

As of EBoard Monthly Meeting, December 29, 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! And without any reservations, good riddance to 2020! A vaccine has been developed and is being distributed as we write this newsletter. We still have a way to go, but we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. First responders, health care workers and the like are in Phase 1 distribution and are receiving the vaccine first. Over 65 folks which include a good number of our members will have an opportunity to get it in Phase 2 which is scheduled for February to April. Included in that group are the schools and their personnel. The general public will have their opportunity from May to June. Anybody with extra risk factors, check with your physician because you may have special privileges! It has been a long haul and it is not done yet. We have been lucky, and our discipline has given us good results. Let us not falter now. Our club deserves kudos for observing state guidelines throughout the year and I apologize to Chris and Joe for missing the ZOOM email invitation for the virtual Eboard meeting. I did not see it until it was too late. I will update our last newsletter posted.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. The 2020 hunting season has ended. 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 January general club meeting will happen on Tuesday January 12, 2020. I believe it will be via ZOOM, but that is just a guess on my part. Keep an eye out for an email with a link to join the meeting. It will probably come from Joe Afonso.

I did not attend the Eboard meeting, so once again I am especially grateful to Maryanne for her minutes of the meeting.

Communication

We received *Bear Hunting Magazine*.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

Since deer season has ended I am making an executive decision and changing “Wear Hunter Orange” to:

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

Archery

There have been a small number of indoor shoots, but they have been limited to those clubs that have plexiglass dividers installed. We have joined the NFAA. Our New Year’s Day shoot was cancelled. Some outdoor shoots were run by other clubs. Nimrod should be able to host 2021 shoots and we will do as much as possible as our country begins to open back up. 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.

We have some projects to work on. Bales need to be upgraded and the course preparation naturally. We have discussed videotaping some shoots to use for recruiting new members, but also new shooters.

Funding was discussed but tabled until a later date.

Bar

We are replenishing, as necessary. Nothing new to report.

Birds

Youth hunt was cancelled. Special bird hunt was held yesterday on Saturday July 9th.

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.

Finances

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

Game Dinner

No report.

Grant Writer

No report.

Grounds

The outdoor fire pit has been constructed. It is warmly burning as I write this newsletter. Sunday afternoons it is **THE** place to be! Possible outside televised playoff football. Everything is **BRING YOUR OWN!** That means the NIMROD BAR is closed! Bring your own drinks, food, the grill will be available for cooking (bring your own cooking utensils), paper plates, cups, chairs, blankets, etc.. The clubhouse will be open only for bathroom use. State regulations regarding masks and social distancing are required.

This is a great opportunity to get outside with dogs, kids, and ourselves despite the pandemic. Last Sunday, we did not have the game on, but there were lots of smiles and many good stories being shared. Thanks to Chris Craigue, Kevin Chviruk, and John Meyer for making this happen!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for any upcoming snowstorms! Helping clean up after a storm is a great way to get your required hours for membership completed.

House

Ralph and Cindy are checking our propane tank to see if we need a delivery.

Kitchen

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

Land Use

Signage work will continue as the weather permits. Chris Craigue will keep us posted.

Membership

We have 72 members still left to pay dues. 322 people have paid or are lifetime members. We are ahead of our pace from last year. As most of you know that keep up with club emails, Isaac Houston is turning over the reins of the Membership Committee to Sam Ganesan. Isaac's career will take him to Pennsylvania. After many years of Paul Frasier's lobbying, and Isaac's efforts we were able to make some much-needed updates. Online dues paying which we already have and automatic gates with imminent ground-breaking, have finally been achieved. Kudos to Paul for his many years of service and yearly petitioning for such changes. And much acclaim to Isaac during his short term as chair for finally pushing it through and making it happen. We have much to be thankful for from our membership leaders. Finally, thanks to Chris Craigue and the Eboard for finding the funding and taking this not small step to upgrade!

Records

No report.

Rentals

We are looking forward to Saturday April 17, 2021 for Goal's 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. 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 were resumed Thursday January 7th.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Shrewsbury project was completed and handed off to a conservation group.

Old and Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Sam Ganesan is continuing as our Good and Welfare chair.

Tom McArdle passed away on December 8, 2020. A card was sent, and we express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Eric Johansen suffered a significant seizure and cardiac arrest. He is in guarded condition at UMass Med Center's ICU. Please keep EJ in your thoughts and prayers. A meals calendar website has been started if you would like to participate. Here is the LINK: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/72qoe9>

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.