

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



2017 is 60th Anniversary of Sportsmen's Club

January 2017

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- January 9 Sportsmen's Club Annual Meeting
- January 10 State Legislature Session Opens (38 days, closes March 10)
- February 6 Monthly business meeting – final plan for Ice Fishing Derby
- February 18 Ice Fishing Derby



January 9 Meeting Agenda – with “enhanced” coffee and snacks

- President's Annual Report and goals
- Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter, Membership Reports
- Club Management (from ByLaws): The management of the Club shall be vested in the Club Board of Directors which shall be the Club Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the most recent prior President, plus two (2) members in good standing.

Elections: From ByLaws: The Club Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. A maximum of 4 terms in 4 years, in one officer position, shall be limiting. The additional two Board members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

- Nominees: President: Chuck Berry: will volunteer to serve final year of 4-yr term if elected
Vice President: currently Doc Petersen
Secretary: Ricki Boyle will serve once again
Treasurer: currently Bob Brotzky
Board of Directors: currently Fred Meyer, Randy Bortnem

New Business

- Thanks to Officers and volunteers for making 2016 a successful year
- Ice Derby Planning, Approval of Event schedule and Budget for 2016

December 7 Meeting Summary

Six members present, recapped Bingo event and reviewed changes in clubhouse (wall lights removed, discarded some items); voted to give gifts to Hoffman (carpet install) and Hersrud (bug control); neighbors to north agree on property fencing to be done asap; treasury has about \$3,900; Set date for fishing derby (Feb 18) and preliminary planning; discussed possibility of a spring rummage sale or auction of outdoor gear (hunting, fishing camping, sports); Notice of Annual Meeting and our 60th anniversary in 2017.



2016 in Review

The Lake Campbell sportsmen had a good year. We have 120 paid members and 21 members unpaid (will be dropped). Meeting highlights included GFP speakers in the spring about fishing and in the fall about hunting. Events were: Ice Derby, Fish Fry, History Night/Ice Cream Social, and Fall Bingo Fest. New Carpet was installed and interior walls painted making an almost complete renovation. KBRK radio has Club and LC news on Monday at 7:30 am. Following are monthly highlights:

January: Annual Meeting on Jan. 5 with reports and elections; about \$5000 in the bank after a fund drive; Ron Einsphar who matched the first \$1,500 attended the meeting and gave us a nice history lesson about Doc Kershner.

February: Ice Fishing Derby on Feb 13; \$100 prizes for biggest perch, walleye and pike but no fish caught, 87 merchants or individuals contributed prizes; 18 youth attended; Feb 27 snow geese arrived from the South

March: Monthly meeting held to plan fish fry; \$100 donations (each) sent to 6 conservation groups; lake ice out 3/13.

April: Fish Fry April 9 – sold 61 all-you-can-eat meals; Clubhouse rented several time this month; Lake Association meets at clubhouse monthly except winter; self-guided chub house tour guide printed.

May: Business meeting; Sportsmen's Club receives Lake Association Award at Spring Fling; dock installed with Christmas tree fish habitat beneath, Memorial Day was first big boating day with good weather.

June: GFP fish biologist Todd St Sauver is guest speaker – tells of improved fish populations, and reviews the Battle Creek watershed geography.

July: Business meeting; boating safety booklet distributed; 4th of July fireworks huge event on July 3 and 4th.

August: Lake Campbell History Night and Ice Cream Social with 50 attendees; guest speakers on the history of the dam, and history of the public hunting areas; Club takes water samples for SD Water Watch Program; LC pontoon party held.

September: Guest speaker from GFP talks about wildlife populations from pollinators to pheasants; voted to buy new carpet; first docks come out of the lake on 9/24; raffle drawing for 10/22 takedown rifle.

October: Business meeting – first on new carpet and interior paint; Club's dock out but Christmas tree fish habitat gone! First frost on Oct 8th; great numbers of prairie gulls (Franklin's gulls) use the lake.

November: Bingo on Nov. 11 with 60 players (quite less than last year); new neighbors on North side agree to fencing project; voted to remove/sell some property including poker table; 4 inches of snow on Nov 18th, new fireplace insert.

