

EBoard Monthly Meeting, January 26, 2021

We are into the first day of the second month of the year 2021, and as I write this we are experiencing a good ole Nor'easter as it is snowing quite hard outside. It will keep many hunkered down for a day or two, but it is nothing unexpected. We do live in New England. Let me put this request out first in this month's newsletter. It is important. And I am finishing this on Tuesday morning!

If you would like to get a head start on work hours for 2021???

**The Grounds Committee requests: When the storm ends,
ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP WITH SNOW CLEAN-UP
AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE, THE BARN, TRAP AND SKEET
COURSES, AND THE LIKE!**

Please bring shovels and join in! Many hands make light work!

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. We would love to hear about your latest exploits! I will 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. – The February general club meeting will happen on Tuesday February 9, 2021. I believe it will be via ZOOM, but you never know. Keep an eye out for an email with more information and/or a link to join the meeting. It will probably come from Joe Afonso.

Secretary Report

Maryanne was not in attendance so there was no report.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy was present, but her documents were not. Her report was incomplete. Thus, we discussed our legal fees, and finally played a short virtual game of *Clue* to try and discover where our new debit/credit card was located??? Cindy tried to use the old one and found that it had expired. We will contact the bank and check mail for any new card arrivals. It is probably a good guess that the bank has not issued them since new access signatures by board members are needed at the bank. We can be quite confident that the problem will be solved. Never let it be a concern that the Nimrod club is not able to access our money in its usual efficient manner. Bank trips are in the future for Dave Fillow, Sam Ganeson, Chris Craigue, and Kevin Chviruk. Handwriting analysis will be suspect given the signature penmanship of that group!

Communication

No report.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Be Sure the Ice is Safe Before You Venture Out!”

Archery

Targets have been ordered and as soon as they arrive we will put them to good use. The cost should not exceed \$3,000. Shoots are scheduled for April 18, 2021, and the IBO Shoot May 1st & 2nd. Following dates are also included. They are July 11, 2021, November 14 and finally December 14. These last two shoots will be indoor shoots.

Bar

Nothing new to report. Gary Girardi is on the mend.

Birds

Our last special bird hunt was held yesterday, Sunday January 31st and that should finish our bird news for the season.

Board of Trustees

Pat Orrell as usual, is on top of our portfolio to mitigate taxes as much as possible this time of the year. He also had some sage advice that Eboard meetings on ZOOM were fine. "And I don't know why you would have them any other way." There was just a little discussion and President Chris assured everyone that he was considering a hybrid meeting after COVID regulations were lifted. We are becoming a 21st century club whether we intend to or not!

Finances

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

Our auditors are Pat Orrell, Greg McIntyre, and Roy Baer.

Game Dinner

No report.

Grant Writer

No report.

Grounds

This is all moot for this week which is Super Bowl Sunday!

INSTEAD

One of our biggest events held on the "hard water" in Rutland!

NIMROD'S 20th ANNUAL ICE FISHING OUTING!

It will be February 7th, Super Bowl Sunday, at Long Pond in Rutland starting just after daybreak. Sunrise is around 7 AM so you be the judge as to when you want to arrive. Looks like plenty of thick "hard water" this year but we will monitor the weather and ice thickness this week for safety. A great Nimrod tradition for kids, wives, girlfriends, and grandparents. Always free hot coffee, free hot dogs, trophies, and medals. No equipment necessary to come out and see your buddies again under GREAT, outdoor, fresh air, social distancing conditions!

QUESTIONS, CALL JOHN MEYER 508-864-2028

Please note, there is nothing like watching a child catch a big fish!

House

No report.

Kitchen

The kitchen remains closed as we are not compliant with COVID-19 restaurant regulations. We will do as much as possible outside within regulations.

Land Use

No report.

Membership

The transition as chair to Sam Ganeson is going well. He reports that we had 2 renewals come in and he is working on 26 that are still pending. The new gate is under construction. For all those members that completed their renewals for 2021 before the end of 2020, we had a drawing for a winner with the reward being the waiver of dues for the calendar year 2022. The winner of that drawing was Michael Gormley. Congratulations to Michael!

We have 4 new applications this month. They are Stephen Dayutis, James Perry, Al Glockner, and Jim Libby. To our 4 new inductees, please join us at our monthly club meeting on February 9th when we welcome you to our club.

