



The St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc.

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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Dec 14
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, December 28



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First MUCC Meeting from 1937

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) has been around a long time. Our Club is affiliated with them and therefore all our club members are also members of MUCC. Michigan United Conservation Clubs is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation. Founded in 1937, their mission is to unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. This mission drives everything MUCC does as an organization. Amy Trotter is the current Executive Director and sent the following in an email to their board of directors, including Allen Kasdorf, our MUCC Club Representative. This is in regard to finding the first meeting minutes of November 9, 1937.

In honor of our 83rd anniversary, the original minutes from the first convening of Michigan United Conservation Clubs in 1937 were located and we thought that we should share some items within them.

It is a fun read and there are some common themes still relevant today, such as commercial fishing concerns, worry about treating the UP unjustly, a donation from the "American Sportsmen and Motorboat Show", and the debate over using the term "sportsmen" vs. "conservation". They urged the clubs to not let small petty grievances interfere with the proper function of the organization and they debated the role of the individual members (5 cent per person dues and clubs were capped at \$10 per club).

It is amazing that this organization has stayed so truly in touch with its founding members, while still being able to tackle the challenges of 2020. I have a quote on my desktop screen, "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor". I'm proud to lead this organization into a new decade, and so glad you are all "in the boat" with me.

Amy Trotter

December Membership Meeting

Monday, **December 14 at 7:00 pm** is our next Quarterly Membership Meeting. This is an important meeting as it is **our last chance** to propose any suggested amendments to our club by-laws. You can also propose, submit recommendations, or volunteer for any Club Officers or District Directors at this meeting for the 2021-22 membership year. Elections for these positions occur at the next quarterly meeting, which is also the **Annual Membership Meeting on March 8, 2021** along with our wild game chili cook-off, and voting on any submitted by-law changes. Suggested by-law changes must be submitted in writing to any board member. They will then be reviewed by the by-law committee to ensure they don't affect or conflict with other sections of the by-laws before presenting them for full review. If you plan to attend the membership meeting, masks are required in the building.

November ATA Shoot Was Canceled Due to Pandemic

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel our ATA trap shoot set for November 22. This was due to the Michigan Health Dept. November 15 order to PROHIBIT indoor gatherings of any size for non-residential locations for 3 weeks. It was expected to be too cold and wet to keep everyone outside for this event since rain and snow showers were forecast. The BIG 50 ATA shoots were also canceled for this time frame as well. We will try to hold the December 13 BIG 50, depending on the Michigan government and this pandemic. Please contact 269-483-6803 for updates on this BIG 50. Our next full ATA shoot will be March 21, 2021.

REMINDER: Please Refer to the on-line Calendar for up-to-date information on Club activities and cancelations or contact the Activity or Range Director. Due to the ongoing fluid nature of the COVID-19 planned activities may change with very short notice. Masks are required indoors at the club by Governor's orders.

Please stay Safe!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 6: Trap League
 Dec 12: CPL Class
 Dec 13: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Dec 14: **Membership Meeting**
 Dec 28: Board Meeting 7pm
 Jan 9: CPL Class
 Jan 10: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 17: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 24: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 25: Board Meeting 7pm
 Jan 31: BIG 50 & Trap League

Winter Trap League Jan 10 to March 14

This year's **Winter Trap League** will run from 1/10/21 to 3/14/21. It will be **SINGLES ONLY** with the **"OPTION to REGISTER"** your targets as a **Big 50** each week, *if enough people are interested*. We need 3 people to hold a registered event. It will be a 10-week league with 10 of the weeks scores to count; 50 targets (2 rounds) each week. Shoot can be modified if agreed upon by participants. This, of course, is all dependent on any lockdowns or prohibitions on gatherings.

Both registered and non-registered shooters may shoot the league and may even shoot on the same squads. Plus open Trap will continue concurrently with these events. We will need at least 3 shooters to shoot registered for the Big 50 to count that week. And you don't have to shoot registered every week. But this must be decided by the shooter before shooting that week, but it's a good way to get your ATA targets in. Youth shooters are also very welcome to participate!

