

Monthly Meeting

This month's Eboard meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence led by our president, Chris Craigie. Welcome back, Chris!

Maryanne Lane started club business with her secretary's report, followed by Cindy Smith's treasurer's report. Maryanne reviewed our last meeting's minutes and Cindy updated and informed the board on our expenses, deposits, and balances for the month.

Please send me any outdoor stories 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 November 14, 2017**. 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 - 8:30 ish. It is usually an early night unless someone gets long-winded...

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 to wear your Hunter Orange.”

New Business

We received the 8 Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter, along with one from the Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council. We also received a bid for snow plowing from Rick Longbottom.

Special Committee (Scholarship)

No report. We will now begin looking for applicants for next year.

Membership

We have 3 members to elevate to Senior status. They are Jason Vanhillo, Dan Golden, and Ron Lesniak.

In addition, this month the membership will vote to admit the following as new members in our club. They are from all over central Massachusetts and are as follows: Stephen Adams,

Christine Ewald, David Boyd, Salvatore Algieri, Gary Bevilacqua, Nicholas Tringue, Max Trumble, Tony Casela and finally Robert Massar.

To our 9 new prospective members, please join us on our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, November 14th when we welcome you to our club.

Important Reminder: *If you have not received your envelope packet with raffle tickets and membership documents, the club may NOT have your CORRECT ADDRESS! Please contact Dave Fillow to update your club profile. All dues for next year should be submitted by January 1, 2018. Thanks!*

Board of Trustees

Chris Craigie reported that four audits are complete. The Trap, Bar, Membership, and our Investment Accounts all checked out. Kudos to all for a job well-done!

Trap/Skeet

Thursday nights have been a little quiet. We did have 34 squads for the Turkey Shoot this past Sunday. The Cabela's card was won by AJ Olivieri, and we still have 11 turkeys left. There is some concern that our numbers were down. It was thought that perhaps we need to do a better job of informing and encouraging attendance to the membership.

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson reports that the dishwasher has been repaired and is now reaching the proper temperature during the rinse cycle. We had the refrigerator go down and we lost all the food. The temperature read 90 degrees. All condiments and any food were lost and had to be thrown out. We also need to consider replacing an attic vent fan. We will be moving all repairs under one company to make it easier to contact and cut response time. We had portable burners disappear for a while. They were unavailable when needed. There was some discussion of changing the locking codes to prevent the equipment from disappearing again. Upcoming chefs: Dave Oriol for November and Don French in December.

Game Dinner

Our game dinner is scheduled for May in 2018. The hunting season is upon us! Keep NIMROD in mind when you bag something. Please leave any donations for next year's dinner in the kitchen freezer and notify Bruce Ebbeson at 508-853-1589.

Remember to label all packages to identify type of game and date.

Rifle Range

The results of the Bench Rest Match are in.

We had seven shooters compete in two classes: heavy barrel and hunting barrel. Congratulations to all the winners!

HEAVY BARREL

1ST Mark Plouffe .334 5 shot group size
2nd Ed Reitz .831 5 shot group size
3rd Tom Wiegand .926 5 shot group size

HUNTER BARREL

1ST Kevin Newell 1.420 5 shot group size
2nd Ed Reitz 1.778 5 shot group size
3rd Vincent Mastroiani 2.330 5 shot group size

Tom Wiegand is a little frustrated with a group of shooters who left the range a mess. Prior to this incident, he has been pleased with most members efforts to maintain the range in an orderly fashion. He reports that last week there was an overflowing trash barrel and “brass” covering the concrete pad with additional large amounts in front of the pad and behind. An investigation will ensue. Someone or several people were clearly irresponsible and did not clean up! Security video of the entry gate will be checked.

House

Our flooring is showing its age. Ralph Cochran is researching this issue along with the exhaust fan. He has sample flooring for the Eboard to consider. With future inspections, this may become an issue and next year’s budget may have to include funding for a new floor. Permit and paperwork are still being processed from the DCR on our range project. Watershed concerns are pretty routine, and Chris Craigie our front man on this. A representative from the DCR will review our plans, site and our property. We don’t anticipate any problems, but we also don’t have a timeline on completion.

Executive Board

This month’s meeting adjourned at 8:48 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 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

Rick Longbottom submitted a bid for snowplowing. The rates look to be the same as last year. The bid was voted on and accepted. We are ready for winter! It's nice feeling to know we are prepared for any snow coming our way.

Finance

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

Bar

All is well with the bar. We most recently covered the Paint Party. A \$1,000.00 net for the most recent events was submitted to Treasurer Cindy Smith for deposit.

Birds

The Youth Bird Hunt was a success with 11 young folks participating in our annual event. Regular Saturday hunts are going well too. Several members have commented on the "good size" of the pheasants.

Revenue

Special Committee: 30 Guns in 30 Days

Our fundraiser selling period has ended and the winning ticket-holders will be announced soon. All results are forthcoming.

Archery

No report. Jason bagged a deer and was busy with the process of "field to table."
Congratulations, Jason!

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Al Afonso thanks Chris and Connor for butchering a red stag at Cabela's. Facebook has a post covering the event. Bump stock legislation is being passed and made into law. Additionally, there has been much discussion on language governing trigger modification as well as Sunday hunting. Kid's Day planning meetings will begin. Let see what activities the committee comes up with. See Joe Afonso if you'd like to volunteer to help on this project. The upcoming Outdoor Show in Boxborough could use some volunteers as well.

Grant Writer

Tina Gianos has submitted two applications for grants with the NRA. One is to continue land development for Archery. A second is for safety equipment and bird purchases to expand opportunities at our Youth Hunts. There is in addition to the NRA applications a third one which is a Habitat Grant. The outcomes on that one should be forthcoming in the next couple of

months. If any member knows of an organization that may have monies available for our club in the form of grants, please let Tina know so that she can research the feasibility of procuring resources for our club.

Good and Welfare

Former club treasurer, Dan Garceau's brother passed away. A card will be sent, and NIMROD sends its deepest condolences to the family.

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'll see that it is included.