

Monthly Meeting,

As I write this, it is the day after Election Day and we still do not know who won! Hrrummph!
No comment.

Once again, news is a bit scarce as we are not yet running at full capacity due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

I will start things off on a happy note. I just became a grandfather for the second time! My daughter gave birth to another boy this passed Thursday. A 20.5", 8-pound bundle of cuteness named, Jacob. I should have put this announcement in Good and Welfare, but I took special privileges since I write the newsletter.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. Hunting season is upon us. 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 November general club meeting will happen on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

I did not attend the Eboard meeting, so once again I am especially grateful to Maryanne for her minutes of the meeting. I gather that it was a sparsely attended so throughout this month's newsletter I will leave in place the news from last month. If you see this sentence in italics, "There is nothing new to report in this area." You will know that what follows under the subheading is from last month. Thank you.

Communication

None

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Wear your safety harness when in tree stands.”

Archery

There is nothing new to report in this area.

There will be no organized shoots at Nimrod for 2020. All have been cancelled. The Annual New Year's Day Shoot has not been confirmed yet. More news to come... May 1st and 2nd in 2021 are scheduled for the IBO shoot.

Bar

Gary's surgery went very well. He will be convalescing for about 6 months. The docs anticipate he will be back to 100% of himself in a year. Eric Smith has been running the bar in Gary's absence. The fridge has been repaired and there are no events scheduled.

Birds

No report.

Kitchen

We have packages of moose meat and pheasants to distribute. It has been in the freezer for a year and we do not want to keep it into 2021.

The kitchen remains closed as we are not compliant with Covid restaurant regulations. We are not using the kitchen for any meals, but at meetings we are either grilling outside or ordering pizza.

Trap

We have loaded “Lucky Whites” on the lower field off the dirt. The concrete probably has rebar in it and needs to be removed. Thursday nights will continue. Masks are mandatory inside the clubhouse and at your own personal discretion they can be removed outside.

House

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Ralph is looking into details for the bulkhead project. We have repeater and cellphone usage now.

Discussion was regarding dropping the land line in order to save money. Ralph will investigate the actual numbers and whether everything can be done over a cell line with dependability.

Grounds

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for any upcoming snowstorms! Helping clean up after a storm is a great way to get your required hours for membership completed. Snowplowing price is the same as last year. Rick Longbottom was selected to do the snowplowing.

Rifle Range

We are considering putting the trash bucket back up at the range. Some users have been leaving food wrappers and cigarette butts at the Range. Ed Reich has been notified. Shotshells have been strewn everywhere. Ed bought a Trauma Kit to be mounted in the shed. Signage will mark its location. Please remember, we are following “camping guidelines” at the Range. Please “Carry Out whatever you Carry In” regardless if the barrel is there or not. If the barrel is full, empty it if you can.

This is YOUR club. Take care of it.

REMINDER ONCE AGAIN!

PUT CLAYS ON THE BERM, NOT THE LOGS!!!

TAKE ALL TRASH OUT WITH YOU. PICK UP ALL CIGARETTE BUTTS.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

One of our new members has asked about using the Rifle Range. We will send out an email again that the Range is closed Saturday mornings during Bird Season. The League will put the Newsletter back online, and all meetings will be virtual. We will train Eboard members here and invite other members to train as well. Check out the WCLS newsletter online. <http://www.wclsc.org/>

Land Use

EJ and John Meyer are planning on cleaning up the current trail to the pond. We will have a work party posted sometime this month. No new trails are planned. Signage work will continue as the leaves fall.

Membership

Isaac reports that we already have 20 members who have paid dues online. **Thank You** to all who have asked to get emails, renew online rather than letters via snail mail for membership.

We have 3 quotes for our gate system. These will all be local systems controlled from the premises. One system would need a trench if it were to use the Internet from the Clubhouse as opposed to a wire system from the House, If we run power out there it will be for an override system to lock and unlock the locking mechanism which raises and lowers the gate. A concrete pad is required for the vehicle to drive onto and operate the gate. This will be an additional cost to the club. Isaac has one quote from someone who has been very responsive, and they are getting details worked out. A motion was made to go forward with this person. Discussion ensued.

Would it be an issue if we purchased FOBS from another vendor? We learned that it would not be an issue. This person is ESC, is approved by *Door King*, vetted by them, has been in business 7 years with good reviews. Once the system is up and running, it is not a big deal to convert to a Cloud system if we so desired, and it we would have the freedom to consider other companies later. A 50% down payment is due at signing, but we must get a trench dug. We will call Dig Safe. We do not need a permit unless you go over 2 feet down. We receive 500 FOBS to use. We can put one in a lock box outside the gate for Fire, Police, etc. It was recommended to get a new door strike on the side door of the clubhouse. Service was discussed also, and we would call the owner we have been dealing with. He owns a franchise for the company that makes the gates. We have video set up in case somebody unlocks manually. We will compile specifications for the concrete pad including psi, footage, etc.. Other details were discussed like using grindings in construction and cautions for snow plowing. A proposal was made to work with the figure \$14,500.00. for the gate system. The vote was unanimous, all ayes and 0 nays. Passed.

We have no new member(s) to induct this month. Membership renewals will be going on the website in the next several days. Joe has looked at fees and will wait to see how much use we get.

Scholarship

No report

Documentation

No report.

Grant Writing

No report.

Rentals

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We are clear of rentals for the foreseeable future.

Conservation Camp

We received reimbursement for our conservation camp deposit.

Old and Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Ed Chviruk passed away this past month. Ed, father of our Vice President, Kevin, had been a member of Nimrod League of Holden for the past 15 years. Ed had been active in the club's pheasant program and like Kevin, was known for his volunteerism to our club. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Kevin and the rest of the Chviruk family. Ed sounds like he was quite a man. If you, like me, did not know him, I have included a link to his obituary. It is worth reading. His time here was without a doubt, a life well-lived.

Here is the link to his obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/telegram/obituary.aspx?n=edward-chviruk&pid=196830954&fhid=20771>

Dave Fillow is scheduled for an angiogram this week.

Jim Wallace has been in the hospital. A card will be sent. Jim has just been elected to the Board of the NRA. Friends of the NRA in this area is now defunct.

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.

Again, check back to the newsletter for any updates.