

The Nimrod League Newsletter

August, 2018

Monthly Meeting

Chris Craigie called this month's board meeting to order at 7:35 PM. He led us in the Pledge and a moment of silence, followed by Maryanne's secretary's report and Cindy Smith's treasurer's report. Kudos to Cindy, the Eboard, and the Trustees as our investments all look good. We have necessary expenses that are being met from sound money management. Well done to all!

Anybody catching any fish??? To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. We'd love to hear about your latest exploits! I'll serve as editor and get the story into a presentable format, subject to your approval before publishing. Please email me, Chris Erali, at eralic23@gmail.com

Monthly Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – **Next Meeting: August 14, 2018.** Make it a point to attend if you can. From 6:00 – 6:45 pm for a cocktail and socializing – then we serve the best \$5 meal in town! Club business discussed with occasional guest speakers from 7:15 - 8:30ish. It is usually an early night unless someone gets long-winded...

Communications

We received an invitation for the GOAL Range seminar. Maryanne also reported a flyer with information on the Boy Scouts-Nashua Valley Council Reception. In addition, we received a Princeton Real Estate business card and as per usual, the 8-Point Sportsmen's Club Newsletter.

Speakers

Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a speaker at a future meeting.

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Avoid poison ivy.”

Additionally, I'll report, I tried some of the new insect repellent for your clothing and gear that has as its main ingredient, **“Permethrin.”** It is for clothing and NOT for your skin. I was very pleased with the experience. I'm in the woods a lot and this summer has been a bad one for ticks. I have been constantly finding the little buggers crawling somewhere either on me or my clothing. The times when I've used the spray, I returned with no ticks! The evidence is purely anecdotal, but my experience has been very positive. I can't speak to how many washings it lasts, but it's supposed to be effective for up to 6 weeks. I recommend a tick check and/or a shower every time you're in an area where ticks are found. Tick borne diseases are serious!

New Business

We need to update family names on the Nimrod Remembers Board.

Old and Unfinished:

Maintenance on the clubhouse continues... Next on the list, the baseboards.

Conservation Camp

No report.

Scholarship

No report.

Membership

The Board accepted the following people as candidates for membership with a vote scheduled at the next general meeting: Paul Beaulieu, Andrew Bisson, Carrie Bisson, Mark Stearns, a Junior Membership for Shannon Dowd, and lastly, Michael Olson. To all of you, please join us at **our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, when we welcome you to our club.

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

We have 7 Summer Trap League members and they have completed 8 rounds.

Kitchen

The refrigerator has been acting up. The heat has been a contributing factor. The compressors are to be moved downstairs this week. The downstairs freezer has been cleaned out.

Upcoming chefs for our dinners are: Bruce Ebbeson in August, Ken Werme in September, and Bob Horgan is scheduled for October.

Game Dinner

No report.

Rifle Range

Chris Craigue is preparing the necessary information for the DCR.

House

The compressors are being moved and the porta-potties will be picked up.

Summer Function

We must select a date, so we can order the chicken. Right now, the tentative date is Sunday, September 23, 2018.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM. We aim for the newsletter to convey the highlights. E Board meetings are held at 7 PM the last Tuesday of the month. Members are welcome if you would like to come and observe our club's operation. Our membership can be very proud of the board and the time and effort that is made by everyone to keep our club running smoothly. Member concerns are always addressed. Many times, one board member will inform others that a single club member voiced a certain matter that he/she found

troubling. Our club can rest assured that any points brought up by a member are ALWAYS brought to the attention of the entire board.

Grounds

Volunteers are needed for mowing, weed whacking, and mulching. If anyone needs hours, please contact Neal Whitehead for more information. Neal was not present at the meeting, and a package was received with an equipment part. Joe will get it to him.

Finance

The market fluctuates as we all know. Smart investors stay the course.

Bar

Everything is going well.

Birds

No report.