The appropriate reduced fees will apply to those wishing to register their targets with the ATA. The cost will be \$20 for the league pot of money, plus each week's shoot fees (targets), and the ATA & MTA reduced daily fees *if shooting registered for that week*. Reduced fees are half of normal daily & MTA target assessment fees. We have to get approval upfront from the ATA if shooting Big 50's, so let me know if you want to participate.

Call or text or email me at **269-483-6803** trapgeek2010@gmail.com
Submitted by Trap Co-Director Leslie York

Approved 2021 Club Activities

The respective Activity Directors have submitted and received Board approval for the following activities so far for the 2021 calendar year. Keep in mind that things can get modified or canceled so check the on-line calendar for updates or contact the range directors for the specific activity for confirmation.

CPL Classes: The second Saturday each month January through December

IDPA: The third Saturday Mar-Oct: March 20, April 17, May 18, June 19, July 17, **Hoosier Daddy July 23-25**, Aug 21, Sept 18, and Oct 16; with practices on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, April through October.

SASP State Shoot: The club was awarded to hold the youth Scholastic Action Shooting Program Rifle and Pistol Michigan State shoot for 2020. This event will be held June 25-27.

Cowboy Action: The third Sunday of the month Apr-Oct, dates are April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17

ATA Trap: The following dates are approved: March 21, April 18, Aug 29, and October 10. There are several BIG 50's planned throughout 2021 as well.

22NRL: The following dates were approved for Feb through Oct: Feb 13, March 13, and April 10.

Archery will start up in April and run through October.

REMEMBER: EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED ON ALL RANGES
ALSO: THE FRONT GATE IS TO BE LOCKED BEHIND YOU WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING, EXCEPT FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY TIMES

Financial News: For the month of Oct balance on hand was \$ 82,755.64 in checking and \$ 20,711.42 in pre-paid dues CD, \$ 78,736.67 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$ 3,940.43 raffle fund, PayPal \$1,279.65, the Wink CD of \$ 28,089.38

Membership Status: As of August we had a total of 888 paid member households. If you have changed your address or know of someone who is not getting their newsletter, call 269-341-5930 and leave message and corrected info.

Lost and Found

Contact Leslie York at 483-6803 and we will help!

OFFICERS

President	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Vice President	Mike Philley	(574) 202-0641
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Laura Decker	384-9191
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
	Paul Hassenger	651-8447
District #2	Mark Speicher	(574) 361-5847
	Bill Thompson	279-7737
District #3	Benson Baumeister	221-0288
	Randy Crandall	808-6730
District #4	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700
	Pete Davis	651-1388
Dir. At Large	Tom Whitford	432-4070

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Membership Activities		
Newsletter/Website	Leslie York	483-6803
Advertising (Newsletter)	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
Public Relations	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
NRA Recruiter	Leslie York	483-6803
MUCC Region 7	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086

Administrative Activities		
Finance	Laura Decker	384-9191
Nominating	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Calendar of Events	Leslie York	483-6803
Hunter Education	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
CPL Instruction	Jeff Brazo	651-9076

Fund Raising Activities		
Fair Sign-up	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700

Weekly / League Activities		
Trap/Skeet – Sunday	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Trap – Tues	Bill Thompson	279-7737
Skeet – Tues	Ramze Idriss	503-0404
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Archery	Larry Murray	659-6005
Cowboy Action	John Daniels	(574) 349-3764
IDPA Defensive Pistol	Mike Philley	(574) 202-0641
Combat Carbine	Jay Baker	278-9553
Lower Range	Andy Rockwell	(260) 668-9317
Youth SCTP Shotgun	Leslie York	483-6803
Youth SASP Pistol Rifle	Mark Griffin	358-5643
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

Executive Secretary: Kathy Crandall
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Club Websites and Facebook Sites

WEB PAGE: <http://www.conservationclub.net>

IDPA: www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/

Trap/skeet: www.facebook.com/stjoecountytrapandskeet/

Youth Trap: www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

New Memberships — October

Michael Allen
James Barr
James Brundige
Randy Burritt
Jeffery Cartier
Raymond R Clemons
David Louis Grubber
James Ingram
Timothy Johnson
Melanie Mann
Davis E Morris
Andrew Nold
Matt Nowak
Symon W Olenczuk Sr
Robert A Piper
Jeffery Stutzman
Brad E Wallis