Records

Linda has been uploading some material and is anxiously waiting for the COVID vaccine so she can start cleaning the office.

And there is good news on getting fireproof protection for our documents. Chris Craigie and John Meyer investigated a fireproof “cabinet” rather than a safe. We have a lot of papers that have historical value, but not monetary. The cost for a cabinet would probably be in the \$1,000 to \$1,500 range. We will save not only because a safe is easily 2 or 3 times that price, but also a cabinet does not weigh as much, and we will not need installation services. We can install it ourselves! Problem solved! Kudos to Chris and John! Thank you, gentlemen! If you have ever even watched a 1,000 pounds plus safe being delivered and installed, believe me, you will be glad you were not involved! Some moving companies will not even take the job!

Rentals

We are looking forward to Saturday April 17, 2021 for *Goal's Women on Target*.

Kevin Newell is looking for ammunition donations for *Women on Target*

Rifle Range

Winter weather can make the range VERY ICY. Use sand liberally. Send Ed a note if it is getting low. There is plenty of cardboard at the garage. We are making more target holders. The range is in good shape, thank you.

**Remember, WHATEVER YOU CARRY IN,
BRING IT OUT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE, PLEASE!**

Standing Committees

No report.

Scholarship

Last year we posted applications online and awarded by mail. Linda is moving forward to getting out applications. We are accepting them. *Answer to a Question*: Yes, you can re-apply for a scholarship.

Conservation Camp

No report.

Trap/Skeet

Trap and skeet is fine, but it is far from crowded. Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday evening. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting. COVID regulations apply.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

We have a GoFundMe page for lobbying, and we are brainstorming on how we can be more effective. It looks like Mass Wildlife is going to raise its fees. It has been a while since license fees went up so the idea is not surprising.

Old and Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 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

Sam Ganesan is continuing as our Good and Welfare chair.

Our very own Eric Johansen passed away recently. He had been stricken at home, rushed by ambulance to the hospital where he spent a few days in ICU until he finally passed. A difficult time for all. Our deepest condolences go out to the Johansen family and friends. Here is a link to his obituary.

<https://www.milesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Eric-Johansen-2/#!/Obituary>

Please allow me to share a couple of memories of Eric. We met probably over 30 years ago. It was at a soccer tournament. I want to say the old Columbus Day Tournament, but I am not sure. We were two fathers helping the Holden Youth Soccer program. No surprise here. Both Eric and I had volunteered to work the grill and cook burgers and dogs. I did not know him but was instantly impressed with his smile and enthusiasm. We made small talk, but we were both a little shy and hesitant. I remember asking my wife Nancy about him as she had had one of his kids in school. Like everyone her comment was, "He is such a nice guy!" I concurred.

I would not have any other contact with him until I joined Nimrod years later. We both were busy raising our families and making a life. He immediately made me feel welcome. The thing about Eric was that in conversation, he always made you feel like you were the most important person in the world.

We have our ice fishing outing this week. I remember being on Long Pond and going over to the grill. Guess who, was manning the grill? I wanted a hot dog. Eric smiled and said, "Great! What do you want on it?"

"I want the works. Whatever you have."

"Great! Look at this we have mustard, ketchup, relish, onions, chili, sauerkraut, filet mignon, venison, pulled pork, bear, you name it we have it!" We both laughed. It was Eric. He made a hot dog for me on a cold day on Long Pond and made me feel like he was cooking a gourmet meal. Eric made everyone feel great just cooking a hot dog. No matter who you were, child or adult, his face would light up as you approached the grill.

I can still see his face clearly, a glint in his eyes, the big smile, the scruffy beard, sometimes a cigar, he might be running the raffle at a game dinner or selling tickets. He was the only guy I ever knew that could sell raffle tickets and not make anyone feel pressured to hand over a 10- or 20-dollar bill. You just dug into your pocket cheerfully as Eric patiently waited with his customary charm.

Eric lived his life with so much grace. There was an elegance in his burly frame. He was always volunteering. He would offer to help if you needed it. At Nimrod he was just forever involved. A successful businessman. His company painted my garage and some of the rooms in my home. He was a comrade and confidant, a man of merit and stature, who will be sorely missed by all. To our good friend, Eric, rest in peace, and may God bless.

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 will see that it is included.