Revenue

We still have a \$579 Cabela's gift card that has not been collected. We have made every effort to deliver the prize. Cindy will reach out once again, but if it is not collected, it will be a door prize at the Chicken Barbecue. Ralph suggested a smaller 30 guns raffle. The club has been unable to sell all the tickets in the past to make the fund raiser as lucrative as possible. The horse racing night presentation was discussed. It is always a struggle to get the membership to sell tickets. Horses are valued at \$20.00, but it is a chance to make \$100.00. We also would have revenue from betting, food and drink. It would be an off-meeting night and we would look to get 90 people for the night. There was much discussion of whether the club would support it. The Marlboro club had less than 30 people show up and cleared over \$1,100.00. The event is meant to be an adult night. It would be open to non-members. The cost is under \$500.00 and we will need 3 months to sell tickets. Chris Craigue has a real concern that Joe Afonso will need help and that can be hard to come by. Joe will be looking for members to serve on a committee for this event. Joe will proceed with committee work and report back.

Archery

The last IBO 3-D Shoot profit was \$2,510.00. Congrats to Jason and all who worked. The IBO met and recommended that we host the New England Series Championships for the years 2019 and 2020. This shoot would not be bigger than our IBO 3-D shoot. It would have a 60-target course. Expenses would include money for targets. It is possible to purchase "blemished" targets at a reduced rate. Jason is attending a shoot this weekend with the hope of getting some of these targets. After much discussion, the Eboard voted to reimburse any cost up to \$3,000.00. Jason will be looking for volunteers for a committee for the event. Dates, details, and planning options were discussed. Contracts will be required.

We are thinking about doing a chicken dinner next year for our IBO shoot. Larry can buy the chicken at a reduced rate. Procedures and planning for that and the New Year's Day Shoot on January 1st, 2019 were discussed. The Indoor League season will be starting. We are looking to upgrade the entire back wall with elasti-foam bales. Presently, archery spends \$700 -\$800 each year on bales. The upgrade has many advantages. The bales have no fluff filling that mice and other critters like for nesting, the bales don't hold odors, do not get hollow spots, and can be recompressed. Plus, they last 3 years. The cost is \$1,500.00 so it is like getting an extra year at no cost when compared with the less expensive bales. Expenses and budgeting were discussed. Jason will order the bales in early September.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

The last Young Guns Qualifying round was held at North Leominster. The finals will be August 12, 2018. 40 shooters and some prestigious guests are expected to attend. The League is looking for ideas for Kids' Days.

On the political front, the current legislative session is rapidly closing. We will see what happens with the crossbow bill. GOAL reports a lot of cohesion and support among outdoorsmen and clubs. This bodes well for any future lobbying on our behalf. Senate Bill 2249 on Sunday hunting could be affected in a positive way. The League feels that if Governor Baker gets reelected, we will have a strong advocate to put together a Conservation Alliance bill package.

Grant Writer

No report.

Good and Welfare

We sent a gift certificate to Mr. French for his quick recovery.

A donation was made in the name of Mr. Horsfal.

Al Afonso suggested a "historic" committee or volunteers to help compile our club's history. John Meyer has kept many of our records, but the work should not fall on one person, and we need to think in terms of preservation of the records. The short-term tasks are to gather the data and organize it. The long-term goal is to store it digitally. At the next Eboard meeting, Joe will bring a proposal for cloud storage as supplied by our security system. More news to come...

Linda Brewer had several requests for the recipe for her Summertime Chili which she served at our last meeting. Here it is:

Summertime Chili

- 1 ripe avocado peeled and chopped
- 1 firm cucumber peeled, chopped or sliced
- 1 16 oz can chili beans- drained

16 Oz of fresh salsa
Shredded Mexican Cheese
Sour Cream
Tortilla Chips

Combine ingredients in a large bowl **except** for chesse, chips, and sour cream, stir together and chill. Serve on tortilla chips, cheese and sour cream on the side.
Optional: add cooked Italian sweet sausage, garlic chicken, or spicy Italian.

Please if you have any news that you would like to have included in this section, good or bad, contact any member of the Executive Board, and we'll see that it is included.