

Upper Peninsula Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.

Spring, 2024 Newsletter

The first thing I have to do is issue an apology to the membership for taking this long to get this off the ground. I intended to have this done last fall, but various software, hardware, and general computer ignorance problems prevented me from getting all the issues solved. I think things are up to speed now, so, hopefully, future communications will be more up to date.

For those of you who didn't make it to the Annual Meeting in 2023, this is a synopsis of the minutes. Formal minutes will be available at this year's meeting. We elected a whole new slate of officers for 2023 -24.

President: Andy Schumer (906 370 1570)

Vice President: Jon Henkel (906 353 6511)

Treasurer: Lyle Merrill (906 221 1391)

Secretary: Tom Caylor (906 542 7123)

John Maki was elected to a three year term on the board. Sandy Mead will continue with a two year term, and John Elmer is on for one more year. The dates for the 2024 Rendezvous are July 18, 19, and 20 at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club.

A program for the Rendezvous will be mailed closer to the date, probably early July. As in past years it will have rules and schedules for the events. At the meeting last July the following people volunteered for various tasks related to the Rendezvous:

Trade gun woodswalk – Jon Maki, Mike Phipps, Greg Klingler

Clout shoot & Longbow – Bob Lukes, Dylan Pera

Long distance shoot – Andy Schumer, Lyle Merrill, Marc Phipps

Smoothbore shoot – Dylan Pera

Knife & hawk – Lyle Merrill, Jon Henkel

Table rest shoot – Andy Schumer, Bob Keen

Fun shoot – John Elmer, Andy Schumer, Mike Krempp, Riley Watkins

Rifle, first relay – Bob Lukes

Second relay – Andy Schumer, Bob Lukes

Third relay – Larry Drum, Bob Lukes

Pistol – Bob Lukes

Youth shoot – Bob Keen, Andy Schumer

Cook-off – (at least three entrants) Rose Sutton

Firewood – Andy Schumer

Raffle – John Maki

If for any reason you can't fulfill these obligations, contact Andy Schumer or Tom Caylor. Please remember that if you're camping you can't set up before Wednesday, the 17th, and you must be cleared out by Sunday noon. If you plan to participate in the table rest shoot please bring a target of your choosing, something you can shoot a good group on at 40 yards. We have decided to have the Buffet Dinner on Thursday evening like we did last year, and the Ice cream Social/ Trivia is on for Friday evening. Pot luck dinner and annual meeting is on Saturday. Please think about bringing something for the raffle after the meeting. We hope to have a big turnout this year. It's always more fun with lots of people.

I have tried to get the most up-to-date mailing addresses possible, but I'm new at the job, so if you

know of someone who didn't get this letter and should have, please let me know. My e-mail is tcaylor2@gmail.com, or call me at the above number. Also, if there's something that you think should be in future letters please let me know. I will be including results of the various shoots in the future. It just didn't happen for this one.

Finally, on a sad note, we rather recently found out about the passing of a long-time member this past August. Paul Giltner (Otter) left us on August 4th, 2023, two years after his wife, Laura (Autumn Sunshine). I think I speak for everyone in the club when I wish the family heartfelt, if belated, condolences.