

**UNITED CONSERVATION & OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY**  
Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** January 9, 2026  
**Location:** UCOA Clubhouse, Findlay, Ohio

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. New Business**

**Young Guns Safe Storage**

Young Guns are requesting a location in the club to keep a safe.

**Winter Match Opportunities**

Jay will continue to monitor weather for match opportunities.

**ACTION:** Jay to monitor weather for winter match scheduling.

**Membership Services Poll**

Recommendation to poll members to determine what services they would like to see offered and what types of services they would like included with their membership dues.

**ACTION:** Develop and distribute membership services poll.

**Training Classes**

John will begin running classes. Ideas discussed include: defensive pistol, understanding the rules of IDPA, Jeff Cooper color code training, attorneys to speak on legal topics, medical training (Jon to resource), and Buckeye training videos.

First training class scheduled for January 13.

Mike Cortez of the Fostoria Police will come in on February 10.

**ACTION:** John to organize and schedule training classes.

**USPSA/SCSA RO and IDPA SO Class**

Jay stated he would assess the interest and feasibility of hosting a USPSA/SCSA RO and IDPA SO class prior to the beginning of the shooting season. This would be an externally sourced effort.

Jon requested access to shooter rolls from previous competitions for potential canvassing via mass email to gauge interest in the RO/SO classes.

**ACTION:** Jay to assess interest and feasibility of hosting RO/SO class. Provide Jon access to shooter rolls from previous competitions.

**501(c)(3) Status – Red Tornado Collective**

Tamara from Red Tornado Collective will review bylaws for 501(c)(3) status and provide suggestions.

**ACTION:** Tamara to review bylaws and provide recommendations.

**501(c)(3) Review of Ohio Organizations**

Reviewed current 501(c)(3) ranges in Ohio: 4H, Buckeye Association, CMO, Izaak Walton, and Black Swamp.

### **Mission Statement**

Option 4 was selected for the mission statement. An amendment was proposed to change "advocacy" to "safety." The amendment was approved.

Approved mission statement: "The United Conservation & Outdoor Association of Hancock County protects natural resources and wildlife through education, safety, and community engagement while promoting responsible outdoor stewardship."

### **ODNR Grant Meeting**

ODNR grant meeting scheduled for January 13. Jay will attend.

**ACTION:** Jay to attend ODNR grant meeting on January 13.

### **New Signage**

New sign design was presented with a quote of \$420 each; two signs to be purchased. A decision will be made once three quotes have been received.

**ACTION:** Obtain two additional sign quotes before decision.

### **Website Updates**

Meeting minutes will be included on the website. Range closing hours need to be updated on the website.

**ACTION:** Update website with meeting minutes and correct range closing hours.

### **Clover Payment Notifications**

When Clover payments are received, John receives an email notification instantly.

### **Membership Renewals**

As of the meeting date, 134 members had not renewed after the recent mailing. This was only the first round of contact.

**ACTION:** Continue membership renewal outreach.

### **Board Elections**

Elections for board and trustee positions will be held in February.

## **3. Announcements**

- First training class: January 13.
- ODNR grant meeting: January 13.
- Mike Cortez (Fostoria Police) visit: February 10.
- Board and trustee elections: February.

## **4. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Recording Secretary  
Recording Secretary, UCOA