

ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

PENDING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 5838

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- Requires ongoing effort to meet charitable objectives

RSC BYLAWS

Section 1.2 Purpose and Objectives.

The Purpose and Objectives of the Club include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To promote stewardship of all of our natural resources and to encourage the protection and wise use of the flora, fauna, water, air, soil, and minerals of our world.
2. To preserve for ourselves and for future generations the freedom to enjoy the outdoors as an essential part of the spiritual, physical, and character development of our citizenry.
3. To promote education and local events in all areas of natural resource management: encourage nature studies, environmental awareness, outdoor safety, and appreciation of our world.
4. To operate and act in a manner that directly or indirectly provides charitable, educational or other community benefit, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of future federal tax codes.
5. To preserve the right of the people to keep and bear arms as provided by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Michigan.
6. To provide a safe shooting venue, facilities and range sites.

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Michigan Act 162 of 1982 Non-Profit Corporation as "Charitable Purpose Corporation" qualifications:

- (a) Is exempt or qualifies for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.
- (b) Is a corporation whose purposes, structure, or activities are exclusively those that are described in section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.
- (c) Is a corporation organized or held out to be organized exclusively for 1 or more charitable purposes.

Some, not all, Sportsman's Clubs meet the Michigan criteria as a "Charitable Purpose Corporation"

- Federal classification of 501 (c)(3)
- Are organized in structure & have the bylaws required by Michigan Act 162 of 1982
- Make the effort and succeed at achieving its charitable objectives
(See attached documentation)

Charitable Purpose Organizations - As defined by Michigan COSA Act 169 of 1975

"Charitable organization" means a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, or eleemosynary organization of persons that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes.

Benevolent - organized for the purpose of doing good.

Financial support of charities & education

RSC over 10 years of documented support of

- Children education **\$61,674**

- 7 organizations, public & private **\$50,069**

Environmental projects

RSC 2000-10,000 trees given away annually

Law Enforcement

RSC facilities made available to local & state police, Homeland Security, DNR, US Customs, US Probation officers, Federal Court officers - valued **\$143,000**

Support of other non-profits

RSC makes facilities available to several area community & religious organizations - approx value **\$12,000/yr**

Educational - refers to nonprofit agencies providing educational services.

Annual scholarship(s)

RSC participates with focus on conservation or law enforcement

Hunters safety programs

RSC Runs three sessions annually

CPL Training

RSC provides facilities

Firearm Safety

RSC provides facilities

Philanthropic - nonprofit non-governmental entities that utilize donated assets and income to provide social useful services.

Sportsman Against Hunger

RSC provides meat from the deer hunt to the needy.

Has won the contest as largest provider for the last 3

years. Contest has provided over 4 million meals to the homeless over the last 12 years.

Adopt-A-Road

RSC has taken care of a section of Northland Dr. since 1955. Reduces Kent county costs \$1,800/yr.

**Rockford Sportsman's Club (RSC)
Cash Donations to Benefit Children of Community**

	YEAR						Grand Total
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Cub Scouts	134	231	165	150	150	150	1,879
MUCC Camp	775	1,560	450	500	1,000	1,000	5,285
Hunter Safety Education	709	853	2,750	1,500	2,750	2,750	17,312
Tracks Magazines Rockford Area Schools	1,373	1,967	1,960	1,936	1,789	1,768	19,899
Wildlife Encounters Rockford Area Schools	350	925	750	900	1,500	1,500	10,675
College Scholarships	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Encampment	50	50	50	50	50	50	600
Equest Center				8	8	8	24
TOTAL	3,890	6,086	6,625	5,544	7,747	7,726	61,674

	YEAR						Grand Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Cub Scouts	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,879
MUCC Camp							5,285
Hunter Safety Education	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	17,312
Tracks Magazines Rockford Area Schools	1,656	1,694	1,694	1,225	1,478	1,361	19,899
Wildlife Encounters Rockford Area Schools	1,000	750	750	750	750	750	10,675
College Scholarships	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Encampment	50	50	50	50	50	50	600
Equest Center							24
TOTAL	4,356	4,144	4,144	3,675	3,928	3,811	61,674

