

Monthly Meeting

Hello everyone, Chris Erali here. I'm finally back at my post after some health concerns. I am feeling fine and it is good to be back doing my monthly chore on the Nimrod League newsletter. I would like to thank Robin and Sam Ganeson for their help in my absence. Robin filled in for me with the newsletter and Sam stepped into Maryanne's role and recorded the minutes for this month's Eboard meeting. Thanks to both of you!

Maryanne was absent so there was no Secretary's Report. Cindy Smith was with us however and had the usual unremarkable Treasury report of our bank balances. She was also busy during the first part of the meeting checking receipts and writing checks for reimbursements to some of our members who oversaw various purchases for the club. Between regular monthly bills for our utilities and club activities, Cindy can be very busy! The big news... Our tractor will be paid off at the end of September! Congratulations to our club for this expenditure! The tractor has proved invaluable in helping to maintain our grounds.

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: October 8, 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

Maryanne was absent so the mail was incomplete, but we did have one piece of news to announce.

Joe Afonzo was elected President of the Worcester County League of Sportsmen.

Congratulations, Joe!

Keep in mind that we will be looking for a volunteer to replace Joe as our delegate to the League.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Always wear your safety harness in a tree stand.”

New Business

A bulletin board at the range was discussed. It was determined that the decision was up to the range chairman, and the board did not need to approve or disapprove. We'll most likely be seeing a new one soon! Isaac Houston booked the clubhouse for a function on January 19, 2020. That's the date of the AFC Championship Game. Hopefully, we'll be cheering on the Patriots. Time will tell. Yes the streaming service will be operational!

Old and Unfinished:

Online payment for dues using our website was brought up. Issac Houston has the scoop.

Membership

Isaac reports that our online credit card system for paying membership dues is ready. This is a very nice feature for the club and will enable members to quickly pay their next year's dues on our website. No more writing checks if you prefer. There will be a nominal fee for the convenience. Our member orientation program will be starting in January.

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

The **Trap League cookout is October 10th**. There is a clay target delivery coming on October 16th. We need help unloading and stacking in the barn from 11:00 AM. It will probably take about an hour if we get enough help. Many hands make light work!

The turkey shoot will be November 10th, and we'll need help in the kitchen and with other various tasks. Lastly, many thanks to Chris Craigue, Kevin Chviruk, Paul and Kevin Fraser, and Carlo Cappuccio for their help.

Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday afternoon/night (afternoon until the daylight hours get longer again). It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Important Date: ***November 10, 2019 Turkey Shoot***

We are looking for help in the kitchen and other help inside and out.

Kitchen

No report.

Scheduled Cooks

One of our newer members, Eric Twickler is scheduled for October. This is his first time as chef for our meeting and he humbly requests some help and guidance prepping before the dinner, serving during dinner, and clean-up after. Thanks!

November will be Cindy Smith, with Tracey Kohler in December, and Sam & Robin Ganeson in January. Because Sam was taking the minutes we get to know the menu! It will be sous vide chicken breast with roasted root vegetables. Sounds delicious!

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 into 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 are looking for a person or persons to be the head chef(s) for the game dinner. You'll organize the help and direct preparation and service of the meal. Please note, this has always been one person, but it could be two or even three people. There is strength in numbers.

Rifle Range

The Holden Police Department is back using the range. They clean up so well that it was like they were never there. They are scheduled for the 12th and the 17th. Princeton PD will be doing evening training on the 3rd and the 10th. We are planning a slug gun, muzzle loader shoot for October 12. It will be a good time to get your guns sighted in and ready for deer season. Details are forthcoming. The missing bag caper showed us that the security cameras are working fine. Kudos to all in resolving that issue.

House

No report.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:58 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

We had a 400-hour tune-up on the tractor completed for \$230. Contract bids are due October 29th for snow removal. Please see Neil Whitehead for more information.

Land Use

The gate for the powerline border is in. An installation date will be set.

Finance

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

Bar

Gary reports all is well with not much happening.

Birds

Kevin needs some help. Volunteers are needed for painting the bird boxes. Please contact Kevin for more information and to help. October 19th is opening day of bird season. The Youth Hunt will be Sunday, October 27.

Revenue

No report and no current projects listed.

Archery

IBO Shoot is May 2=3, 2020.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

- Our own Joe Afonzo is now president with Bill Dowd as VP.
- The Big MO drew over 2,000 people and was deemed a success.
- Lobbying continued on the coyote and crossbow bills.
- Extra doe permits are available.
- Kid's Day will be in January and February. Bee houses will be constructed.

Business Records:

Linda Brewer reports the infrastructure for use in the cloud is ready. 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.

Historical Records:

Things are quiet right now.

Photography

It's not too early to get your trail camera up and operating. The Trail Camera Photo Contest is coming in January 2020!

Grant Writer

Tina Gianos is stepping away as our grant writer. We are looking for a member to take on this task. Tina has everything in place to make this a pretty straightforward process. She is happy to show our new grant writer the ropes!

Good and Welfare

Al Afonso has sent cards out on behalf of several members. One of them came to me! And it made my day all the brighter! Many thanks to Al and the club.

- Dan Ganeson will take over as Good and Welfare chair. Thanks to Al Afonzo for his time of service.
- Bob Avedisian had by-pass surgery.
- Ollie McCartney's wife passed on.

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.