

Monthly Meeting

Ahh, December... Hopefully, everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with plenty of turkey and football. Deer season has arrived, and the woods are filled with hunters trying to put away some venison for the winter. Good luck to all! I was away for the holiday and missed the Eboard meeting. Many thanks to Maryanne Lane and her dedication along with her notes so that I could put this newsletter together. Please enjoy the new order of the committees in the newsletter. Alphabetically seems to make the most sense, with some exceptions for logistics.

The December meeting opened with brevity as Maryanne had missed the prior Eboard meeting and did not have minutes to share in her Secretary's Report. Cindy followed with the Treasurer's Report which was on point as usual.

Invitation to all deer hunters. Please drop me a couple of lines about any success in your quest to bag a deer this year. No revealing locations or how many shots it took to down your prey! Secrets are definitely allowed in deer hunting! I'm sure we'd all enjoy hearing about your triumph. Thanks!

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: December 10, 2019**. 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 had the 8-Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter, a Health certificate and Alcohol Renewal paperwork, American Hunter magazine, a solicitation from Veteran's Inc., and a thank-you note from the Knights of Columbus for our donation to their Fill the Pantry Golf Scramble.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Make sure your hunter orange is not faded.”

Archery

Jason VanHillow reminds everyone that we will be having our Annual New Year's Day Shoot on January 1, 2020, from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Next Event: January 1 New Year's Day Shoot (see times above)

Bar

It's been quiet with just one event and it went well.

Birds

Kevin is looking for some help, particularly on Saturday mornings. He is asking shooters to arrive at 7:00 AM to help stock birds. There was some discussion of serving breakfast on these days. Maybe next year?

Any members that might be interested in pheasant hunting should contact him. You'll see how the operation works on Saturday mornings and get to meet some of the regulars. Again, it's an easy and fun way to be involved in YOUR club.

Finance

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

Game Dinner

ATTENTION! VERY IMPORTANT!

We are looking for a person or persons to be the chairperson(s) for the game

dinner. *You can organize and run the dinner as you like. You'll organize the committee, help, and direct preparation and service of the meal. Please note, this has NOT always been just one person. It can be two or even three people. There is strength in numbers. Numerous volunteers make it easy to schedule and no one person gets overloaded with hours. This past year we had several members come up and chop of a couple of bowls of onions or carrots. We didn't stay long but things got done! Make a commitment for one weekend! Working with other club members is great for fellowship! We have deer, moose, pheasant, and fish! Lots of fun! Even if you don't know how to cook, you can always chop vegetables. We need YOU!*

Grant Writer: We need a new chairperson!

Tina Gianos is stepping away as our grant writer. We are looking for a member to take on this task. Tina has everything in place to make this a pretty straightforward process. She is happy to show our new grant writer the ropes!

Grounds

Rick Longbottom has been plowing. Grounds chair, Neal Whitehead, is seeking new committee members and help. Contact him if you are interested.

House

Our range hood has been inspected along with completing the fire suppression system. An appointment has been made for our liquor license renewal. We are up to date on our grease trap and septic inspections. We plan to do a grease trap cleaning immediately following the game dinner. We now have Internet in the clubhouse. Sam Ganeson will put up the network name and password.

Ice Fishing

John is getting ready! Flyers will be out soon! **Date: February 2nd Super Bowl Sunday**

Don't worry. You'll be home by kickoff time!

Kitchen

Napkins have been restocked. Everything looks nice and clean. Bruce and Ralph will meet the Westerman's to repair the sanitizer. Please be aware that we have a "sanitizer" and not a dish washer. In addition, it runs better if we use it more frequently. *(Kind of like an out-board motor!)*

Scheduled Cooks

Tracey Kohler will be chef in December, with Sam Ganeson in January. February is open. March is Bruce Ebbeson, with April being Christine. May, June and July are open, with Bruce again in August.

Many thanks to these folks for volunteering to serve as cooks. **Please remember they can use HELP!** Contact them for times if you can come help prep before, and during the meal. **Clean-up help is even more appreciated. Most times people have already been at the club for several hours. Clean-up is the last thing they want to do. If you have 30 minutes or so after dinner, come into the kitchen.** Someone will show you the routine for washing dishes, the tables, and the floor. Many hands make light work and it is much appreciated! In most cases you only miss a little info from the general meeting. And not listening can be a bonus for your digestion! Thanks to all!

Land Use

The gate for the powerline border has been installed and looks good. Chips are down on the skidder trail and the mud has disappeared! We will observe how plowing on the road affects the mulch to see if we should repeat the process in the future. If the results are positive we will mulch again and earlier in the year.

Membership

Isaac Houston reports that we currently have 407 members, 75 of whom are life members. 126 people have renewed to date. That figure does not include internet renewals. We agreed to spend up to \$200 for a

company that makes items from game skins, or to purchase a trail camera to donate to the Worcester County League banquet.

We have one new member to be voted on at the next general meeting. She is Lisa Genatossio. Lisa, please join us on Tuesday, December 10th when we welcome you to our club! Come and enjoy the best \$5 meal around! All membership information has been mailed to you. Members can rejoin using our website for dues payment.

Photography

The Trail Camera Photo Contest is coming in January 2020! You should be collecting pictures right now!

Records

Business

Linda Brewer reports that we will have all files complete and finish an office cleaning in January. Linda needs information from various entities to be up and running as we complete all organizational and filing steps.

Historical

Things are quiet right now. We are looking for a used gun safe with above-adequate fire protection. This will be used to store documents, so the fire protection must have good numbers regarding time and temperature. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any deals.

Revenue: We need a new Chairperson!

Want to do something to help the club? Entertain some ideas for raising money and then see that it gets done. You can form your own committee. This is great opportunity to give back! Our up-coming Football Playoff in the Clubhouse is a good example of producing some revenue for Nimrod! Please let Chris Craigie or Kevin Chviruk know of your interest.

Rifle Range

We have blocks lined up for the range. Workday is coming. Kevin will help Friday afternoon working on the 25-yard berm.

Reminder: The rifle range is closed until noon on all pheasant hunt days.

Standing Committees

Scholarship No report

Standing Rules No report

Summer Function No report

Board of Trustees

There will be an email going out to the board to schedule a meeting. Our annual Auditing is coming up.

Trap/Skeet

Trap and Skeet is going well. We had a sunny day this past week, and that made a difference.

Trap party will be on December 19th!

Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday afternoon/evening. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

For Kids' Day we are deciding what materials to use. Bee boxes are best made from bamboo, but it may be too expensive. We are rethinking this project. We voted to get two tables for this year's banquet. We will get into the early bird raffle by reserving before January. The League made some money at the Gun Show. We are looking for volunteers to work the Sportsman's show (late January) and at the Marlboro Gun Show.

New Business

With the change of the clocks and early darkness a light for our grill was deemed necessary. Joe promised to pick one up for about \$25.00.

Old and Unfinished

We have 500-1000 Boundary Markers to go up, and about 22 larger Point of Entry Signs as well. Gil and one of our members will start flagging and in January everything should be put up. A committee is being formed and we will need volunteers.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:00 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.

Good and Welfare

We lost WCLS member, Fred Warren. Fred was well-known in the sportsmen community. Our deepest condolences to his friends and family.

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.