**Rockford Sportsman's Club (RSC)
Other Cash Donations**

	YEAR					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Algoma Township Fire Department	800	800	800	800	900	900
North Kent Community Center	150	150	150	150	150	150
Krause Memorial Library	100	150	150	150	150	150
Hunt for a Cure (Range Day)				3,500	3,500	5,000
Sportsmen Against Hunger	604	425	1,200	1,354	864	513
Algoma Christian School Park-A-Thon		100	100	100	100	100
Howard Christensen Nature Center						
TOTAL	1,654	1,625	2,400	6,054	5,664	6,813

	YEAR							Grand Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
Algoma Township Fire Department	900	900	2,369	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,169	
North Kent Community Center	150	150	150	759	185	1,716	4,010	
Krause Memorial Library	150	150	150	200	150	150	1,800	
Hunt for a Cure (Range Day)		1,200	1,305	1,887	2,700	2,000	21,092	
Sportsmen Against Hunger	518	611	751	583	643	1,436	9,498	
Algoma Christian School Park-A-Thon	150	150	150	150	200	200	1,500	
Howard Christensen Nature Center						300	300	
TOTAL	1,868	3,161	4,875	4,578	4,878	6,802	50,369	

**Rockford Sportsman's Club (RSC)
Shooting Range Use By Other Tax Exempt Organizations**

Grace Bible College Scholarship Program

Blyfield Baptist Father Son Day

Canon Baptist Father Son Day

Lake Belavista Father Son Day

Wheeling Sportsmen of Michigan

Rockford High School

Rockford Sportsman's Club (RSC)

Expenditures that affect the Community
Cash Donations and Costs of Donated Use of Facilities and Property

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Cash Donations to Benefit Children													
Cub Scouts	\$133.56	\$230.87	\$164.54	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,878.97
MUCC Camp	\$775.00	\$1,560.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00							\$5,285.00
Hunter Safety Education	\$709.00	\$853.40	\$2,749.97	\$1,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$17,312.37
Tracks Magazines Rockford Area Schools	\$1,372.50	\$1,967.00	\$1,960.00	\$1,936.00	\$1,788.50	\$1,767.50	\$1,655.50	\$1,694.00	\$1,694.00	\$1,224.75	\$1,477.50	\$1,361.25	\$19,898.50
Wildlife Encounters Rockford Area Schools	\$350.00	\$925.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$10,675.00
College Scholarships	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Encampment	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$600.00
Equest Center				\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00							\$24.00
Other Cash Donations													\$61,673.84
Algona Township Fire Department	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$2,369.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,169.00
North Kent Community Center	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$758.99	\$185.00	\$1,716.00	\$4,009.99
Krause Memorial Library	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
Hunt for a Cure (Range Day)				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,305.00	\$1,887.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$21,092.00
Sportsmen Against Hunger	\$604.25	\$425.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,353.50	\$863.50	\$512.50	\$517.50	\$610.50	\$750.50	\$582.50	\$642.50	\$1,436.00	\$9,498.25
Algona Christian School Park-A-Thon	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1,500.00
Howard Christensen Nature Center												\$300.02	\$300.02
													\$50,369.26
Shooting Range and Building Use By Police and Other Agencies for Training Exercises (Agency Savings)													
Mich. State Police	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$30,500.00
Mich. State Police ES Team	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$16,500.00
State Police Cadets (Explorer Scouts)						\$1,150.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$13,750.00
Home Land Security (Us Marshall's)(ICE)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$36,000.00
Rockford & Sparta Police	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$2,000.00
Federal Court Officers	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$5,010.00
US Customs	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$33,000.00
US Probation Officers	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$3,600.00
Dept. Natural Resources	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
													\$143,360.00
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Grace Bible College Scholarship Program													
Blayfield Baptist Father Son Day													
Canon Baptist Father Son Day													
Lake Belavista Father Son Day													
Wheeling Sportsmen of Michigan													
Totals Per Year	\$11,794.31	\$14,211.27	\$15,524.51	\$18,347.50	\$19,660.00	\$21,938.00	\$23,208.00	\$24,789.50	\$26,503.50	\$25,838.24	\$25,890.00	\$27,698.27	\$255,403.10