

## Monthly Meeting

Happy Birthday, America! I hope you all had a nice 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Independence Day. We usually have a big cookout with lots of people. This year it was a quieter, less crowded affair. Just my wife, daughter, son-in-law and my grandson. After raising two daughters, having a boy around is special. It was quite nice.

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](mailto:eralic23@gmail.com)

Monthly Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – The July meeting is on and will happen on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. It will be held outside from 6 PM to 8 PM. The grill will be up and running and we'll have ready-made sides purchased elsewhere. Having burgers and hot dogs outdoors makes compliance with state guidelines easier. Make it a point to attend if you can.

## Communication

I did not attend the Eboard meeting, so I am especially grateful to Maryanne for her minutes of the meeting. The mail included a card from Resources for Woodlands Owners-Videos available from North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership. Visit

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSYFNGL\\_LES&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSYFNGL_LES&feature=youtu.be) Additionally, we had our usual suspects, American Hunter Magazine, Cambridge Investment Research, Franklin Custodial Funds, and the Nimrod 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:

There was no discussion listed on the minutes so I will make one up.

**“When boating, keep the kids’ in life jackets and have a flotation cushion for every adult.”**

How’s that?...

## Bar

No events, no problems, and the result is peace and quiet.

## Birds

New poles and nets are up in the pens at the jail. Chicks are coming in this week.

## Kitchen

Directly from an email I received from Bruce... Dave Oriol and Bruce Ebbeson recommend that the kitchen remain closed. We currently are unable to comply with Massachusetts Covid 19 Restaurant Guidelines. To comply, we must have a Serve Safe certified supervisor in the kitchen at all times when preparing meals for others to prevent the spread of Covid 19. All surfaces in the kitchen must be sanitized frequently. Medical grade face masks must be worn by all kitchen staff who wear nitrile gloves in addition to proper hand sanitization. Hand sanitizer must be available. A Plexiglas shield must be installed

in the serving window. Single serve condiments may only be used and dispensed with tongs.

Dave Oriol has purchased single serve condiments and tongs that are on the prep station in the kitchen. Dave and Bruce recommend that members purchase restaurant take-out for meetings like we do for the E Board meetings.

## **Trap**

Adam and Etta Goodband have stepped up and are running our Thursday Trap night. And they have been busy with plenty of shooters. The Trap League started July 9, 2020. The cost is \$35.00 and it will run for 12 weeks or so with 8 rounds counted. We donated frozen hams to the Wachusett Food Pantry. Trap will run from 4-9 PM.

We will be following the CDC Guidelines and here are some of the specifics:

- Wear a mask or follow Social Distancing (6ft apart).
- Club house doors will be open for access to the bathrooms. Main bathroom doors will be propped open.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations.
- Weather permitting, the gun rack will be located outside on the patio. We will not be using the inside tables for staging shooting equipment. We will have picnic tables outside spaced apart and the covered pavilion area available for stage your shooting supplies, people also have the option of working directly from their vehicles in the parking lot.
- When signing up only the person running the table will handle the pen and sign shooters to their squad as requested.
- The Skeet squads will be reduced from 5 to 3 shooters to allow more space.
- The Trap crew will ensure that inside surfaces get sanitized on a regular basis.

## **House**

Ralph Cochran is seeing to setting up a wireless phone line. We had been experiencing false alarms on our security system and this should remedy the problem. Inspections are set for September. Chris reports that the town will come to measure buildings. He will call to schedule an appointment time.

## **Grounds**

Grass is looking brown. Hopefully, some rain will help. There are picnic tables on the back porch and the pavilion that need repair. We now have copper-based pressure-treated lumber that is safe to use.

## **Rifle Range**

The range has been left a little messy lately. Please pick up spent rounds and take the trash out with you.

**Think camping. Leave no evidence that you were ever there.** Please keep shots in the center of target stands so we do not have to replace the stands so often. If you see debris or rock on the range PLEASE pick up the range. The range road is getting narrow. The Board agreed to spend a \$1,000 to widen the road. In addition, we will get grindings for the road for a cost of \$300 a truckload. We may also have access to a roller. The Board voted to spend up to \$1,500 for grindings.

## **Worcester County League of Sportsmen**

Check out the WCLS newsletter online. There is a board meeting on Thursday July 10 for the purpose of discussing Conservation Camp. We are currently in Phase 2B in the opening up due to the coronavirus. Phase 3 may bring about charter fishing with tournaments, derbies, and possible boat rentals at Quabbin. Be sure to check the website. No leadership changes for the League except that Pete Silva has stepped

down. Pat O'Day will replace him. The League is also communicating with the Town of Shrewsbury to clean up one of the old rivers.

### **Archery**

From an email to Chris from Chair Jason VanHillow: There will be no organized shoots at Nimrod for 2020. All have been cancelled. The committee is looking as May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2021 for the IBO.

### **Land Use**

Chris will contact Princeton to schedule building measuring. There is more signage work to be completed. Some small signs for property lines and large ones near Oak Circle and other points of entry.

### **Membership**

We have 3 applications for membership we are voting tonight to bring in as new members. They are David Sachs, Eric Watson, and Etta Goodband. To our newest members, please join us for the best \$5 dinner on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 when we welcome you into the club!

### **Scholarship**

Roy will be sending 4 scholarships to the recipients. Congratulations to all of you!

### **Documentation**

No report.

### **Grant Writing**

Al Afonso has reached out to Tina twice and is awaiting a response.

### **Rentals**

We are clear of rentals for the foreseeable future. **Cigar night is scheduled for July 25, 2020.** We will have a tent outside to be able to spread out and practice social distancing. All food will be cooked outside with no one inside except to use the restrooms.

### **Conservation Camp**

We are not sponsoring this year and are awaiting our deposit to be returned.

### **Old and Unfinished Business**

We are still looking for a donation of a large safe. The WPI people have finished their project. Princeton has to update trails on open areas. Any on DCR property cannot be shown on the DCR website due to many restrictions. Chris Craigue will set up a meeting at Nimrod.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion about the July Club Meeting and the Board voted to have a cookout outside to make it easier to comply with Covid19 restrictions. Six years ago, EJ's son put in the Beaver Pond Trail. A work party will mark the trail with signage every 50 feet. We also received a quote to get new walkways done for the trap pads. We will need Bob Horgan's input for measurements on location. We will save some money by doing the demolition of the old walkways ourselves with our tractor. This will go to the membership. We are committed to the Rifle Range project as well. The expenditures along with the key card project will need to be discussed and prioritized.

### **Good and Welfare**

Everyone STAY SAFE! It looks like this life may be with us for a while.

*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.*