

The Nimrod League Newsletter

May 2021

EBoard Monthly Meeting, April 27, 2021

The Eboard meeting was a little slow getting started as we did not start until 7:36 PM. As usual though, the board moved through the agenda with their usual efficiency. Please note a thank you to volunteers for our *Women's Day at the Range* from Kevin Newell under the Good and Welfare section of this newsletter.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. **Somebody must have had a nice day of fishing or bagged a turkey. 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 next general club meeting will happen on Tuesday May 11, 2021.** We will meet live and in person.

Secretary Report

Maryanne gave her report with the same competency as always. It was accurate and precise as expected.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy's report was equally informative and exact. All our big checks are back and the accounts are balanced.

Communication

Communication in our mail was limited to American Hunter 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: *(This was one we used in May of 2019.)*

**“When turkey hunting, know what is behind your target,
use insect repellent and check for ticks.”**

Archery

Jason reports our first shoot in quite a while went well. The turnout was a touch sparse but that was expected since we are coming out of the pandemic and it will take time for people to get back out to their usual pastimes. The archers were impressed though and a good time was had by all with a many positive comments. The IBO shoot on May 1st and 2nd was equally well-received. It is nice to see our club opening up and becoming active again. For the past year we have had a couple of bonfires in the fire pit, some dog walkers, and hikers, but that has been most of the activity other than the rifle range, trap, and hunting. Busy feels good!

Bar

We have a rental possibility for late May for less than a dozen people. Finalized plans were still being made as of the Board meeting.

Birds

Dave Craigue will be taking over as Bird Chairman from Kevin Chviruk. Thank you and good luck, Dave!

Finances

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

Game Dinner

No report. Cancelled due to COVID.

Grant Writer

No report.

Grounds

Another Grounds Clean-up Workday is planned for Sunday, May 16th. Once again this is an **ALL CALL** for any and all members looking to help out.

House

We have just been continuing with general cleaning and maintenance.

Kitchen

Pat Orrell is unable to cook for our May meeting. We will need volunteers to use our grill for burgers and/or hot dogs. Contact Chris Craigue if you would like to help.

Land Use

We have 10 apple trees planted up beyond the rifle range in *The Orchard*. We will have to protect and nurture the trees. It is already looking like a great place for a trail camera!

Membership

Sam Ganeson has been a busy guy with all the work he is doing for our club. This month he reports that we have the following people who are ready for induction as new members: Nick Oates, who is sponsored by Christopher Dik and Paul Fraser and Kyle Rutkowski, sponsored by Kevin Chviruk and Neal Whitehead. To Nick and Kyle, please join us on Tuesday, May 11th, when we welcome you to our club and enjoy the best \$5 meal anywhere!

Sam also has been putting together the records and computer files for our new automatic gate. The Eboard has served as guinea pigs to work out any difficulties with the new key fobs. It appears there are none. The rest of our members will be receiving their fobs forthwith. Again, Sam has to upload all the member names for each fob to the computer. Sam sent out an email indicating that the membership's gate fobs will be mailed out in batches. In the email he also gave a great description and suggestions for operating procedure. A two-week trial period will occur after all the fobs have been mailed. To complete our transfer over to the new system, the old gate will have a new padlock installed rendering our old keys obsolete.

Records

Always looking for data.

Rifle Range

We had a successful clean-up before our *Women's Day at the Range*. Ed Reitz thanks those of you who came and helped. It was much appreciated. Target frames were replaced, and they were all unscathed following the Women's Day event. There were a lot of novice shooters and none of the frames were shot up. That is a challenge to all of us to use the equipment properly and it will last longer. Again, a reminder that all lead should hit the berm.

Remember, whatever you carry in, bring it out with you when you leave. (including all trash) Thanks!

Standing Committees

Scholarship

No names yet. Howard Gelles is now on the committee.

Conservation Camp

Award recipients will be announced shortly.

Trap/Skeet

It has been rainy and wet, but we carry on. We will begin work on the walkways as the weather improves. If anyone is available weekdays the Trap committee could use your help. Please contact them if you would like to be involved. Work parties will be coming. 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

Joe Afonso kept us up to date on news for lovers of the outdoors in the county. There has been continuing statewide lobbying for access from the DCR for access to the Ware River Watershed. And the Lunenburg Conservation Commission is trying to ban firearms on all publicly owned land. Clearly, that would affect hunting, so the League is involved with that issue as well.

Old and Unfinished Business

Two important forms, our application for membership and the waiver are now available online.

New Business

WCLS in person meeting for May would like to use our grounds. Details and exact date coming...

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:04 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

This month we remember Nimrod members Alan Stanhope and Paul Shilale who have passed on. We extend our deepest condolences to their friends and families.

Maryanne had some surgery done on her wrist. She now wants to be known as a "Bionic Woman"!

Finally, one of our biggest events, *Women's Day at the Range* has been successfully completed and much credit goes in no small measure to Kevin Newell who chairs that event. He asked me to include his thank you to everyone who helped. Here it is...

We (Nimrod) successfully held our 7th Annual Women's Day the Range on April 17th. This event was one for the record books between COVID, Ammo Shortages and even the snow; but the **Nimrod Membership** pulled it off. Twenty-three women went through the course and we made more than enough to cover our costs.

We got quite a few emails from the participants after the fact, telling us how much they enjoyed the event. Here was one of the quotes; "I just wanted to send you a quick note to say THANK YOU! I needed today more than I realized. What a great day and great group of women and instructors. I am looking forward to continuing my journey and hope to see many of you again real soon."

I want to thank the following members for their help with the event: Art Carmody, Ed Reitz, Patrick Thompson, Stephen Adams, David Crague, Roland Morse, Charles Stoneham, Gina Koss-stephany, David Wilson, Robin Tarani, Dave Fillow, Ashley Newell, Matt Newell, Eric Twickler, Eric Brunault, Joe Picariello, Scott Matheson, and Kevin Wittmer. I also want to thank Bryan Dillon from Fox and Coon for helping with Archery.

Special thanks to Duncan Phyfe, Paige Newell, Mike Brady, and Kris Koss for not hesitating to volunteer to help us with Rifle Instruction on the day of the event. Due to COVID and other reasons we were short volunteers for Rifle on Saturday morning. It is these extra things that make the event go smoothly and make my job easy.

I want to thank some of the people who did things to prepare for the event ahead of time, their participation did not go unnoticed. The crew that cleaned the grounds/ range ahead of time, plowed and shoveled for us, Gil Lavergne and another member for making us target frames, Jason VanHillo for getting the bows ready and Sam Ganesan for virtually opening the gate for us.

I want to give a special thank you to those members who donated Ammo. The event would not have happened without these members stepping up to support the program. In addition to Ammo donations, I want to thank Culpepper's Bakery & Café for all the sandwich rolls that they donated for lunch.

As always it would be difficult to put on this event without GOAL's support. I want to thank Jon Green, Jeff Strider, Jake Zandi, and LaKasha Robbins from GOAL for their help in putting on the event.

If I inadvertently missed anyone, please accept my sincere apology in advance and let me know.

Thank you,
Kevin Newell

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.