-1942 or Lynn Siebers--616 457-1723. The next classes are Mar. 6th & 9th, and Apr. 10th & 13th. Check the web site calendar for times. Pre-register no more than 30 days before the first class session. Each class is limited to 50 students age 10 and older.

Parents must accompany students 10 and under and are encouraged to do so for older students as well. Don't forget to pack a lunch for the long Saturday session.

TRAINING AT SKSC:

Training for rifle, handgun, or shotgun shooting is available at SKSC. These classes are listed on the training page on the club web site. They are taught by Bill Lyons who is NRA certified. These classes are offered to members and nonmembers who wish to learn how to properly use a firearm. They are very nominal in cost and provide an excellent way to learn how to properly shoot any type of firearm. This is also an excellent way to initiate a youngster into the shooting sports. Bill is also available for specialized training. You may contact him at 616-862-0141 or bill@dtswestmi.com.

CPL CLASSES AT SKSC:

Jay Rankin is currently conducting CPL classes at SKSC. For class information please contact Jay at 616-890-5940. His email is: jayrankin357@gmail.com

TRAP AND SKEET CLOSED AT SKSC:

Trap and Skeet will be closed April 21 which is Easter Sunday.

CHANGES AND NEW EVENTS AT SKSC FOR 2019: The NRA sanctioned Rifle Silhouette matches are moving to the 3rd Saturday of the month, May through October. This change was made to align our schedule with other clubs who also conduct silhouette matches. See the calendar for times.

There are two new events this year for members and guests to participate in. These are Rimfire Challenge and Bench Rest Silhouette. Rimfire Challenge is a modified version of steel challenge which uses rimfire firearms. Check the web page for equipment and procedures. They will conduct matches on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Bench Rest Silhouette shoots at steel chickens located at 500 meters. Center fire cartridges that are not magnums may be used. Shooting is from a bench rest position with the rest being supplied. This match is on the Sunday following the NRA rifle silhouette matches. Both of these events are designed to give members a new and unique shooting experience. Check the web page for further information and the club calendar for times.