



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

November 22, 2016

Meeting: December 6, 2016, **social at 5:30 p.m. and food at 6 p.m.** at the Leisure Time Sports Bar

The December meeting is our annual **Christmas Party**. Members, wives, husbands, and significant others are welcome. Leisure Time Sports Bar is at the bowling alley on S. Marquette Road. A short meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. The **club will provide pizza and wings**. Drinks will be on your own. This is not a potluck, but if you would like to bring a dip, chips, dessert, etc., something they do not provide at the bar, feel free to do so. Call Denny 326-2718 if you have questions. In the spirit of the season we are also looking for **food pantry donations**. Bring non-perishable and unexpired food item(s) that will be donated to the local food pantry.

Progress is continuing on the application for the **501(c), non-profit organization** designation. Thanks to all who worked on and voted on the by-laws. Mark Forsythe is working on the financial statement. Once all the parts are prepared the application can be completed. Having the non-profit designation will save the club over \$1300 in the user fees for the armory for the Deer Show. Other benefits will also be realized but we will also have to keep good records for the annual report.

Lots of activity took place at the **November meeting**. New targets at the archery range were discussed but no action was taken. A meeting was set for the following day at Kirschbaum's house for anyone available to write the club's by-laws from the 1991 draft. When completed a special meeting was held to vote on same. Kirschbaum was given permission to contact local sportsman's club regarding a DNR PFD loaner board at the Woodman Landing. This board would also have a throwable PFD for use at the nearby beach in the event of a water emergency at that location. New club T-shirts are in and will be available from Kirschbaum. Three bat house prototypes that are proposed to be placed at La Riviere Park were displayed. A motion to provide \$100 for the Turkey Hunters Care program was passed.

Thanks go out to all who helped at the pre-deer season sight-in. Weather, except for Friday afternoon, was nice for shooters and range officers. Those members involved included Jess Hollenbeck, Joe Prew, Pete Adkins, Jim Barbian, Dennis Kirschbaum, Rick Lange, and John Yager. \$99 was collected from the donation box during the 5 day sight-in effort. 95 shooters came to the range to sight-in. As usual several scopes had problems and many more were sighted in after being bore sighted. Only one malfunctioning firearm was found.

Several items were **left behind** at the range prior to the deer season. If you are missing something call Denny at 326-2718 to identify your item(s). We have everything from scope caps to bench rests to a set of keys.

The club **still needs** a Deer Show publicity chairman to replace Jerry Cummings. Please contact Jerry at 326-2342 if interested. We need someone to handle this small but very important portion of the Deer Show event.

The **Deer Show** is at the National Guard Armory February 18, 2017. **Save the date.**

Enjoy the holiday season.

Denny