December: Club members participate in Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 23rd; water quality test results returned showing high nitrogen levels and low bacteria levels; lake freezes on Dec. 6th and stays frozen.

Lake Watch for December 2016

Water: The chill during the 3rd week of November wasn't enough to freeze the lake, but on some mornings there was some thin ice, which was melted each afternoon. A storm hit on Dec 6th that froze the lake; high temps were in single digits until Dec 19th.



Shoreline before (left) and after Dec 6th freeze-up

Since 1990 we have freeze-up dates for 21 years (didn't note in all years). The lake has frozen 5 times on or about Pearl Harbor Day (as it did this year), 14 times before and 2 times after. Last year's freeze-up date

was the latest on record – Dec 18. At the end of December there was 10 – 12 inches of ice 50 ft off the north shore. We had 0.6 inches of rain on Xmas Day, Sioux Falls had 1.25 inches – near record for **any** Dec. day. And Oh how the wind did blow on the 26th with gusts to 53 mph and sustained winds at 43 mph.

Wildlife: Christmas Bird Count on Dec 23 by several Sportsmen’s Club members; count done at feeders and along roads in a 14-mile diameter circle centered in Volga. At the feeder recently: sparrows (House and Song), Gold finches, White and red-breast Nuthatch, Hairy, Downy and Redhead woodpecker, Blue jay, Cardinal, Juncos. On the roadways: crows, Horned lark, pheasants, turkeys, pigeons, and Grackles.

Recreation: Several ice houses, a 4-wheeler cruising the shoreline, snowmobiles occasionally, and someone has prepared an ice rink, New Years Eve fireworks display at the north end.

History of Officers and Clubhouse Improvements, 2012-present						
Year	President	Vice-Pres.	Sec.	Treas.	Board	Activity
2012						GFP plant demo installed, new windows and blinds, caulk fireplace, history wall and new pictures, new highway sign
Jan-Aug.	Todd Bortnem	Russ Bortnem	Linda Donley	Sheryl Diebert	Jack Peterson	
2012						Move to calendar year, Bylaws update, new shrubbery, new kitchen vinyl, evergreens on north planted; outside painted.
Aug-Dec.	Russ Bortnem	Chuck Berry	Linda Donley	Sheryl Diebert	Randy Bortnem Jack Peterson Todd Bortnem	
2013						Light pole moved, new concrete entry, picnic table, and refrigerator; first history night, Cana Maze testing
	Russ Bortnem	Chuck Berry	Linda Donley	Sheryl Diebert	Randy Bortnem Jack Peterson Todd Bortnem	
2014						New mailing address, steel roof, brochure, Jefferies dock and gravel access, split rail fence, Tee shirts.
	Chuck Berry	Mike Eichelberg	Linda Donley	Terry Trzynka	Russ Bortnem Randy Bortnem Ralph Town	
2015						New lake-side windows, door, deck and AC; first hazelnuts planted
	Chuck Berry	Doc Petersen	Ricki Nett	Terry Trzynka	Russ Bortnem Randy Bortnem Fred Meyer	
2016						New carpet and interior paint; fund drive; LCA Award to Club for service to lake
	Chuck Berry	Doc Peterson	Ricki Boyle	Bob Brotzky	Russ Bortnem Randy Bortnem Fred Meyer	

Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2017

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| January: Annual Meeting | July: Business Meeting |
| February: Regular meeting and Ice fishing Derby | August: Guest speaker on Lake history/environs |
| March: Monthly meeting | September: GFP hunting forecast |
| April: Regular Meeting and Oyster Feed | October: Regular monthly business meeting |
| May: Business meeting | November: Bingo night |
| June: GFP fishing forecast for Lake Campbell | December: Regular monthly meeting, first Monday |

Sportsmen’s Club Quick Facts

Established: 1957 **Membership dues:** \$10 single, \$20/couple **Clubhouse:** 46776 220th St
Officers: C. Berry, President, 693-7750; B. Brotsky, VP, R. Boyle, Sec. B. Brotzky, Treas.
Board of Directors: Randy Bortnem, Fred Meyer, Russ Bortnem (Past Pres.)

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, And may nothing but happiness come through your door.