

Monthly Meeting

Welcome to this month's version of our newsletter. I apologize for my lateness in getting this out, particularly to those of you who receive it via "snail mail." You probably won't receive this until after our monthly meeting. I haven't been feeling well and at the same time I was busy and never took the time to get it done. Again, my apologies to all.

Special Notice:

With Kevin Chviruk presiding in Chris's absence we learned immediately that as of the April 30th Eboard meeting, we had not received any Scholarship Applications. The upshot is the deadline has been extended to Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Members may have seen Mary McKay Brewer's emails on this topic. I've highlighted this notice and put it in the beginning of this newsletter with the hope that nobody will miss it!!!

Our meeting started as usual with Maryanne's Secretary's Report and Cindy Smith's Treasurers Report. Both were on point as usual and Eboard members asked for clarifications as necessary.

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: May 14, 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 received the 8-Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter ad well as the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine Newsletter. In addition, our mail included Masterman's Catalog, a GOAL Certificate of Affiliation, a questionnaire from the Princeton Board of Assessors, a thank-you note and \$50.00 donation to the scholarship fund from Christine B. Ewald of 4 Oakcrest Road in Holden. This was a generous gesture as she is moving from the area and wanted to thank the club at this time.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“When turkey hunting, know what is behind your target and watch out for ticks!!!

New Business

Joe Afonso reports that the Young Guns date is August 11 and will require a \$300 budget which we mostly get back with sales during the event.

Summer Function

The Summer Function is not being held this year.

Old and Unfinished:

Many thanks to Zach Photakis, Larry Josti, and Dan Leroux for help making the first cigar night a success. The Owl Shop supplied great cigars and the beef was delicious!

Conservation Camp

We have 2 spots filled and payment has been completed.

Scholarship

Deadline for applications has been extended to Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Applications are available from Linda McKay Brewer’s email thread or online.

Membership

We have two new membership applications to bring before the membership. They are Christine Shustak and James Hamilton. To Christine and James, **please join us at our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2019**, when we welcome you to our club.

A reminder that **Paul is looking to hand off Membership Committee responsibility.** His decision creates an opportunity for someone to become more involved in our club. Volunteers are welcome for this position!

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

Thursdays have been picking up the last couple of weeks. The Trap league is starting June 6, 2019. Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday night. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Kitchen

The April 20th clean-up day went well. Bruce would like to thank regular veteran, Al Afonso, who was joined by newcomers, Bill Walker, Duncan Phyfe, and Scott Stidsen and his son, Beau. Incidentally, Beau is being sponsored by our club to attend the Mass. Junior Conservation Camp in August. The kitchen is spotless, and we'd like to thank all of our club members for helping maintain this level of cleanliness to protect the health and safety of our members and guests.

Scheduled Cooks

Pat Orrell will be serving as chef in May, Bob Horgan in June, Linda Brewer July, and Bruce Ebbeson 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 in to 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!

Game Dinner

We had a sellout crowd of 92 members and guests who enjoyed the dinner, raffles, and such on April 6th. We appreciate the support of our loyal regular members at this event. They are Al Afonso, Larry Josti, Linda Brewer, Chris Erali, Dave Fillow, Steve Gogos, Gary Girardi, Ralph Cochran, Becca Cochran, Kevin Chviruk, Harry Wilbur, Joe Afonso, Bob Horgan, Geoff Weaver, Bob Avedisian, Christine Ewald, Joe Cassie, Damon Sloan, Eric Johanson, Jim Asaiante, Doug Kimball, and any others that we may have missed mentioning. This is a big thank you for making this event a success.

Much appreciation from Bruce Ebbeson and Paul Fraser.

And a big thank you from the club to Bruce and Paul.

Rifle Range

Cameras are coming in and will be installed soon. Our Range improvement project will start as soon as the area is dry. There was some discussion about a large group of guests at the range. In addition, the question of our range being NRA compliant was discussed. These topics were

tabled for further discussion.

***.22 Rimfire Bench Rest Rifle Competition—June 8, 2019 Women on Target—
May 4, 2019***

.22 Rimfire Bench Rest Rifle Competition—May 18, 2019

House

Ralph and the committee are researching costs on changing over to card readers for keys. This will entail the appropriate new locks on the clubhouse and the gates. There was much discussion revolved around reasons to modernize our security and cost. The worry was that at any time there are people with keys to the property floating around who are no longer members. With a computerized system without an actual key we would simply eliminate accepting card codes and the property would be much safer. More to come...

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:05 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

Grounds Spring Clean-up! May 19, 2019! 9:00 AM start time.

We lost some shingles on the barn.

Land Use

We have finalized language for markers and boundary signs. The committee is trying to determine the correct number of signs that we need. Discussion was between 500 to a 1,000. Regarding the gate, we may be looking into putting up our own gate.

We are also looking into developing a food plot on the property. Mulch is being added to the low spots on the skidder trail and we may be doing stump grinding as well.

Finance

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

Bar

No report.

Birds

No report.

Revenue

No report and no current projects listed.

Archery

No report.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Sponsors have been found for the Young Guns competition. They will provide hats and 3 prizes for each division. We will most likely have over 15 clubs involved in the event. The league is monitoring 2 bills that affect going afield. One is the "crossbow bill" and the other Sunday hunting.

Business Records:

Linda Brewer is setting up infrastructure for use in the cloud. Then she will work with Committee Chairs to upload documents. She has created a "Committee Document Organizer" to preserve and organize the files. Committee heads are encouraged to meet with Linda when both you and she are ready. Finally, at some point a scanner will be needed. We have hard documents to preserve without a digital file. The scanner will make the digital file which we can preserve in the cloud.

Historical Records:

John Meyer's committee is continuing to gather old documents and photos. The Gale Free Library of Holden is providing access to old records for NIMROD information via their microfiche system. For our history buff's this can be an exciting and fascinating project. As you sit scrolling through old newspapers, documents, etc., you get to read about not only early days of NIMROD, but you'll find other topics, people, pictures and articles about our town's past that are quite intriguing. There is always some event that you perhaps know a little about and for just a few minutes of your time you get to learn the details. If you have never done this, it can be very rewarding and eye-opening. I'm sure John would love an extra pair of eyes to help. No heavy lifting, you sit at a desk and look at a screen of documents on film. It is "older" technology from "pre-computer" times. Now in the computer age, microfiche is being converted into digital documents. That is what we will be doing for our Archives. Paper documents are converted via the scanner discussed above in Business Records. There is always a story, person, or some tidbit of history that you'll share with friends and family from just a couple of hours sitting at a desk. Neat stuff!

Photography

Linda continues to post amazing photos of club events. Please check them out on our Facebook page. A reminder: It's not too early to get your trail camera up and operating. The Trail Camera Photo Contest is coming!

Grant Writer

Tina Gianos announced reception of the NRA grant to fully fund the Youth Pheasant Hunt for 2019. The NRA has given the club a check for \$1,131.56 that will cover the cost for all of the pheasants, orange hunting vests and hats as well as screen printing the NRA Logo and Nimrod's logo on the apparel.

This is the second year in a row that the NRA Foundation has sponsored this event and we are looking forward to seeing youth hunters come take advantage of this opportunity in the fall. Mark your calendars and let's have a great turnout!

Tina is the person to see if you have a source of funding. Even if you are not sure, please contact her so that she can research the entity. If a committee wants to have a program for kids or a community, she can look for grants in those areas too. Time can be a factor. She needs at least 3 months to complete the application process. Thanks!

Good and Welfare

There were no entries for this month. Let us count our blessings.