Constantine, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Vicksburg, MI
Leonidas, MI
Mendon, MI
Sturgis, MI
Burr Oak, MI
Kalamazoo, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Sturgis, MI
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Portage, MI
Vicksburg, MI
White Pigeon, MI
Lansing, MI

MUCC Conservation Pledge

**I give my pledge as an American
to save and faithfully defend from waste,
the natural resources of my country
- its air, soil, and minerals,
its forests, waters, and wildlife.**



Officers, Directors, E-mail Listings

Jeff Brazo (President)	pm2brazo@frontier.com
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Allen Kasdorf (MUCC)	allenkasdorf@gmail.com
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Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
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Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostnationarchery.com
Mike Philley (Vice Pres. & IDPA)	mphilley60@gmail.com
Andy Rockwell (Lower Range Dir)	zrock4365@hotmail.com
Bill Thompson (Dist #2 Director)	sparkyvf96@yahoo.com
Larry York (Trap, Skeet, 5 Stand)	larry.york54@gmail.com
Leslie York (Rec. Sec, ATA, Calen/Web)	trapgeek2010@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Leslie York)	conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

Dist #1: Townships of Flowerfield, Park, Fabius & Lockport
Dist #2: Townships of Mendon, Leonidas, Nottawa & Colon
Dist #3: TWP of Constantine, Florence, Mottville & White Pigeon
Dist #4: Twps of Sherman, Burr Oak, Sturgis & Fawn River
AT LARGE: Areas outside of St Joseph County

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The Second Amendment

*A well regulated militia, being necessary to the
security of a free state, the right of the people to
keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.*

PLEASE NOTICE

The St Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc., has a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization status. Under this rule, donations to the club are **not** deductible on your individual taxes as charitable contributions.

APPLICATION FOR NRA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the NRA obtained through our club benefits us in that the NRA returns part of your fee to us, and benefits you because you pay a reduced membership fee because of belonging to a member club.

☐ **Renew** my NRA membership: NRA member # _____

☐ **New Member**, please sign me up as a new NRA member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Birthdate: _____

Club Rate: **\$30** per year, make check payable to **NRA**: \$ _____

Magazine Choice: (circle one):

America's 1st Freedom American Hunter American Rifleman Shooting Illustrated

Mail to: Leslie J York, club NRA recruiter
17101 Tomahawk Trail
White Pigeon, MI 49099

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ST JOSEPH COUNTY CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMAN CLUB Inc.

I respectfully apply for membership in the St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club, Inc. I certify that by signing this application I am a person 18 Years of age or older, who accepts the Purposes and Objectives of the Corporation and agrees to promote the same, and has complied with the requisites of membership as provided in these Bylaws. I further give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country; its air, soil, minerals, forest, water and its wildlife. I understand that to become eligible to join, I must be recommended by a club member in good standing, or personally inform the Board of Directors why I wish to be a member. (please, print clearly)

Full Name _____ Birth Date _____

_____ Check if spouse desires a membership Card (**Add \$5 for this second gate card**)

Spouse _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (Print) _____

Recommended By _____

New member application: _____ Renewal application: _____

Interest: Archery _____ Trap _____ Skeet _____ Sporting Clays _____ Rifle _____ Pistol _____ Black Powder _____ Cowboy Action _____ IDPA _____ Conservation _____ Youth Shoot Sports _____

Fee: **\$100 new member*** / **\$75 renewal** for family membership, **\$5 for additional Gate Card** (one card is already included) *Application Fee of \$25 for New Members only.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail application and Check to:

**St. Joseph County Conservation
& Sportsman Club
C/O Kathy Crandall
P.O. Box 339
Sturgis MI 49091**

Membership subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. **After Board Approval New Member Information Packages are handed out at the mandatory New Member Orientation**, to be scheduled within 30-days. Club Newsletters should start within 60 days.